

years ago effected any good. Yes, not much liquor is now sold to children. Though the city has grown very rapidly yet not more than 4000 children now visit the saloons instead of 30,000 seven years ago.

It is also wonderful how this organization has grown. When first formed it consisted only of six men and two women. Now it has a large membership including many of the leading men of the city. Several other leagues have been formed and through God they are doing a good deal to save children from ruin.

I have now told you of an evil that is doing much to destroy children especially in cities. I hope you have not tired of the figures given you. They tell a sorrowful tale.

Some of you are exposed to danger from this evil. Remember the example of the three Hebrew youths in the first chapter of Daniel. Daniel's God will be your God. Trust in Him and you will be safe in the hour of temptation.—*Con.*

#### A TALK WITH TOM.

You want to know, Tom, what is the first quality of manhood?

Well, listen. I am going to tell you one little word of five letters. And I am going to write that word in very loud letters as though you were deaf, so that you may never forget it. The word is "truth."

Now, then, remember truth is the only foundation on which can be erected a manhood that is worthy of being so called.

Now, mark what I say, truth must be the foundation on which the whole character is erected, for otherwise, no matter how beautiful the upper stories may be, and no matter of how good material they may be built, the edifice, the character, the manhood will be but a sham which offers no sure refuge and protection to those who seek it, for it will tumble down when trial comes.

Alas! my boy, the world is very full of such shams of manhood, in every profession and occupation.

Now, I want you to be a man, and that you may be that I want you first and foremost to be true, thoroughly true. I hope you would scorn to tell a lie, but that is only the beginning of truthfulness. I want you to despise all sham, all pretence, all effort to seem to be otherwise than we are.

When we have laid that foundation then we can go on to build up a manhood,

glorious and godlike after the perfect image of Him the perfect Man, who said that He was born that He might bear witness to the truth. *Bishop Dudley.*

#### A LITTLE BOY'S LOGIC.

A little boy was induced to sign the Band of Hope pledge. His father was a collector, and one day a publican called upon him for the purpose of paying his rates. In the course of conversation it turned out that the little boy was a teetotaler.

'What!' said the publican with a sneer, 'a mere boy like that a teetotaler?'

'Yes sir,' said the boy, 'I am one.'

'And you mean to say you have signed the pledge?'

'Yes sir, I have, and mean to keep it, too.'

'Nonsense!' said the publican. 'The idea! why you are too young to sign the pledge.'

The little fellow came up to him, took hold of him quietly by the arm, and repeated his words: 'You say I am too young to be a teetotaler?'

'Yes I do.'

'Well now, sir, please listen,' said he. 'I will ask you a question: You are a publican, are you not, and sell beer? Well then, suppose I come to your house for a pint of beer, would you send me about my business because I am so young?'

'O no,' said Boniface, 'that is quite a different thing.'

'Very well, then,' said the noble little fellow, with triumph in his face, 'I am not too young to fetch the beer, I am not too young to give up the beer.'

The publican was defeated; he didn't want to argue with that boy again.—*Our Boys and Girls.*

#### I MUST BE USEFUL.

A Christian woman has adopted this as the motto of her life. A minister of the gospel adopted it as his. "I must be useful in every sermon I preach, in every address I deliver, in every journey I take, in every meeting I attend." Let every Christian adopt this as a motto, "Though my condition may be low, though my talents may be but few, though my sphere of action be small, yet 'I must be useful.' I was redeemed to be useful. I will take Jesus as my pattern, who went about doing good. The day on which I have done no good shall be mourned over and the sentence shall be written over in the calendar of my life, 'A day lost.'"