

knew anything about was soap and candle making, at which he had helped his father while at home.

"Well," said the old man, "let me pray with you once more, and give you a little advice, and then I will let you go."

They both knelt upon the tow-path. The old man prayed earnestly for William, and this advice was given :

"Some one will soon be the leading soap maker in New York. It can be you as well as any one. I hope it may. Be a good man; give your heart to Christ; give the Lord all that belongs to Him of every dollar you earn; make an honest soap; give a full pound; and I am certain you will yet be a great good and rich man."

When he arrived in the city he found it hard to get work. Lonesome and far from home, he remembered his mother's words and the last words of the canal-boat captain. He was then and there led to "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness." He united with the Church. He remembered his promise to the old captain. The first dollar he earned brought up the question of the Lord's part. He looked into the Bible, and found the Jews were commanded to give one-tenth; so he said, "If the Lord will take one-tenth, I will give that;" and so he did. Ten cents of every dollar were sacred to the Lord.

After a few years both partners of the firm with which he was engaged died, and William came to be the sole owner of the business. He now resolved to keep his promise to the old captain. He made an