

Jim and Me.

Yes, boys, I believe in religion,
And I'm not ashamed to say
That I have become a Christian,
And read the Bible and pray.
We've given ourselves to Jesus,
My brother Jim and me,
And go every night to the mission,
Instead of out on a spree.

'Twas Jim first got converted,
Down on the bowery one night,
Where he wandered into a mission
In a wretched and hopeless plight;
For Jim was an awful drunkard,
As low as a man could be—
And then he heard how Jesus
Could save just such as he.

I knew Jim was converted,
As everybody said,
'Twas not so much by his talking
As the different life he led.
And it made a deep impression
On me, but I didn't care
To hear him speaking about it—
It made me mad and swear.

One day—I'm ashamed to own it—
As he was talking to me
About my being a Christian,
And living the same as he,
I got in a terrible temper—
'Twas the rum that did it though—
And turned with an oath upon him,
And struck poor Jim a blow.

Perhaps you won't believe me,
But sure as I'm sitting here,
Jim laid his hand on my shoulder
And said, as he wiped a tear
From his eye, "Tom, I forgive ye,
And God'll forgive ye too."
And he knelt and prayed beside me,
Just as mother used to do.

I tell ye, boys, that hurt me,
It was more than I could stand,
And just knelt down beside him,
And he kindly took my hand
And asked the Lord to save me,
And, boys, right then and there
I know the blessed Saviour
Answered Jim's earnest prayer.

I don't know much of religion,
But I've got this much to say
I know the blood of Jesus
Has washed my sins away.
And I know he daily keeps me
From drink and every sin,
And that his Holy Spirit
Dwells sweetly now within.

And, boys, I'm going to tell it,
No matter where I may be
I'm going to tell what Jesus
Has done for Jim and me.
For it's such a wonderful story
I want men everywhere
To know of this great salvation,
That they may its blessings share.

What did Samuel think of Eliab?
What was he told not to do?
Why had the Lord rejected Eliab? (Golden
Text.)
What was the judgment on Abinadab?
What upon Shammah?
How many were in turn refused?
Why should we look well to our hearts?
Prov. 4. 23.

2. As the Lord Seeth, v. 11-13.
What did Samuel ask about Jesse's family?
What was Jesse's answer?
What command did the prophet give?
What was David's personal appearance?
What direction did Samuel receive?
What gift came to David after being
anointed?
With whom does the Spirit of God now
dwell? 1 Cor. 3. 16.

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where in this lesson are we taught—

1. That God calls men to his service;
2. That God directs men in his service;
3. That God qualifies men for his service?

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

1. How was Saul's place as king to be filled? By another chosen by God. 2. Who was made the messenger of this choice? Samuel, who had anointed Saul. 3. In what

ards lounging around the public-house door, waiting for some one to treat them?"
"Yea, sir; lots of them."
"Well, where will they be in twenty years from now?"
"Dead!" exclaimed the boys.
"And who will be the drunkards then?"
"Us boys!"
Everybody was thunderstruck. It sounded awful! It was awful; but it was true.

HORSE INTELLIGENCE AND HUMANITY.

A Boston gentleman connected with the National Tube Works sends us the following, for the truth of which he vouches:

My friend was a shipbuilder. His shipyard was some miles from his house, which distance he had to cover on horseback. He had a white horse that served him long and faithfully in this capacity. One day his horse fell, for some cause that I do not remember, and he was thrown to the ground and severely cut on the head. He was unconscious for some time, and when he "came to" found the horse standing by him. After a while he gathered himself

for honour, truth and industry are more than gold.

Don't be foolish in your dress, and don't buy anything before you have the money to pay for it. Shun saloons, and be careful how you spend the evening. Cultivate a taste for reading, and read only good books. With a love for reading, you will find in books friends ever true and full of cheer in times of gloom, and sweet companionship for lonely hours. Other friends may grow cold and forsake you, but books are always the same. And in closing, boys, I would say again, that with truth, honesty and a living faith in God, you will succeed.

"Honour and shame from no condition rise—
Act well your part; there all the honour lies."

"PLEASE DON'T BE SORRY."

Mrs. SANGSTER tells this touching story about a cripple child she met at St. Augustine:

"It was in mid-winter, but the air was like June, and the gardens were in bloom. Near the old fort I met a boy toiling along on a crutch, and he looked so pale and went so slowly that my heart ached for him, till he looked up, and, smiling brightly said:

"Please don't be sorry. It hardly hurts at all now, and the doctor says in a year I will be able to run and jump as I used to do. A year isn't much, is it? Bless the brave little heart!"

In this earthly waiting time, many a crippled soul toils slowly and in daily anguish. But, as we go, we learn the blessedness of suffering and the joy of doing God's will and blessing others. Let us not be sorry! Looking forward to the gladness before us, and tasting the blessedness that comes to us every day, let us "rejoice evermore." The great Physician, who "healeth all our diseases," assures us that very soon an entrance shall be ministered unto us abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord, where "there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain."

Let us be glad to-day, and ever look forward and upward to the larger gladness that beckons us onward.—The Cumberland Presbyterian.

The world hardly ever considers a man a success after he makes up his mind that he is a failure.



DAVID THE PSALMIST.

words did God announce to Samuel the man of his choice? "Arise, anoint him: for this is he." 4. What was the effect of this act upon David? The Spirit of the Lord came upon him. 5. What did God tell Samuel was his method of choice? Golden Text: "Man looketh on the outward," etc.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The omniscience of God.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

Is family worship also acceptable to God? Yes; for household religion is commanded throughout the Bible.

Are we told how often to pray in private? No; but the examples of Scripture teach us that private prayer should be frequent and regular.

What is the meet posture in acts of worship? Kneeling or standing.

THE DRUNKARDS OF THE FUTURE.

A TEMPERANCE lecturer was preaching on his favourite theme. "Now, boys, when I ask you a question you must not be afraid to speak up and answer me. When you look around and see all these fine houses, farms and cattle, do you ever think who owns them all now? Your fathers own them, do they not?"

"Yes, sir!" shouted a hundred voices.
"Where will your fathers be in twenty years?"

"Dead!" shouted the boys.
"That's right. And who will own this property then?"

"Us boys!" shouted the urchins.
"Right. Now tell me, did you ever, in going along the street, notice the drunk-

up and attempted to mount the horse, but every time he tried he fell back.

Finally, the horse walked to the side of a large rock which stood near. The gentleman crawled along to it, and after hard work got on the horse, and then the horse walked slowly and carefully home with him, the rider being in a semi-conscious condition. The family removed him from the horse on his arrival home and put him to bed. He was a long while recovering from this accident, and one day when convalescing, the horse, being brought to the window where the gentleman sat, showed unmistakable signs of pleasure at seeing his master once more. The gentleman is still living and can corroborate this true horse story.—Our Dumb Animals.

TO BOYS COMMENCING BUSINESS.

Be on hand promptly in the morning at your place of business, and make it a point never to be late, and perform cheerfully every duty. Be respectful to your employers and all in authority over you, and be polite to every one; politeness costs nothing, and it will help you wonderfully in getting along in the world. And above all, be honest and truthful. The boy who starts in life with a sound mind in a sound body, who falls into no bad habits, who is honest, truthful and industrious, who remembers with grateful love his father and mother, and who does not grow away from his Church, has qualities of mind and heart that will insure him success to a remarkable degree, even though he is endowed with only ordinary mental capacity:

LESSON NOTES.

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STUDIES IN JEWISH HISTORY.

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DAVID ANOINTED KING.

1 Sam. 16. 1-13. Memory verses, 12, 13.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.—1 Sam. 16. 7.

OUTLINE.

1. As Man Seeth, v. 1-10.
2. As the Lord Seeth, v. 11-13.

TIME.—B.C. 1065.

PLACE.—Bethlehem, in the tribe of Judah.

RULER.—Saul was still king.

HOME READINGS.

M. David anointed king.—1 Sam. 16. 1-13.
T. David and Saul.—1 Sam. 16. 14-23.
W. God's choice.—1 Chron. 28. 1-10.
TA. Searching the heart.—Jer. 17. 5-10.
P. God's omniscience.—Psalm 139. 1-12.
S. Premises for David.—Psalm 89. 19-22.
Su. David's greater Son.—Acts 13. 16-23.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

1. As Man Seeth, v. 1-10.

What mourning did the Lord rebuke?
What command was given to Samuel?
Why did Samuel fear to obey?
What was he told to say about his mission?
What was he to do at the sacrifice?
Why were the elders afraid of Samuel?
What did he say to quiet their fears?
What family did he summon to the sacrifice?

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