

no longer children, have been tempted and have fallen, we have wished to lay the blame on this subtle power and have cried out within ourselves, "It was not my fault, he told me to."

We must avoid, therefore, since it has an effect on our actions every evil influence, and more carefully still must we resist a magnetism which we vaguely feel to be wrong. If it were pronounced evil we would turn from it at once but it only manifests itself in a slight restlessness of our passions, a slight numbing of our morals. Let us be careful that our lives have no such effect on others but strive to reach the heights of the lives in whose presence all our thoughts are pure and all our actions full of righteousness.

The influence of evil is as the deadly typhoon sweeping to destruction and blighting all those who happen in its awful path, but the influence of a good life is like an Arabian perfume filling the lives of all around it with delicate sweetness while its fragrance is so penetrating that even those afar off, who cannot discern its source, marvel and are helped by its beauty.

We can be either good or bad; influences may be cast about us but they need not determine our lives; still no one can say that he has no influence or that he has never been influenced. Dr. Chalmers has said, "We are either the sower that sows to corrupt, or the light that splendidly illumines and the salt that silently operates, but being dead or alive every man speaks."

Influence is not dependent upon the presence of the person who possesses the power over one. Often we think when in doubt about a certain line of action, "Would my friend like me to do this?" and though the friend will never know, the course will be decided by the answer we give to that question. Influence does not end with death. Years after the life of a great person, yes hundreds, even thousands of years, the influence it once had it has still, diffused and scattered may be by pass-

ing from the mind of one to the mind of another through many generations till the fragments are unrecognizable, but it is living, it can never die.

Let us look at the life of our great example, Jesus. Nearly nineteen hundred years ago he lived a life so short, but so full of the power for good, that through every century the circle of its radiance has widened and widened until mortal cannot estimate where the tremor of light ceases. And can we think that the circle will not be ever widening, until the uttermost parts of the world will be illumined, and good shine forth as the sun at noon-day!

When we think that every deed, every word, every look, every thought of ours is forever, how dare we forget the solemn responsibility that rests on us, to make our deeds good, our words true, our looks kind, and our thoughts pure. And we will have a reward for well doing, since

"No life
Can be pure in its purpose and strong in
its strife,
And all life not be purer and stronger
thereby."

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A TRUE STANDARD OF VALUES.

He is a fortunate man who is endowed with the power of seeing things in their proper relations; who has the judgment necessary to the forming of a correct standard of values. Few people have such well-rounded lives as to be able to see all things in their proper relations, but let us hope that the education of the future will foster the development necessary.

The parents who strive to give their children the advantage of four years at college rather than to leave them with a good-sized bank account are moving in the right direction, and the children will be much more likely to rise up and call them blessed if such a course has been pursued.