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"Who Giveth Us the Victory."

Oh, blest is he to whom is given
The instinct that can tell
That God is on the field when he
Is most invisible!

Oh, learn to scorn the praise of men.
Oh, learn to lose with God!
For Jesus won the world through shame,
And beckons thee His road.

And right is right, since God is God:
And right the day must win:
To doubt would be disloyalty,
To falter would be sin.

EYES, OR NO EYES.

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SOLOMON says that "a wise man's eyes are in his head." I suppose he means by this that a wise man will use his eyes for wise purposes. He will carefully observe everything that he sees. Two boys go out to take a walk. One will come home eager to tell all the curious and interesting things he has seen; and the other,

alone in the same room, and chose the one who wrote out the best description of what he saw from a window in the room. He wanted a man who knew how to use his eyes.

All inventors, scientific men and noted travellers possess, in a very full degree, the faculty of observation.

To the educated eye the whole world is a museum of unending interest and delight. A score of interesting objects can be found within an hour's walk.

the soul. Happily we are provided with two eyes, so, if one is injured, we are not deprived entirely of sight.

Few physical misfortunes are to be compared to loss of sight. Yet even where sight has been totally lost, some have so developed the senses of hearing and touch as to accomplish more in life than many having the full use of their eyes. Milburn, the blind preacher, often gives a lecture entitled "What a blind man saw in England," and he



BOYS IN ORPHANAGE AT SHIRAZ, PERSIA.

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This is a queer group of little boys at school. It is a boarding-school for orphans, and it seems to be dinner time. They have a very simple way of dining. You see they make their fingers serve in place of knives and forks, as has been the usage for ages in the East. They need, therefore, to be very particular to wash their hands both before and after meals, like the Jews of old. The school-master behind them seems a very dignified sort of man. These poor orphans seem much better off than the boys in the picture on page 69.

when asked if he had seen anything in his walk to relate, will answer that he has seen nothing, and will answer truly. I once heard a very eminent man of science say, that some people imagine that scientific men have eyes different from other people. This he declared to be a great mistake. Scientific eyes are simply common eyes put to skilful use. The gentleman referred to was an oculist, and he added, "I see a speck upon the eye just as you see a speck upon the wall."

Agassiz at one time desired an assistant. There were two applicants for the situation. He placed each by turn

If young people would study nature, make a careful study of the natural history of the region in which they live, begin to collect and arrange a little cabinet or museum of their own, it would be vastly better than spending all their leisure time in reading novels or in the busy idleness of useless fancy work. How many saw an apple fall before Newton, the lid of a tea kettle lifted up by steam before Watts, a chandelier oscillate before Galileo, but they did not see with the eyes of these men.

The eye itself is a museum of wonders. It is well called the window of

can tell you more about England than many tourists having perfect vision. Huber, a celebrated Swiss naturalist who gave special attention to the study of bees, and knew more about those insects than any other man living at that time, was totally blind. Fawcett a blind man who died a few years ago, was Postmaster General of England.

Let us thank God for our power of vision, and use it to good advantage. Turn your eyes away from all that is evil, and toward all that is pure.

Do not preach charity and leave somebody else to practice.