

genuine and won the way to his heart. We finally asked him, in an easy, off-hand way, to please oblige us by skipping the hard words. He promptly both thanked us and made apology, cordially volunteering the admission that it was all wrong. He was then ready for talk about mother, home and heaven. He promised to use a Bible his mother had given him on leaving home, and to attend religious, instead of bar-room services; also to read any good papers we should send him. We took his address, and afterward mailed him reading matter which we hope has cultivated the good seed sown.

Another was in a crowded street-car in Philadelphia, en route to the great Centennial Exposition. The profanity of one of the passengers, who was considerably under the influence of liquor, was so terrible and wholesale as to cause expressions of pain on the faces of all ladies within earshot. Words of disapprobation were heard also from both ladies and gentlemen. Some of the latter said—*sotto voce*—"he ought to be put off the car." He looked, however, like a man to make violent work if that were attempted. Soon a companion of his expressed a wish, which we overheard, to know the time of day. We promptly consulted the watch, and gave the desired information. This opened the way for a pleasant word with both parties. Then, leaning over, we whispered in the ear of the troublesome one, to know if a favor might be asked without giving offence. That granted, the request was made to omit words that gave us pain. There was not another rough word from that man on the trip. He and his associate soon followed this act of politeness by giving their seats to ladies who had long been standing, and by their listening to suggestions of how we all may find "wisdom ways" of pleasantness.

The military orders of both Washington and Lincoln against the profanation of the day or name of the Most High, are well known. Also testimonials of many others of the great men of the world.

Mr. Nye of Maine assures us that he is coupling an anti-profanity pledge with his temperance work among children. He has thus led thirteen hundred of the lambs in the green pastures and beside the still waters of truth, on this great subject. No doubt, many a dear boy who has taken this pledge, finds it, as the years pass on, a barrier to bad beginnings of sad ends.—*Geo. May Powell in Christian Union.*

EXCITEMENT.

Rev. Dr. Arnot, having been charged with "excitement" when speaking on total abstinence, has replied:

"People need not tell me that I am excited on these questions. I know that I am. I should be ashamed before God and man if I were not. There is more in the public houses of Glasgow to stir the spirit of a minister than all that Paul saw at Athens. In my ministry, I meet the horrid fruits of these whiskey shops. I see men and women perishing in these pitfalls. The number of the victims is so great that it overwhelms me. My brain is burning, my heart is breaking. The church is asleep and the world too, and they are hugging each other. I am weary with holding in; I must cry. I would rather be counted singular in the judgment of men, than be unfaithful in the judgment of God."