

My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.—Prov. i. 10.

What will you do?



HERE are more than 300,000,000 children in heathen lands who have no Bible, and no knowledge of CHRIST:

Are you too young to help them? Remember—

JESUS was but twelve years old when He expressed a desire to be about His "Father's business." Samuel was a mere "child" when he "ministered unto the LORD before Eli." Queen Esther was but a girl "in her teens" when she staked her life in an effort to save her people. Josiah was but eight years old when he became King, and then at seventeen "he began to seek after the God of David, his father."—*Foreign Missionary.*

A Word to Boys.



YOU are made to be kind boys generous, magnanimous. If there is a boy in school who has a club-foot, don't let him know you ever saw it. If there is a poor boy with ragged clothes, don't talk about rags in his hearing. If there is a

lame boy, assign him some part in the game that doesn't require running. If there is a hungry one, give him part of your dinner. If there is a dull one, help him to get his lesson. If there is a bright one, be not envious of him; for if one boy is proud of his talents, and another is envious of them, there are two great wrongs, and no more talent than before. If a larger or stronger boy has injured you, and is sorry for it, forgive him. All the school will show by their countenances how much better it is than to have a great fuss.

—*Horace Mann.*

How a Bad Habit Grows.

1. It is like a *thread*—easily broken. A child can do it.
2. It is like a *cord* that requires much effort to break it.
3. It has increased until it is like *twine*, requiring all of one's strength to part it.
4. It is now a *hempen rope*, binding fast and growing quickly into
5. A *cable* of confirmed habit impossible to break.

LESSON.—Break the thread and there will be no cable.

A Little Sermon in Rhyme.

"Are there not twelve hours in the day."—John xi. 9.

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| <p>1.
The bell tolls one;
Teach me to say,
"Thy will be done."</p> <p>2.
The bell tolls Two;
Help me each day
Thy will to do.</p> <p>3.
The bell tolls Three;
I ask, in faith,
To follow Thee.</p> <p>4.
The bell tolls Four;
I pray for trust
For evermore.</p> <p>5.
The bell tolls Five;
For Christians speech
Help me to strive.</p> <p>6.
The bell tolls Six;
Teach me my hope
On Thee to fix.</p> | <p>7.
The bell tolls Seven;
O make my life
A way to heaven.</p> <p>8.
The bell tolls Eight;
May I in peace
And patience wait!</p> <p>9.
The bell tolls Nine;
Let charity
Be ever mine.</p> <p>10.
The bell tolls Ten;
I pray for love
To God and men.</p> <p>11.
It tolls Eleven;
Let me each hour
Be nearer heaven</p> <p>12.
Twelve strokes I hear;
Now perfect love
Hath cast out fear.</p> |
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Matthew xi. 16-30.

CHILDREN are mentioned twice in this passage. In verse 16, "Children sitting in the markets, and calling unto their fellows;" children playing in the streets (see Zech. viii. 5,) and in their games disagreeing one with another as they do sometimes. Jesus noticed the children of his day, and observed their recreations as He walked among them, and He watches little ones now. He does not censure their playing, but in play would have them kind and forbearing one with another.

Verse 19 speaks of the children of wisdom; so we read of "the children of light" and the children of the day." Read Proverbs viii. 1-6, 32-37. Children should receive Jesus into their hearts, He is "the wisdom of God," then they become the children of wisdom.

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