

the fine finishing touches, a master-workman must be employed. May a merciful Providence preserve us from living in that house or sailing in that ship! The absurdity of such a policy in any earthly matter is at once apparent. Shall we longer pursue it in matters of infinitely greater moment?—*Baptist Teacher.*

WISDOM'S WAYS.

"I am an old man, and have my ways, and one is to take a verse into my mind for thinking over, now and then, through the day; and I took one this morning that speaks of wisdom, the heavenly wisdom in Christ Jesus, of which it says, 'Her ways are ways of pleasantness!' That is what ours ought to be, children; ways of pleasantness. There would be fewer grumpy Christians, and cross Christians, and selfish Christians, and disagreeable ones in the world, if every one looked more to see whether his ways are ways of pleasantness; and to get into them, we must find the true wisdom, of which it says, 'The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.'"—*Stepping Stones.*

HEALTHY THROATS.

The drug stores are full of troches, lozenges, and compounds for speakers and singers. All these medicines have an important mission, but how much better would it be to avoid the ills than to spend one's time in trying to cure them.

1st. Speak naturally. Let no incompetent elocutionists or the barbarisms of custom give you tones or enunciations at war with those that God implanted. Study the vocal instrument and then play the best tune on it possible, but do not try to make a flute sound like a trumpet, or a bag-pipe to do the work of a violin.

2nd. Remember that the throat and lungs were no more intended to speak with than the whole body. If the vocal organs get red-hot during a religious service, while the rest of the body does not sympathize with them, there will be inflammation, irritation, and decay. But if the man shall, by appreciation of some

great theme of time and eternity, go into it with all his body and soul, there will be an equalization of the whole physical organism, and bronchitis will not know whether to attack the speaker in his throat, right knee, or left ankle, and while it is deciding at what point to make assault the speaker will go scot-free. The man who besieges an audience only with his throat attempts to take a castle with one gun, but he who comes at them with head, eyes, hands, heart, feet, unlimbers against it a whole park of artillery. Then Sebastopol is sure to be taken.—*Christian at Work.*

KEEP STILL.

We fancy this is what every small boy would like to say if he only knew how:

Keep still! That's what they always say to us boys. Just as if they never had been any noise in the world until we were born. Haven't old folks all been boys and girls once? Didn't some of them get boxed on the ears at school? Didn't some of them drum on the milk pans, or crack nuts with the flatiron, or slam the doors? Everything that is smart goes off with a bang. This would be a dull world if it were not for the racket the boys make. Noisy boys are not always saucy. Some are, but we are not. We belong to the "Boy's Rattle-te-bang Society of Good Manners," and we invite all our young friends to come and join us.—*Advance.*

A LONG REIGN.

Queen Victoria completed the thirty-seventh year of her reign on Saturday, June 20th, as she came to the British throne on the 20th of June, 1837, four weeks after the completion of her eighteenth year. As reigns stand in history, her reign already can be pronounced a long one. It is the longest reign, with six exceptions, that England has known since the Conquest. Of her five predecessors of her own line (Hanoverian) only one—George III., her grandfather—reigned more than thirty-seven years, George II., the longest of them all but one on the throne, reigning thirty-three years.—*Watchman and Reflector.*