

"Yes, sir."

"Have you told him?"

"No, sir."

"How, then, does he know?"

"He sees."

"How does he see that?"

"Sees I am a better girl."

"What else does he see?"

"Sees I love to read my Bible and to pray."

"Then, you think, he sees you are a Christian?"

"I know he does; he can't help it; and with a modest, happy boldness, she was sure her father knew she was a Christian because he could not help seeing it in her life. Is not such the privilege of all God's people, to be sure that others see they are following Christ?"

We remember hearing of a poor, hard working man whose fellow-laborers laughed at him, told him he was deceived, and pressed him with difficult questions. At last, in the desperation of his heart, he said: "I am a changed man. Go ask my wife if I am not. She sees I am."

This is what Christ meant by being witnesses and lights in the world. Not only soundness of faith and boldness of confession, but a manner of life which, even without spoken words, testifies of a new life and love.

This is the best evidence of our religion. When those who worked with us in the mill or store or on the farm see that we are living a new life, then our words have power. This is the privilege of every one. We may not be rich or educated or eloquent, and hence not able to give much or teach much or speak much; but we can live much, and good living is the best living, the best teaching, the best eloquence. The poorest, the most ignorant, and the youngest can cause people to see they are changed. They can prove the reality of their conversion.

We cannot hide a good life. It shines. It may make no more noise than a candle, but, like a candle, it may be seen. Thus even a little boy or girl may be a light-bearer.

HARD TO PLEASE.

—It is hard for the clergy to please everybody nowadays. A Boston woman complains that her pastor never looks at her when he preaches, but devotes all his attention to the sinners on the other side

of the church. For this reason she says that his sermons do not have the moral effect on her which they ought to have. On the other hand, a Chicago woman recently complained that her pastor invariably looked at her when he was preaching, especially when he denounced humbugs and hypocrites, and she wanted to know if it wasn't an outrage to treat respectable pew-holders in this way. When the clergyman finally heard of her grievance he laughingly explained that he wasn't looking at the woman at all when she thought he was, but at a certain pillar behind her, the sight of which, for some mysterious reason, always seemed to clarify his thought." We have had two persons seated on opposite sides of the church say that we looked directly at them when we made a certain remark—and yet our vision is not oblique. It was conscience that made them appropriate the look.—*Sel.*

REAL STRENGTH.

There is, perhaps, no better test of a man's real strength and character than the way in which he bears himself under just reproof. Every man makes mistakes; every man commits faults; but not every man has the honesty and meekness to acknowledge his errors and to welcome the criticism which points them out to him. It is rarely difficult for us to find an excuse for our course, if it is an excuse we are looking for. It is in fact, always easier to spring to angry defence of ourselves than to calmly acknowledge the justice of another's righteous condemnation of some wrong action of ours; but to refuse to adopt this latter course, when we know that we are in the wrong, is to reveal to our own better consciousness, and often to the consciousness of others, an essential defect in our character. He is strong who dares confess that he is weak; he is already tottering to a fall who needs to bolster up the weakness of his personality by all sorts of transparent shams. It is not in vain that Scripture says: "Reprove one that hath understanding, and he will understand knowledge;" for one of the best evidences of the possession of that discreet self-judgment which stands at the basis of moral strength, and one of the best means of gaining it when it is lacking, is just this willingness to accept merited reproof; and profit by it when accepted.—*Sunday-school Times.*