

RESOLUTIONS FOR RIGHT LIVING.

I will be neat.
 I will do honest work.
 I will be master of myself.
 I will keep my mind clean.
 I will get up every time I fall.
 I will learn to love good books.
 I will not even shade the truth.
 I will be punctual in all things.
 I will never spend more than I earn.
 I will not acquire another bad habit.
 I will not let my temper control me.
 I will be cheerful and enjoy harmless fun.
 I will read my Bible and pray every day.
 I will be agreeable and companionable.
 I will not become habitually suspicious.
 I will "do right though the heavens fall."
 I will know well some honest business.
 I will not write a letter when I am angry.
 I will not overrate nor undervalue myself.
 I will not be a whining, fault-finding pessimist.
 I will neither work nor play halfheartedly.
 I will be courteous to old people and to women.
 I will deserve confidence whether I get it or not.
 I will not meddle with what does not concern me.
 I will be an avowed servant of the Lord Jesus Christ.
 I will keep my eyes, ears and heart open to the good.
 I will never let another person lead me to act like a fool.
 I will not break an engagement nor a promise if I can keep it.
 I will not engage in any questionable amusement or employment.
 I will exert myself in all honorable ways to make and keep friends.
 I will, when I undertake a thing, be sure I'm right and then stick to it.
 I will not waste the next ten years—the most important in my whole life.
 I will keep myself physically clean, mentally alert, morally pure and spiritually alive.— *The Cumberland Presbyterian.*

SHORT RULES FOR CHRISTIANS.

1. Never neglect daily private prayer; and when you pray, remember that God is present, and he hears your prayers. Heb. xi, 6.
2. Never neglect daily private Bible reading; and when you read remember that God is speaking to you, and that you are to believe, and act upon what he says. I believe all backsliding begins with the neglect of these two rules.—John v, 39.
3. Never let a day pass without trying to do something for Jesus. Every night reflect on what Jesus has done for you, and then ask yourself, What am I doing for him? Matt. v, 13-16.
4. If ever you are in doubt as to a thing being right or wrong, go to your own room and kneel down and ask God's blessing upon it. If you cannot do this, it is wrong. Col. iii, 1.
5. Never take your Christianity from Christians, or argue that, be-

cause such people do so and so, therefore you may. 2 Cor. x, 12. You are to ask yourself, How would Christ act in my place? and strive to follow him. John x, 27.

6. Never believe what you feel, if it contradicts God's word. Ask yourself, Can what I feel be true, if God's word is true? and if both cannot be true, believe God, and make your own heart the liar. Rom. iii, 4; 1 John v, 10, 11.



THE WEALTH OF OLD MAN JONES.

BY WILLIAM H. HAMBY.

"There's one thing I can't understand," said my friend with a questioning mind.

"What is that, Hanson?" I asked.

"About old man Jones, down there at the foot of the hill. If there are any Christians in this country, he is one. He has prayed twice a day for forty years, and proved his faith by his works. He has worked hard, and has been ambitious to lay up something for his family, yet he is exceedingly poor, has always been poor,—often his family lack the bare necessities of life. That little cabin with the rocky patch of ground around it is all he has to show for a life of drudgery. Yet the Bible says that all things work together for the good of those who love the Lord, and to him that asketh it shall be given. How do you explain it?"

"Let us go down and talk with him about it," I replied.

The old man warmly welcomed us into his simple cabin, and sat chairs for us by the open fireplace, for it was a frosty November day.

"I'm glad to see you, Will." He always called me Will. "I have been wanting to tell you about a letter I got two weeks ago from Dave. Dave has professed religion, and joined the church." The old man's eyes grew bright, but his voice shook a little. "I've been praying for that boy for many years, and I knew the Lord would save him." The light on the face furrowed by care and toil and age was good to see. "I'm perfectly happy now," he continued. "Mary married a good man, and they have a good home. Sam is preaching the gospel, and now Dave has chosen that better part. The Lord is wondrous good to his servants, and I can say with David, 'The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.'" And he repeated the whole psalm.

"But haven't you often needed things that you did not get?" inquired my friend.

"Oh, yes! certainly, there have been many times in our lives when we did not have all the worldly goods we wanted, but some way we pulled through," replied the old man cheerfully. "Perhaps it was the result of bad management, perhaps it was best so, but that matters little. The Lord has made us so rich in everything else we do not mind a little poverty."

As we climbed the hill my friend was silent. When we reached the summit we looked back at the little cabin at the foot.

"I understand now," said my friend.—*S. S. Times.*

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