

planation, and Henry had none to offer.

"—, I did not go to your wine-party yesterday," remarked Henry, after a long pause.

The other waited to hear the reason of the absence; but after another pause Henry again said:—

"I did not go to your wine-party yesterday."

A third pause followed, in which the one waited anxiously for a more satisfactory explanation, and the other became more conscious of his inability to give any. It was ended by Henry's yet again repeated:—

"I did not go to your wine-party yesterday."

Each then walked on, and neither afterwards recognized the other.

Too many boys, placed in similar circumstances, would have framed a plausible excuse of previous engagement, or indisposition. Henry Wilberforce was governed by his sense of right in all things. He could not tell what varied a shadow from perfect truthfulness.

One of the eminent friends of Wilberforce used to warr men against acquiring facility in making excuses. It is a fault into which Henry never fell. But the example of his truthfulness is needful to-day.

"Thou must thyself be true
If thou the truth wouldst teach."

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THE HEAVENLY JERUSALEM

WE use heaven to denote a state in which place and other circumstances may be comprehended; but O, how much more! All goodness and all blessedness. All wrong and suffering shut out for-

ever. Let memory and imagination do their worst in multiplying images of evil, and in calling up before the mind the forms and occasions of distress; then add that all these will be wanting. Give indulgence to your boldest flights and wildest dreams of happiness, apart from sin; then add that all, and infinitely more than all you can imagine, will be yours, and yours for ever, without the fear or possibility of change, or loss, or diminution. Every pure wish gratified, all lofty aspirations more than realized, and what is past or present still as nothing in comparison with what is yet to come. All attempts to heighten such an object only lower it, and leave our apprehensions of it less defined and satisfactory than at first. But if this ineffable condition, this negation of all evil, this perpetual fruition of the highest good, awaits you, then surely it may well be said to you, Come, O come! for all things are now ready. Expiation, pardon, renovation, the grace of the Father, the merit of the Son, the influence of the Spirit, the Church on earth and the Church in Heaven, safety in life, peace in death, and glory through eternity, a good hope here, and an ineffable reality hereafter—all things are now ready.—*J. Addison Alexander.*

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COUNSEL FOR THE YOUNG.

NEVER be cast down by trifles. If a spider break his thread twenty times, twenty times will he mend it again. Make up your mind to do a thing, and you will do it. Fear not, if troubles come upon