

I remember a young man whose father was in quite good circumstances and doing a very good business. The young man left school at eighteen, and his father gave him employment and paid him \$18 per week for his services, taking only a nominal amount for his board. The young man was moral and industrious, but knowing little by experience of the difficulty of starting in life and the necessity of economy, he was very lavish in spending money, and thought there was no necessity of saving anything out of his earnings, as his father expected to take him into partnership at twenty-one. He never had any immoral habits, and was, and is now, a professing Christian, honored in his church relationship by all its members. When he became of age, his father took him into partnership, but the young man had become habitually so extravagant in his expenditures and manner of living that it was only a few years before they made a bad failure, and they have never done a successful business since.

I have no doubt that the habit of spending money freely, and indulging every desire that could be indulged without being immoral or sinful, caused him to become improvident and extravagant in living, which led to the bankruptcy of his father as well as himself and a large family of brothers and sisters. It seems a little thing that he should spend \$18 on himself at eighteen, but he was cultivating habits that controlled him until they resulted in financial ruin.

Habit soon becomes second nature, and we should stop and *think* before we *begin* doing anything that is in the least against our convictions and judgment.

It is our sayings and doings that indicate what our future will be very much more than what we learn or inherit. Each action and thought is the material out of which character is made. What we say or do to-day will be said and done with less effort to-morrow, and the habit of thought, and manner of spending our time, will soon grow into and become the atmosphere in which we live and act.

SELF-CONTROL.—Unless young persons learn to control their appetites and inclinations to evil before they become men and women, it is probable that they will never get the mastery over them. Parents control when children, but they of necessity must give up force, and only counsel and advise when we get to be fourteen or sixteen years old. We then begin to feel the first approach of manhood or womanhood, and often are sorely tempted to allow the tempers, propensities and desires that we then feel for the first time to have full sway and yield ourselves entirely up to their influences.

Young people often seem to me to become possessed with the idea that they are as much justified in giving way to appetite and natural desire as animals are, and they seem to lose all control of their temper and appetites when tempted to give way to them.

We are more than animal, and the intellect and heart must bring our physical nature under control, or we shall become slaves to evil habits that will totally unfit us for life's duties, cares and obligations.

It is a fearful fact to contemplate, that most of our young people are