

THE ANTS AND THE GRASSHOPPER

(From Aesop's Fables)

Thrift prepares us today for the wants of tomorrow

Think of the future.

Do not be rash and light headed.

Our future builds on our present.

The Ants were spending a fine winter's day drying grain collected in the summer time. A Grasshopper, perishing with famine, passed by and earnestly begged for a little food. The Ants asked him, "why did you not treasure up food during the summer?" He replied, "I had not leisure enough. I passed my days in singing." Then, they mockingly said to him. "If you were foolish enough to sing all the summer, you must dance supper-less to bed in winter."