

FOR YOUNG MEN.

IT is the most unfortunate day in the career of any young man when he fancies there is some better way to make money than to earn it; for from that feeling spring the many extravagant and visionary plans which are indulged in for the purpose of gaining a livelihood without labor. When a young man becomes thoroughly infected with this feeling, he is ready to adopt any means for the accomplishment of his objects, and if he is foiled in his efforts, upon the crest of the wave which he has already mounted, and in full view, is the temptation of crimes to shield him from the disgrace which he thinks must inevitably follow in the wake of defeat. To those he yields, and the first he realizes he finds himself the violator of the law, and a criminal in the eye of the community, and the inmate of a prison, waiting trial, all brought about for the want of a little manly firmness in the contest of life to prompt him to choose a vocation where the penny earned would bring with it its sure reward.—*Christian Advocate.*

GOD IS LOVE.

KIND WORDS AT HOME.

SPEAK kindly in the morning; it lightens the cares of the day, and makes the household and all other affairs move along more smoothly.

Speak kindly at night, for it may be that before the dawn some loved one may finish his or her span of life, and it will be too late to ask forgiveness.

Speak kindly at all times; it encourages the downcast, cheers the sorrowing, and very likely awakens the erring to earnest resolves to do better.

Kind words are balm to the soul. They will oil up the entire machinery of life, and keep it in good running order. Always have a kind word on entering home. It will do you, as well as others good.—*Selected.*

"As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

John iii. 14, 15.

THE TWO MEN INSIDE.

AN old Indian once asked a white man to give him some tobacco for his pipe. The man gave him a loose handful from his pocket. The next day he came back and asked for the white man. "For," said he, "I found a quarter of a dollar among the tobacco."

"Why don't you keep it?" asked a bystander.

"I've got a good man and a bad man here," said the Indian, pointing to his breast; "and the good man say, 'It is not mine, give it back to the owner.' The bad man say, 'never mind, you got it, and it is your own now.' The good man say, 'No, no! you must not keep it.' So I don't know what to do, and I think to go to sleep, but the good and bad men keep talking all night, and trouble me; and now I bring the money back, I feel good."

Like the old Indian, we have all a good and a bad man within. The bad man is Temptation, the good man is Conscience, and they keep talking for and against many things that we do every day. Who wins? That is the question; and the answer decides the character for this life and the life to come. Who wins? Stand up for duty; down with sin. Wrestle with temptation manfully. Never give up the war till you win.

ONCE, a person said that believers should associate with worldly society, "for," said he, "you know they are called to be the salt of the earth." "Yes," said a person present, "and yet if you cast salt into the ocean from which it was originally drawn, it will soon melt and vanish entirely."