

True, this is a similitude which will not bear pushing to extremity. Few will, perhaps. But in a state of society where small treacheries are so common that men and women deceive each other daily, where a want of openness is even occasionally advised and made a merit of, we are tempted to think we may quite safely advise a nearer approach to the truth-telling of our timepieces! Clocks and watches teach us many lessons, and this among them, that we ought never, even for a supposed good end, much less a bad one, to show a false face to each other.

But the emblem-artist has figured children as well as a clock, and not without reason. With rare exceptions they teach us the same lesson by an example, which often and often puts to shame our worldly-wise insincerity. Oh, children, you will never know the value of childhood till you have left it behind you! But among its many privileges, none is more precious than that it is still untempted by the mean sins of worldly-mindedness! Fix your eyes on the timepiece then, and be children to the last in that one respect, at any rate.