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NOTICE.

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YOUNG CANADA.

There he is, full of life and spirit, and, well protected from the assaults of Jack Frost, and laughingly sets the icy-breathed king at defiance.

What a young giant he is, and how secure in his own strength, which is of less importance to him just now than his weakness; but in years to come what may he not grow up into.

But there is not much danger of the latter, if his parents have done their duty to him. If a mean act is his abhorrence, a mean thought, a stranger to his mind, he will be proof against the temptations he may be thrown into.

And when this end comes, what a difference will there be from the picture before us. There will be locks of silver forming a glorious covering to his head, perhaps rivalling the snow his sleigh now disturbs in whiteness and purity.



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of the importance of this life except as a preparation and education for what is to come and pass into the inheritance not worked for but freely given, a joint heir with Christ.

Such we hope may be the future of all the representatives of Young Canada, broader yet of Young America, and such dear readers of the MESSENGER we hope your lives may be leaving behind you footprints well defined, giving no little strength and comfort to others who may follow you.

THE QUEEN'S HOUSEHOLD DIFFICULTIES.

"It was several years before the Prince and Queen together could make household matters in the royal palaces run smoothly. While nominally master and mistress there, they were in reality little better than lodgers in a hotel, where the landlord and servants had no reason to care whether or no the guests were made comfortable.

State, the lord-steward, the lord-chamberlain, and the master of the horse, while the outside was to be looked after by the office of woods and forests. These officers were changed with every change of ministry, and each had a governing voice in the regulation of the royal household. None of them were on the spot, and only the lord-steward had even a deputy to represent him, so that two-thirds of the great army of servants had nobody in particular to whom they were responsible.

tion of so many officials had to be secured, that months might pass before the repairs would be effected."—Appleton's Journal.

SCRIPTURE ENIGMA.

- 1. Whom did his servants treacherously slay As sleeping on his couch at noon he lay?
2. A prince who, with a missionary band, Went forth to preach throughout the Holy Land.
3. A town where mighty miracles were wrought, Which for its sin was to destruction brought.
4. Before what idol did a Syrian bend 'Lest he his heathen master should offend?
5. Who to withstand the Apostle's preaching sought, And on himself a fearful judgment brought?
6. What did once save from death the human race, And for a year was their sole dwelling-place?
7. A prophet who was called in early youth, And till old age he served the God of truth.
8. A mother who did early teach her boy The way that leads to everlasting joy.
9. What king against the tribes of Israel fought Because a passage through his land they sought?
10. A word inscribed in Babel's regal hall, Her impious king to penitence to call.
11. What king would not take counsel of the wise, But did his father's counsellors despise?
12. What makes the gold with purest lustre shine, And is an emblem of God's Word Divine?
13. What beautiful creatures dwell in heaven above, And visit earth on messages of love?
14. Who did, when Judah's tribe was borne away, The ruler of the remnant basely slay?
15. Who brought good news, the apostle's heart to cheer, When he was sore oppressed with grief and fear?
16. A blessed emblem of our Saviour dear, For those that trust in Him need never fear.
In the initials of these words we read A prayer for that which above all we need. Without this gift the world would be most drear: The next be viewed with overwhelming fear. It casts its beams on every scene of woe, And throws a radiance on our path below.

SPEAK IN A LOW VOICE.—A good Quaker, eighty-five years of age, whom no one had ever heard speak a cross word, was asked by a young man how he had been able, through the trials and perplexities of a long life, to keep always so pleasant. He replied: "If you never allow your voice to rise, you will not be likely ever to get very angry. Never harbor animosity toward a friend for a mere hasty expression. Forgiveness is a God-like quality, and a true friend is so scarce that he should not be repudiated on slight grounds; but those who injure you from malice premeditated should be shunned as you should avoid a tiger." Chalmers says: "The mere existence of the prophecy, 'they shall learn war no more,' stamps a criminality on its very forehead; so as soon as Christianity shall gain a full ascendancy in the world, from that moment war disappears."