

## Here and There.

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IDEALS easily become idols.

"KNOW thyself, and you will know all mankind ; but in deceiving yourself, you cannot deceive all."

### ESSAY ON MAN.

At ten, a child ; at twenty, wild ;  
At thirty, tame, if ever ;  
At forty, wise ; at fifty, rich ;  
At sixty, good or never.

—*Ex.*

While a service was in progress in an English chapel, the electric light suddenly went out. To prevent any movement to the doors, the minister gave out the hymn :

Plunged in a gulf of dark despair,  
We wretched sinners lay,  
Without one cheerful beam of hope,  
Or spark of glimmering day.

—*Manitoba Baptist College.*

UNLIMITED ENCOURAGEMENT.—A story of the late Bishop Waisham How's is published in *The Sunday Magazine*. "A neighbor of mine, a clergyman, who had a great dislike of discouraging little children, was one day examining a class, and asked how many sons Noah had. 'Four,' a little girl answered. 'Ah, yes,' he said, 'perhaps ; but one died young.' He next asked what their names were. 'Adam,' suggested a small child. 'Yes, my child,' he said ; 'that would doubtless be the one who died young.'"

DAWSON CITY'S FIRE DOGS.—The recent great fire in Dawson City, Klondike, reminds us that there is in that town one of the most remarkable fire brigades in the world. The engine is drawn by a team of dogs, and the sight of this team driving through the streets of Dawson City, with the fire-engine trailing behind, is one of the most unique exhibitions in Alaska. The instant the alarm sounds in the fire-house, the dogs are alert, and when the number of strokes has been given which announces the calling out of the brigade, the clever animals immediately spring into the place where their collars are ready to be snapped into position. A few seconds later they are dashing through the streets at full tilt, dragging the fire apparatus at their heels, and tearing along in response to the cracking of the whips of the drivers, as though they fully realised the importance of their duties.