

ALL FULLNESS IN HIM.

IN Jesus Christ there is enough to serve us all. If two, or six, or twenty men be athirst, and they go to drink out of a bottle, while one is drinking, the other envies, because he thinks there will not be enough for him too; but if a hundred be athirst, and go to the river, while one is drinking, the other envies not, because there is enough for all. —*Bridges 1600-1670.*

[Better still, all may drink at the same time, and leave no time for envy.]

THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

THE other day the children were learning the 23rd Psalm, and we were talking together about the Good Shepherd, and how he takes care of the sheep and the lambs. Impetuous Mary, eager to speak her one thought, said rapidly:

"He feeds them, and drives away the lions and the bears."

"Yes," said Tiny, thoughtfully, "and He carries them up hill."

"He carries them up hill." The words went to my heart with a strength and sweetness the little speaker did not dream of. Often since, the music has thrilled through my tired soul like an echo of the angel's song.—(*Selected.*)

[Young man, do you look upon life as up hill work? Why not come to Him who will "carry you up hill."]

OUT-DONE BY A BOY.

ALAD in Boston, rather small for his years, works in an office as errand boy for four gentlemen who do business there.

One day, the gentlemen were chaffing him a little about being so small and said to him:

"You never will amount to much, you never can do much business, you are too small."

The little fellow looked at them.

"Well," said he, "as small as I am, I can do something which none of you four men can do."

"Ah, what is that?" said they.

"I don't know as I ought to tell you,"

he replied. But they were anxious to know, and urged him to tell what he could do that none of them were able to do.

"I can keep from swearing," said the little fellow,

There was some blushes on four faces, and there seemed to be very little anxiety for further information on the point.

PROGRESS OF SIN.

THE trees of the forest held a solemn Parliament, wherein they consulted of the wrongs the axe had done them. Therefore they enacted, That no tree should hereafter lend the axe wood for a handle, on pain of being destroyed. The axe travels up and down the forest, begs wood of the cedar, ash, oak, elm, even to the poplar. Not one would lend him a chip. At last he desired so much as would serve him to cut down the briars and bushes, alleging that these shrubs did suck away the juice of the ground, hinder the growth, and obscure the glory of the fair and goodly trees. Hereon they were content to give him so much; but when he had got the handle he cut down themselves too. Thus be the subtle reaches of sin. Give it but a little advantage, on the fair promise to remove thy troubles, and it will cut down thy soul also. Therefore resist beginnings. Trust it not in the least.

YOUNG MAN !

BEAR IN MIND

THAT **YOU** ARE

I N V I T E D

TO COME TO THE ROOMS OF THIS
ASSOCIATION,

**Whenever you like, and that
you will be cordially wel-
comed, whether you
are a member or
not.**