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CÆSAR'S despatch after defeating Pharnaces was "*Veni, Vidi, Vici.*"  
NAPIER'S after the conquest of Scinde, "*Peccavi.*" Sir JOHN COL-  
HORNE'S when he reached the "Falls" during the Rebellion of 1838,  
"*Here I am with the 43rd.*" I adopt for my address the sententious  
language of a greater than either, "*Neither a borrower nor a lender be.*"  
But oh! dear reader, be thou a *purchaser* of this *brochure*, the profits  
of which will be devoted to the "Boy's Home," and the "Newsboy's  
Asylum."

The boys from their "Home," the newsboys from their Asylum  
whisper, nay cry, "Charity!"—"The greatest of these is Charity."

To the tender mercies of a generous public, prompt to aid, when  
properly appealed to, I entrust this affecting tale; anxiously hoping that  
in the first place it may be suggestive of the sin of selfishness, and in  
the next of that commiseration which is due to the suffering poor; they  
are "always with you," and we cannot neglect or despise them without  
incurring the fearful reproach "I was an-hungered and you gave me no  
meat, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink."

The price is that of the rail-road books, in order that it may go off  
with rail-road speed!

REMEMBER THE BOYS!