

importance of the early conversion of the boy, and the still greater importance of watching over him with tireless care after he is converted? Lord Shaftesbury stated in a public meeting in London that, from personal observation, he had ascertained that of the adult male criminals of that city, nearly all had fallen into a course of crime between the ages of eight and sixteen years, and that if a young man lived an honest life up to the time he was twenty years of age, there were forty-nine chances in his favor, and only one against him, of living an honorable life thereafter. From eight to sixteen! Oh, what important years are these! Let a boy start right at eight, or earlier, and keep right through his teens, and I venture to say that the devil's chances are not very bright for catching him after that.

IF NOT CONVERTED, WHAT THEN?

But if our boys are not converted and cared for in the days of their youth, what then? In all likelihood there will be a great deal of the "far country" experience in their lives. They will wander away from Christ and Heaven. Sorrow and shame will follow in the wake of sin, and many a heart will feel the bitterness of death. Let the boys of our more influential families pass through school and college, and enter upon their several professions and avocations in life without experiencing the converting