

"YOU CAN'T COME IN, SIR."

If you would not be a drunkard,
You must not drink a drop;
For if you never should begin
You'll never have to stop.

The taste of drink, good people say,
Is hard in driving out;
Then, friends, in letting in that taste,
Why, what are you about?

Out of your house to keep a thief
You shut your door and lock it,
And hang the key upon a nail
Or put it in your pocket.

So, lest King Rum within you should
His horrid rule begin, sir,
Just shut your lips and lock them tight,
And say, "You can't come in, sir!"

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A WORD TO THE YOUNG.

If you perceive that anything in your ways makes your parents unhappy, you ought to have no peace until you have corrected it; and if you find yourself indifferent or insensible to their will and wishes, depend upon it yours is a carnal, disobedient, ungrateful heart. If you love them, keep their commandments; otherwise love is a mere word in the mouth, a notion in the fancy, but not a ruling principle in the heart. They know much of the world, you very little; trust them, therefore, when they differ from you and refuse compliance with your desire. They watch over you for your good, and are entitled to great deference and cheerful obedience. You may easily shorten the lives of affectionate and conscientious parents by misconduct, bad temper, and alienation from their injunctions. Let not this sin be laid to your charge.

THE NAME IN THE BOOK.

ARTHUR WILLS had received at Christmas-time a new book as a gift from his mother. There it lay when its wrappers were removed, in its pretty binding of gray and gold, with beautiful coloured pictures. He turned to the fly-leaf, and his countenance fell.

"There is no name in it," he said.

"But it is yours," returned his mother.

"Why do you want your name in it?"

"To show other people I have a right to it; to show them who gave it to me. Mother, it is nothing without your writing."

Mrs. Wills smiled affectionately upon her boy, and, taking a pen and ink, wrote his name upon her gift. Then she asked—

"My son, is your name in the Lamb's Book of Life?" The boy hesitated.

"I don't know, I'm sure," he said.

"Then you may know it, dear, if you will but obey our blessed Saviour's call. The Apostle Paul speaks of some whose names are in the Book of Life. They knew it, and he knew it, and told it to others. God offers us salvation as a free gift. If we take it he will inscribe our names in his great record of the saved. I read a beautiful story of a soldier, who, when he was dying, opened his eyes, and looking up brightly, exclaimed, 'Here!'

On being asked what he wanted, he said: 'They are calling the roll in heaven, and I was answering to my name!' Dear Arthur, will you pass muster there?"

I think it was not long before Arthur sought by faith to have his name written in heaven.

BE TRUE.

WHEN Bennie was five years old, his mother died; and when he was twelve, he lost his father, and went to live with an uncle. His uncle was not a religious man, and his children were not taught to read the Bible, pray, nor return thanks at the table for their food. Bennie was a good Christian boy, and when his cousins saw him do these things, they looked at him in wonder at first, and then began to laugh at and mock him. One of them even mimicked him, and called him crazy. But Bennie kept on and tried to do his duty, and when they found that he was always truthful, kind and forbearing, they began to feel respect for him, and at last became his warm friends.

Dear children, try to be good and true; just what the Holy Spirit teaches you to be, and do not let any one keep you from doing your duty. Be afraid to do wrong lest the Holy Spirit leave you, for you need his help.

ALFRED'S THREE PRAYERS.

"MAMMA," said Alfred one night, as he was going to bed, "I prayed three prayers, and the Lord has answered two of them. Do you think he'll answer the other?"

"I think he will, my dear. But tell me about these prayers; what were they?"

"One was that he would make you well; and you're not sick any more. Another was that he would make papa more kind; and he has been more kind lately, hasn't he?"

"Yes, dear. Now, what's the third?"

"I prayed that God would keep us children from quarreling. But he hasn't answered that yet, for Daisy and I quarreled dreadfully to-day."

"Ah, my son, you will have to help the Lord to answer that."

"Help the Lord, mamma? Can't he do everything?"

"He won't make you good against your will. If you choose to be a naughty boy, God will be sorry for you, but you will be naughty still. But if you earnestly wish to be a good boy, and when Satan tempts you to quarrel if you turn right to God for strength to resist him, and then fight like a good little soldier to keep down the naughty temper, God will give you the victory. But he won't do the work for you."

"O I didn't understand," said the little boy.

"Yes," continued mamma, "you have something to do yourself, when you pray such a prayer, to help God to answer it. You must watch and pray, and fight against temptation; and if you do this you will be able by and by to come and tell me that God has answered all three of your prayers."

—Kind Words.

BAD BARGAINS.

ONCE a Sabbath-school teacher remarked that he who buys the truth makes a good bargain, and inquired if any scholar recollected an instance in Scripture of a bad bargain.

"I do," replied a boy. "Esau made a bad bargain when he sold his birthright for a mess of pottage."

A second said, "Judas made a bad bargain when he sold his Lord for thirty pieces of silver."

A third boy observed, "Our Lord tells us that he makes a bad bargain who, to gain the whole world, loses his own soul."

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High; to shew forth thy loving-kindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night."