

"Amen," said Harry, earnestly. "Amen; and in *me* too."

And let all who read this, say the same—Amen, Amen; and in *me* too.

Keep thy
Tongue from Evil.
And thy
Lips from Speaking Guile.

JOHNNIE'S TRUNK.

JOHNNIE was not a very large boy when he was sent away a hundred miles or more from home, to school. The term was not very long, and he soon returned. After he got home he went to his mother and said:

"There, mother, is the key to my trunk; you may look into it, and see every thing there is there."

"What an idea!" said his mother; "what do I want to look into your trunk for?"

"Well," said Johnnie, "if there were such things in my trunk as some of the boys carry home from school with them, you would want to look into it."

It is very pleasant for a mother to have no anxiety about what there is in her boy's trunk; it is still more pleasant for the boy to be willing that his mother should know everything that his trunk contains. There are a good many trunks that need a little of mother's help about examining them.

How is it, my little friend, with *your* trunk, your box, your cupboard? Is there anything in it that you would rather mother should not see? Many a poor boy has gone far on the way to ruin when no one suspected his danger, when a careful look into his trunk would have revealed a saddening tale.

Children, let mother look into the trunk. What she may not see has no business there.

Mother, there is no danger of your being too watchful in these evil times; and if you want to know the road your boy is taking, look into his trunk. There are other places besides Jerusalem that need to be searched with lighted candles. There are chambers and imagery as vile and foul as anything which the prophet discovered, and those who dig and search will sometimes be astonished at what they find.

LESSON NOTES.

B. C. 1023.] **LESSON XI.** [March 16.
DELIGHT IN GOD'S HOUSE; OR, COMMUNING WITH GOD.

Psalms 84. 1-12. Commit to memory verses 8-12
OUTLINE.

1. The place of peace. v. 1-4.
2. The place of strength. v. 5-8.
3. The place of blessing. v. 9-12.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee. **Ps. 84. 4.**

INTRODUCTORY.—This psalm was either written by or for the sons of Korah, and is one of twelve with this inscription. If not written by David himself, it was doubtless by one of his attendants who was strongly attached to him.

1. Make God's house your delight.
2. Make God's praise your business.
3. Make God's service your glory.

Find when and by whom the first tabernacle was built.... When and by whom the first temple was built.... When and by whom the second temple was built.... In John 2 how long the third temple was building.

B. C. 1048.] **LESSON XII.** [March 23.
THE ALL-SEEING GOD; OR, ALWAYS WITH GOD.

Psalms 139. 1-12. Commit to memory verses 1-6.
OUTLINE.

1. The all-knowing God. v. 1-6
2. The ever-present God. v. 7-12.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Thou God seest me. **Gen. 16. 13.**

INTRODUCTORY.—This psalm is supposed to have been written toward the close of David's life. "In none is there a more perfect development of the noblest and most spiritual elements of David's nature." It is the expression of a heart humbled by experience, purified by trial, renewed through grace, and confident in its acceptance. May we cultivate the same spirit.

Remember always that—

1. God knows your thoughts.
2. God hears your words.
3. God sees your acts.

Find in 2 Chronicles what Hanani the seer said to Asa the king about God's eyes. Find in 1 Chronicles what King David said to his son Solomon about what God knows of our hearts and thoughts.