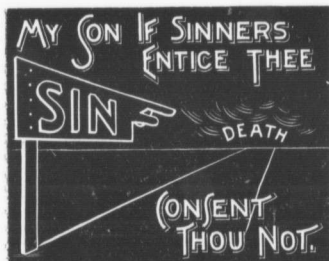


etc....The detective stories of to-day are tending to make criminals, and the warnings of our lesson are needed by the young.

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WARNING WORDS.

STRENGTHEN THY SOUL against the ENTICEMENT OF EVIL.

ALL WISE MEN HEAR HEED.

"Take ye heed lest ye fail."

WISE WORDS.

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CHRISTIAN

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HEARD AND FOLLOWED

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BLESSING AND STRENGTH.

Fools despise wisdom and instruction.

BE NOT ONE OF THESE.

OPTIONAL HYMNS.

No. 1.

Lord, do not leave me.
Holy Spirit, faithful guide.
Saviour, like a shepherd lead us.
Take my life.
I need thee every hour.

No. 2.

Forth in Thy name.
I want a heart to pray.
All for Jesus.
Happy the soul to Jesus joined.
Jesus, in whom the Godhead's rays.

Palestine Before the Coming of the Hebrew.

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To our imaginations there is a vast prehistoric realm in Palestine before the date that records the moment when the feet of Abraham pressed its soil for the first time. It seems like as it is when one looks up to the height and vast sweep of a great mountain, or off over the expanse of the ocean—feeling that there are things beyond the view all real and full of life, though so far away and inaccessible.

There is a similar interest belonging to some other localities, as, for instance, America before the coming of the Spaniard, or Mexico before the time of the Aztec. But the interest in Palestine is greater, because this land stands connected with so many events that have affected not only great nations, but the whole destiny of mankind. Even in the one side of the history open—the side this side of Abraham—attention becomes all the more rapt when we feel that we can see no farther, and the question, What of Palestine before the coming of the Hebrew? presses upon our historic curiosity with an interest that is all the greater.

The mystery is not altogether beyond solution. Science is making wonderful advances in the discovery of the oldest settlements of the human race. Archaeology, especially, is discovering not only the settlements, but the households, and the furniture, and domestic implements, and languages, and many of the everyday customs and manners of life belonging to the most ancient nations and peoples of the earth. With the exception of the Semitic people, the other branches of mankind have settled abodes and formed themselves at a very early period into settled governments, where they soon left their impress in

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