

### BE HONEST.

**A** minister visiting a school of poor children was asked to take the spelling class, and about twenty of them stood on the chalked semicircular line before him. He asked the big boy at the head of the class to spell the word "magnanimity." He made an error in it, and so did the second, the third, the fourth, up to the twentieth. When it came to the turn of the bare-footed little boy at the end, he also spelt the word. "Right," said the minister, and the mite of a lad went up the line and stood at the top. "Now," said the minister, "I will write the word on the black-board so that you can more easily remember it." Then, the poor bare-footed boy at the head of the class was seen to put up his hand. The minister said, "Well, my little man, what is it?" The little fellow replied, "Please, sir, I see that I didn't spell the word right. I spelt it with an *e* instead of an *i*, and you thought I said it right." And of his own accord, the poor lad calmly walked down the line and took his old place at the bottom.

Ah! that was honor! Yet that boy did no more than his duty. My friends, copy that sort of honor in the spirit of your lives, and you shall not only be loved of God, but also living epistles of truth, whose word shall be reckoned as reliable as your bond.

Ask and ye shall receive.

### BE OBEDIENT.

**W**HILE some lads were playing marbles in the street, the rain came on very suddenly, and one boy picked up his marbles, put them in his bag and was hurrying away. One of the others said, "Where are you going?" He replied, "I am going home because mother told me to come in if it rained." The other boys shouted, "O, there's a coward, going in because it rains! His mother is afraid he will melt!" The lad turned round, and looking calmly upon them, replied—"You may say what you like, but I won't disobey my mother for any of you."

He was a hero, because he dared to obey his mother in the face of ridicule; and I urge upon my young friends to copy his example. When you are commanded by loving parents, obey them, though it costs you some pleasure. Never take advantage of the kindness of your parents. "Toe the mark" of obedience if you would be happy. Never say, "Mother is kind, and she will not scold me much, so I may as well stop out to night another half-hour."

Even a child is known  
by his doings, whether  
his work be pure, and  
whether it be right.

Prov. xx. 11.