

THE FEAR OF THE LORD IS THE BEGINNING OF WISDOM. Ps. 111. 10.

**BOYS WANTED.**

**B**OYS of spirit, boys of will,  
Boys of muscle, brain and power,  
Fit to cope with anything—  
These are wanted every hour.

Not the weak and whining drones,  
Who, all troubles magnify—  
Not the watchword of "I can't"  
But the nobler one, "I'll try."

Do whate'er you have to do  
With a true and earnest zeal;  
Bend your sinews to the task—  
"Put your shoulder to the wheel."

Though your duty may be hard,  
Look not on it as an ill;  
If it be an honest task,  
Do it with an honest will.

In the workshop, on the farm,  
At the desk—where'er you be—  
From your future efforts, boys,  
Comes the nation's destiny.

**THE AUTOGRAPH OF COLUMBUS.**



**S**EERING that there are but few men named in history whose acts have such an important bearing upon the history of our own land, there can be no doubt but that our boys will be pleased to read a short account of the curious form of signature adopted by Christo-

pher Columbus. In his will, we read; "Don Diego, my son, or any other, who may inherit this estate, on coming into possession of the inheritance, shall sign with the signature I now make use of; which is an S with an X under it, and an M with a Roman A over it, and over that an S; and a great Y with an S over it, with its points and lines as is my custom, as may be seen by this presentsignature. He shall only write "the Admiral"; whatever titles may have been conferred on him." The signature of Columbus thus specified, is the following:

*S.*  
*S. A. S.*  
*X M )*  
*X P O T E R E N S*

The Xpo means Christo, and FERENS the bearer, or bearing—Christ bearing. There has been considerable discussion as to the meaning of this signature, but it is believed that Columbus adopted it as a token of gratitude to Queen Isabella, his kind patroness, and the reading is given as follows;—

SERVADOR  
SUS ALTEZAS SACRAS  
JESUS MARIA ISABELLA

Or, in English, and in full;—

The Servant  
of their Sacred Highnesses  
Jesus, Mary, and Isabella.  
Christ Bearer.

The Admiral.

THE FEAR OF THE LORD IS TO HATE EVIL. Prov. 8. 13.