

said it must be done. Charles told him he did not think it was right, and he could not do it.

"Then," said Mr. M——, "I will employ you no longer; you may get work where you can."

Charles knew not what to do, nor where to go; but he knew that he had done right in refusing to do such work on the Sabbath, and he felt happy at the thought of it. He knew that God approved of his decision, and he hoped he should be provided for in some way. He felt much better that day, and the next, and always after when he thought of it, than he would have felt if he had done wrong for the sake of keeping his place.

In a few days Charles was receiving higher wages than Mr. M—— gave him; and he was soon surrounded by good friends, who sought his acquaintance because he had shown his determination to do right. His doing right secured to him peace in his own bosom, the friendship of good people, and the favour of God.

His doing right was not so pleasant at first, and did not seem to be profitable, or even safe; but *afterward* he was the happier for it.

So it will often be with you, if you do right. It will not always be pleasant at the time; but afterward, sooner or later, you will be the happier for having done so. If you are not happier in this life, you will be in the next.

Let this be fixed in your mind, then: *The way to be happy is to do right.*

UNCLE HENRY.

Finger Marks.

A few days since a gentleman, residing at Cambridge, employed a mason to do some work for him, and among other things, to thin-whiten the walls of one of his chambers. This thin-whitening is almost colorless until dried. The gentleman was much surprised, on the next morning after the chamber was finished, to find on the drawer of his bureau, standing in

the room, white finger marks. Opening the drawer, he found some marks on the articles in it, and also on a pocket-book. An examination revealed the same finger-marks on the contents of the wallet, proving conclusively that the mason with his wet hands had opened the drawer, searched the wallet, which contained no money, and then closed the drawer, without once thinking that any one would ever know it. The thin whitening which chanced to be on his hand did not show at first, and he probably had no idea that twelve hours' drying would reveal his attempts at depredation. As the job was concluded on the afternoon the drawer was opened, the man did not come again, and to this day does not know that his acts are known to his employer.

Children, beware of evil thoughts and evil deeds! They all have finger marks which will be revealed at some time. If you disobey your parents, or tell a falsehood, or take what is not your own, you make sad finger-marks on your character. And so with any and all sin. It defiles the character. It betrays those who engage in it, by the marks it makes on them. These marks may be almost, if not quite, colorless at first. But even if they should not be seen during any of your days on earth, (which is not at all likely), yet there is a day coming in which all finger-marks or sin-stains on the character "will be made manifest."

Never suppose that you can do what is wrong without having a stain made on your character. It is impossible. If you injure another, you, by that very deed, injure your own self. If you disregard a law of God, the injury is sadly your own. Think of it; ever bear it in mind, children, that every sin you commit leaves a sure mark upon yourselves.

Your characters should bear a coating of pure truth. Let truthfulness ever be manifest; beware of sin—"and be sure your sins will find you