

## Onward, Temperance Soldiers.

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Courage, temperance soldiers,  
Marching to the fight,  
God will speed your movements,  
God will guide aight;  
And though wild and fearful  
Will the conflict be,  
He doth hold the victory,  
Though you cannot see

Onward, valiant soldiers,  
Soon ye'll win the day,  
For the King of Glory  
Leads you on your way.

Let the woe and wailing  
Rite throughout our land,  
Spar you on to conflict,  
Nerve both heart and hand;  
For our own fair England  
Calmly takes her rest,  
While the drink is cursing  
Those she counts her best.

Early death is seizing  
His reluctant prey;  
Noble hearts are breaking—  
Dying—every day;  
And in homes unholmlike,  
In the midnight drear,  
Trembling hearts wait sadly  
Staggering steps to hear;

Steps once firm and steady,  
Till the Drink-king, tight  
Bound his chains around them—  
Chains of hell-forged might,  
Till the man—God's image,  
Lower than a slave,  
Sinks from heaven and manhood  
To a drunkard's grave.

## Children's Sayings.

"The first question one little waif asked about God, was to-night, when she wanted to know "whether He kept a horse and carriage."

We have often told the story of a little boy, who, when he first noticed the full moon, said with a delightful sense that he had made a real discovery, "Pa, there's a hole!"

We have heard of the little one who said that "the stars were holes in the sky where the glory shone through!"

"When you took that marble," said a mother to her child, "did you not remember, 'Thou God seest me,' and hear a voice saying, 'Don't Johnny?'" To which he replied, "No, I didn't hear anything; I grabbed quick."

A little girl once asked her mother, "Ain't there a kitten-chism for little children? this catechism is so hard."

"What is conscience?" said a Sunday School teacher to her class. Several of the children answered, but one timid little girl said: "It is Jesus whispering in our hearts."

A man asked a little boy who was flying his kite after dark, how he knew his kite was up in the air when he could not see it. "Because," said he "I can feel it pull."

Once when a minister who was very needy received a pail of butter from some of the people in his parish, he said to his wife, "Well, wife, the Lord has sent us some butter." His little boy waited a few minutes, and then quickly came to his mother, enquiring, "Ma, how is pa going to send the pail back?" The same boy sat one day looking out of the window, while some cows were pasturing near, among which was a hornless animal. When he saw this one, he called to his ma, telling her that "there was a cow that God had forgot to put any horns on!"

A little boy was once playing in the study while his father, who was a

preacher, was writing a sermon. The child did some mischief and his father punished him. As he came downstairs crying, his mother asked him why his father whipped him. "For his own glory," replied the boy, who had evidently been imbibing the Westminster Catechism.

We recollect to have read of a little girl who, when her father neglected family prayer, inquired of him, "if God was dead!"

Some naturalists desiring to secure a flower that was blooming under a precipice, were trying to persuade a little boy to allow them to put a rope around and let him down, when he replied, "I will if my father will hold the rope."

A father who enquired of his son how he was getting along at school, received the encouraging reply, "O, very well. I've got so I can turn a somersault without putting my head on the ground, and stand on my head without putting my feet against a tree."

Dr. Guthrie tells the story of a man speaking to children, who asked who would take them up when father and mother forsook them. A little boy promptly replied, "The police, sir." Dr. Guthrie is not the first man that has received an unexpected reply when addressing a question to an audience of children.

## Speak Gently.

A YOUNG lady had gone out for a walk but forgot to take her purse with her. Presently she met a little girl with a basket on her arm.

"Please, miss, will you buy something from my basket?" said the girl, showing a variety of book-marks, watch-cases, needle-books, etc.

"I am sorry I can't buy anything to-day," said the young lady. "I haven't any money with me. Your things look very pretty." She stopped a moment and spoke a few kind words to the girl, and then, as she passed, she said again, "I am very sorry I can't buy anything from you to-day."

"O, miss," said the little girl, "you've done me just as much good as if you had. Most persons that I meet say, 'Get away with you!' But you have spoken kindly to me, and I feel a heap better."

That was "considering the poor." How little it costs to speak kind words, and how much they are worth. If we have nothing else to give let us at least give love and sympathy.—*The Lily.*

## A General Rebuked.

WHEN the Rev. John Wesley was on his passage to North America, he heard an unusual noise in the cabin of General Oglethorpe, the governor of Georgia, with whom he sailed, and stepped in to inquire the cause of it. The general addressed him: "Mr. Wesley, you must excuse me; I have met with a provocation too great for a man to bear. You know the only wine I drink is Cyprus wine; I therefore provided myself with several dozens of it, and this villain Grimaldi" (his foreign servant, who was present, and almost dead with fear) "has drank up the whole of it; but I will be revenged on him. I have ordered him to be tied hand and foot, and carried to the man-of-war which sails with us. Theascal

should have taken care how he used me so, for I never forgive."

"Then I hope, sir," said Mr. Wesley, looking calmly at him, "you never sin."

The general was quite confounded at the reproof, and putting his hand into his pocket, took a bunch of keys which he threw at Grimaldi. "There, fellow," said he; "take my keys and behave better for the future."

## Childhood.

WHATEVER be the theological opinion and the ecclesiastical policy with reference to childhood and its religious life and its relations, one thing is incontrovertible. The earlier a child can be brought to a personal recognition of Jesus as his Saviour, and to a personal identification with the Church, the better for him. Baptized or unbaptized in infancy, at birth a sinner or by the provisions of grace virtually a saint, with these questions we have not now to do; but as early in the child's life as possible, we say, teach him implicit trust in Christ, and the full consecration of his life and all its possibilities to Christ. We may depend upon the co-operation of the Holy Ghost, who will supplement our lack of insight into the peculiar nature of the child, and immaturity of thought and conviction which we are so prone to attribute to our youth.

Let us, however, be wise with our very highest wisdom in this direction. Remembering that, the conversion of the little one is the work of the Spirit, let us seek the Spirit. Remembering that the Spirit operates through the truth, let us teach the truth.—*Dr. J. H. Vincent.*

## Anecdote of Wesley.

THE following anecdote of the founder of Methodism, has, we believe, never been published. It reaches us from a trustworthy source, and it illustrates in a remarkable manner the mingled tact and piety of that eminent man. Although Wesley, like the apostles, found that his preaching did not greatly affect the mighty or the noble, still he numbered some families of good position among his followers. It was at the house of one of these that the incident here recorded took place. Wesley had been preaching; a daughter of a neighbouring gentleman, a girl remarkable for her beauty, had been profoundly impressed by his exhortations. After the sermon Wesley was invited to this gentleman's house to luncheon, and with himself one of his preachers was entertained. This preacher, like many of his class at that time, was a man of plain manners, and not conscious of the restraints of good society. The fair, young Methodist sat beside him at the table, and he noticed that she wore a number of rings. During a pause in the meal the preacher took hold of the young lady's hand, and raising it in the air, called Wesley's attention to the sparkling jewels. "What do you think of this, sir," he said, "for a Methodist hand?" The girl turned crimson. For Wesley, with his known and expressed aversion to finery, the question was a peculiarly awkward one. But the aged evangelist showed a tact which Chesterfield might have envied. He looked up with a quiet, benevolent smile and simply said, "The hand is very beautiful." The blushing beauty had expected

something far different from a reproof wrapped up with such felicity in a compliment. She had the good sense to say nothing; but when a few minutes later, she again appeared in Wesley's presence, the beautiful hand was stripped of every ornament except those which nature had given.—*Globe.*

## Boys' and Girls' Temperance Lessons.

## LESSON IX.

## Alcohol in Business.

QUESTION. What is business?

ANSWER. Business is employment, that which occupies our time and attention. It is labor for purposes of profit or improvement.

Q. What one thing is most needful in a young person, that a good business situation may be obtained?

A. A known good character.

Q. What is a good character?

A. A good character is that in a person which commands respect, and esteem, and confidence.

Q. Do persons known to use, habitually, alcoholic drinks have this needed character?

A. They do not have it.

Q. What business in this country is among those wherein most men are employed and the largest wages paid?

A. The railroad companies are among those that employ the most men and pay the largest wages.

Q. How many railroad companies in this country employ men as engineers, and conductors, and station-agents, and in other responsible positions, who are known to use, habitually, alcoholic drinks?

A. Not one.

Q. Why will they not employ such men as engineers?

A. Because human life is entrusted to their keeping, and no train can be safely run by a man whose mind is unbalanced from the effects of alcohol.

Q. Why will they not employ them as conductors?

A. For the same reason that they will not employ them as engineers, besides the disgust awakened in most persons by enforced business contact with those who show that they drink alcohol.

Q. Why will they not employ them as station-agents and in other responsible positions?

A. For the reasons already named, and because property, equally with human life, cannot be safely entrusted to the care of persons who habitually use alcoholic drinks.

## Puzzledom.

Answers to Puzzles in Last Number.

31.—Christ-mas.

32.—Heaven.

33.—Lace-bark.

34.—"A wise son maketh a glad father."

## NEW PUZZLES.

35.—CHARADE.

By, a pronoun; took food. To pass through the pores.

36.—ENIGMA.

A lake in the United States; 11, 2, 4, an intoxicating drink; 3, 10, 5, 8, 9, a sound; 1, 13, 13, 6, to shed tears; 7, a pronoun.

37.—WORD-SQUARE.

To mention; the highest point; a tumor; an epic poem.