

Apply thine ears to words of knowledge.—Prov. xxiii. 12.

### Those Eyes.



YES are made to watch, but they also need watching. John Bunyan tells us that the chief entrances to "the town of Man-soul were Ear-gate and Eye-gate, the other three being Mouth-gate, Nose-gate and Feel-gate."

Through hearing and seeing, many a heart has been filled with sin by sights and sounds which have been admitted through the eyes and ears.

By listening to wrong things, and looking at evil sights, Satan begets in us a love for evil, and so leads us in sinful paths.

He that would escape from sin must shut his eyes from the seeing of evil, and stop his ears from the hearing of blood. Watch "Eye-gate" and "Ear-gate," and "keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life."

### "That's How."

AFTER a great snow storm a little fellow began to shovel a path through a large snow-bank before his grandmother's door. He had nothing but a small shovel to work with.

"How do you expect to get through that drift?" asked a man passing along.

"By keeping at it, sir," said the boy, cheerfully; "that's how!"

That is the secret of mastering almost every difficulty under the sun. If a hard task is before you, stick to it. Do not keep thinking how large or how hard it is, but go at it, and little by little it will grow smaller and smaller until it is done.

The hand of the diligent maketh rich.

Proverbs 10. 4.

### Be Honest, Children.

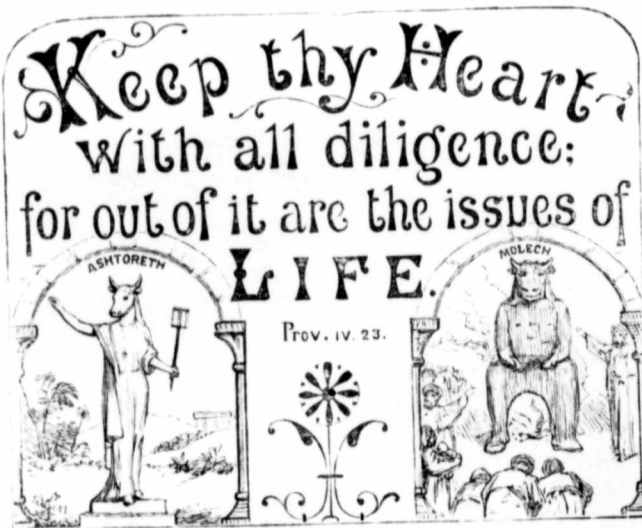


IT down and think about it, boys. Do you really want to be honest men? Men who can be trusted anywhere? And with any amount of money? Then you must begin by being honest now. Never allow yourselves to take or retain a single penny that is not rightfully your own. Take nothing without permission, or without giving something in return. Pick no berries that are not on your own side of the fence. Go into no orchards where you do not belong. Plunder no melon patches, nor gardens, nor cheat your little playmates in any trade.

God loves honest boys, and He loves honest men. He says that the man, or boy, who "is faithful in a little will also be faithful in much," and we know that none but the faithful ones will find a place in the kingdom. You stifle the voice of conscience when you allow yourselves to take what does not belong to you. You sear, or burn it as with a hot iron, so that it cannot feel; and if you keep on doing wrong, keep

on being dishonest, you will, after awhile, not care at all, and will become, it may be, robbers and murderers, and lose all the bright things God has promised to the good. Be honest, boys!

BOYS WITHOUT A BACKBONE.—"I was just thinking of two lads who left school with me. These two young men had no firm standing, they seemed to have no back-bone, and went into the whirl-pool of life, and were very soon drifted down by it; they are dead now, and both fill drunkard's graves. If you begin well, you are sure to end well. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. There is no companion and Friend like Christ, as He is the Alone All-sufficient and ever gracious Saviour."—Mr. Arthur.



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