

THE OLD LADY.

It was the day after the Atkins dance. I was tired and like an overworked horse, I'm afraid. I couldn't get interested in reading and I didn't like to think. Indeed, I didn't have anything nice to think about, for I have come home with my party dress in shreds, and my hair, which I had styled in the library with a fruit jar in one hand and a paper bag in the other.

It was rather like trying to restore a rose that had fallen to pieces from time. So presently I turned my attention again to the picture. "How happy you must have been," I said. "Yes," answered Miss Salisbury, very quietly. "I was then. But it didn't last long. Shall I tell you why it didn't? Only you must promise never to repeat what I say to you, except of course, to your mother. It must be a secret between us three."

I used to make fun of. They have had the best time after all. The men they wanted married them and they didn't have to live through the awful experience of losing their beauty. If I'm ever born again," she said with her pretty laugh, which sounded exactly as if she was pretending it all, "I shall insist on being born plain; then I'll be sure to get a few things that I want, for you must know that accounts are squared up pretty evenly in this world. You may have a face like a dream and a heart that aches fit to kill you. Your beautiful Miss Sinclair may have carried just such a heart as that around with her red satin dress last night while she was dancing with the only man in the room or the world for that matter, that seemed worth while. Mark my words, my dear, I'd take your chances in preference to hers with that same man yesterday today or any day."

upon important matters and living issues is to be furnished with an equipment which may prove very useful. But it is still more desirable and of much greater value to have a well-grounded opinion of your own. Strength of character implies home-made judgments. Religious testimony—the relation of experience in the meeting for Christian fellowship—is all but pointless unless it is direct and personal. Every follower of Jesus ought to have a testimony or confession which is strictly his own. At the same time, it will be discovered that the best things which are most vital and far-reaching in their import and relations—are the precious convictions which have been wrought in his heart, he scarcely knows how. Flesh and blood did not reveal them. Peter was not the first one, nor has he been the last, in whom and through whom the Father, which is in heaven, has spoken. The voice which speaks within the soul is the voice to heed and follow, no matter what may be the general babbling and clamor of outward voices. The approval of Jesus was placed upon the statement of belief which had been wrought within the soul of Peter. Everything must be held to the basis and brought to the test of what Jesus approves. Christianity is to this extent intolerant that it will give no place, not for a moment, to that which is subversive, in character or intent, of the belief that Jesus of Nazareth is the Christ, the Son of the living God. The Church is built upon that rock Peter need not be deprived of rights and privileges within the Church because it happens that the Church is built upon a God-sent fact and a heaven-taught truth, of which he who he was simply the spokesman. No, Peter, as representing those who firmly and unalterably believe in the proper and essential divinity of Jesus, so long as he holds to that which Jesus approves on earth, will find that He also approves of it in heaven. The Church cannot go wrong in its doctrines, teachings or discipline; it may err and it may lose; so long as its every connected thought is worked out in reverent harmony with this, namely, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

PAPER ON AGRICULTURE (Continued From Page One.) In all probability, he hurries off to the nearest village or cross-roads, and there meets a crowd of boys like himself, and they together waste their evening and perhaps a large portion of the night indulging in vicious habits, which tend to break down their health and ruin their morals. On the other hand take a boy, who has had a general education, who knows enough about the English language to be an intelligent reader, and has his intellect so trained, that he takes pleasure in reading profitable matter, with regard to Agriculture and other important matters of the day. Such a boy's education is just beginning when he leaves school; he has just got the start, as it were. This young man does not waste his evenings indulging in vicious habits, but is daily improving himself and his farm. Perhaps, of all men, the farmer most needs a good general education. He has to be his own book-keeper, his own financier, his own secretary. He ought to be his own land surveyor, his own machinist and many other things along that line. When then will he get this education, if not while attending the public school? and if these are crowded out for the sake of Agriculture, when the mind is too young and undeveloped for the successful study of it, does this not seem a grave mistake? It seems to me that a young man would learn more Agriculture in a single year, by reading agricultural papers after his intellect has been developed, than a boy would, by spending most of the time of the years, he attended school in memorizing matter which his intellect was not sufficiently trained to understand and see the reason, why and whereof.

Now what about the girls and the many boys, that intend taking up some other profession. Would it be fair to take away all their chance for further study, by devoting too much time to Agriculture? Would it be fair to ask them to have more than a general knowledge of Agriculture? I think that the proper source from which those who wish to go further into the study of agriculture, after they have gotten a general knowledge of that subject at the public schools, should receive their instruction, is from an agricultural College or agricultural papers. One very strong point against more agricultural study in the public schools, to my mind, is the fact that those things which are taught in the schools cannot be shown by experiment or seen done as they are in an Agricultural College where there is a farm in connection with the College. Thus the study of Agriculture in the schools becomes the memorizing of hard, dry facts. Just imagine studying chemistry without the experiments. Why we spend twice as much time in the Laboratory, experimenting, as we do in the class-room, and the chemistry is easily remembered and becomes a pleasure to study. Just the same way is Agriculture without the accompanying experiments as chemistry would be with

the path of duty by such questions as this: "Can you give me a cure for treckles and a recipe for lemon pie? Also, to decide a bet, who was the Liberal candidate in Timbuctoo in the general election of 1847?" Thus greatness is thrust upon our shoulders. Staggering on to her goal. Bearing on shoulders immense, Atlantean, the load, Well nigh not to be borne, Of the too vast orb of her fate. SNOWSHEDS OF CONCRETE. (Washington Post.) "Railways in the west are preparing to build immense snowsheds of concrete this summer wherever there is any possibility of a repetition of the recent disastrous snow slides on lines in the west, when trains were swept from their tracks, killing scores of passengers," said Henry Gruber, an engineer of the Northern Pacific railway. "The Northern Pacific has many dangerous passes in the Cascade and Rocky Mountains, where snow slides are a constant menace in winter to the passenger traffic. There are many similar danger spots along the line of the Canadian Pacific. At most of these places the railways have long wooden snowsheds, but these have not proved effective in preventing accidents. In many cases avalanches and immense snow slides have swept these structures completely away, though they were built of the most massive timbers that could be obtained. The roads have learned that wooden structures won't do, so this summer all these snowsheds are to be replaced with great concrete structures which will be built so strong and enduring that even a cyclone would not be able to hide them. People in the east who have never seen one of the snow storms of the Rocky Mountains have no idea of the immense mass of snow that covers everything, and they cannot conceive of the violence of an avalanche." ROOSEVELT SUPPORTS "INSURGENT" FOR SENATE. OYSTER BAY, N. Y., July 5.—Senator Miles Poinceter, the Theodore Roosevelt will support Rep. Washington state insurgent, for the United States senate as opposed to Senator Miles and Secretary Ballinger. A SUSTAINING DIET. These are the enervating days, when, as somebody has said, men drop by the sunstroke as if the Day of Fire had dawned. They are fraught with danger to people whose systems are poorly sustained; and this leads us to say, in the interest of the less robust of our readers, that the full effect of Hood's Sarsaparilla is such as to suggest the propriety of calling this medicine something besides a blood purifier and tonic, say, a sustaining diet. It makes it much easier to bear the heat, assures refreshing sleep, and will without doubt avert much sickness at this time of year.

Sunday School Lesson

JULY 17.

PETER'S CONFESSION.

Matt. 16: 13-23.

GOLDEN TEXT.

"Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Matt. 16: 16.

POINTED SUGGESTIONS.

By Rev. D. W. Sailer.

The questions of a good teacher are not only designed to bring out all the information in the possession of the scholar, but also to fix in his mind that portion of his knowledge which is correct. Jesus was not so much seeking to learn from the disciples the opinions of men concerning Him, as to make occasion to confirm them in a judgment which was true. To be well informed is a desirable thing. To know what others think

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