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ON BAD COMPANY.

1 Corinthians, Chap. xv. verse 33.

“ Evil communications corrupt good manners.”

THERE are many evil things, which are fair to look upon, and there are many wicked people whose manners

are very agreeable, and who gild and gloss over sin, till it appears no longer the wicked mean thing which it is in itself, and the "abominable thing which God hates." Children ought to be on their guard against bad company, and to remember the injunction: "When sinners entice thee, consent thou not." Whatever is forbidden in God's law is sin; and however witty and clever children may be, if they despise the laws of God, good children will avoid their company, lest they make them think as little of sin as they do themselves.

The Bible tells us, that "Fools make a mock at sin;" and I am sure we have often seen wicked children laugh when they saw other children doing evil actions, and heard

them saying wicked words, instead of being sorry for them, and trying to lead them right. Our hearts are all naturally wicked, and it is astonishing how soon we get accustomed to wickedness ; we are much more prone to learn that which is evil than that which is good. An industrious boy will be more apt to learn idleness from an idle boy, than an idle boy will be to learn industry from an industrious boy. There are great temptations to sin in this evil world, and, except to those who believe in the Bible, there appears to be no reward for loving God—no apparent advantage in being holy, and holding to the truth ; whilst temptations to falsehood and sin present themselves in such glowing colours,

as if they carried their reward with them; and they do so, for the reward of sin is death: and a little experience will soon convince the most foolish, that a liar even in this world suffers a great deal, from never being believed even when speaking the truth, and that honesty in all things is the best policy. To be charitable to the poor costs us both money and labour; and if we do not believe the Bible, it is easier to be selfish, and more pleasant to spend all our time and money on ourselves, than to be thinking how we can be useful to others. But the Bible is a true book, and every word in it will come to pass, whether we believe it or not. Oh that children would but believe what it says! then they would know