

THE MAN WHO ROSE FROM NOTHING.

Around the world the fame is blown
Of fighting heroes, dead and gone;
But we've a hero of our own—
The man who rose from nothing.

He's a magician great and grand;
The forests fled at his command;
And here he said "Let cities stand!"—
The man who rose from nothing.

And in our legislative hall
He towering stands alone, like Saul,
"A head and shoulders over all,"—
The man who rose from nothing.

His efforts he will ne'er relax,
His faith in figures and in facts,
And always calls an axe an axe—
The man who rose from nothing.

The gentleman in word and deed;
And short and simple in his creed;
"Fear God and help the soul in need!"
The man who rose from nothing.

In other lands he's hardly known,
For he's a product of our own;
Could grace a shanty or a throne—
The man who rose from nothing.

Here's to the land of lakes and pine—
On which the sun of freedom shines,
Because we meet on all our lines,
The man who rose from nothing.

—Alexander McLachlan.

At the manger the old covenant and
The new flow together, heaven and
earth clasp hands, Gods pays to hu-
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shown to encompass divinity, and an-
gels to be God's wireless telegraphy to
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TOOTHsome CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

A certain housewife I know is remembered gratefully each year long after the spirit of Christmas has vanished because her holiday gifts taste so excellent. She holds the wise belief that whatever one can do best makes the most appropriate gift, therefore, being a skilled cook, her friends receive, each Christmas, something on which she has spent loving labor, some thought, and not a little artistic skill. Occasionally she sends a delicious plum pudding which has been steamed in a cunning little mold. It is cold, of course, ready to be re-heated as the good housewife knows how; it is wrapped in paraffine paper, then in moss-green tissue paper, tied with scarlet satin ribbon, and crowned with a jaunty sprig of holly. Another friend receives a basket of raised doughnuts, delectably tender, powdered with sugar and piled in a wicker basket. The basket has a glorified Christmas air. It probably cost no more than ten cents, but it has been enamelled a dark green, on its handle a scarlet satin ribbon ties a bit of radiant holly, and the doughnuts are wrapped in snowy tissue paper. This housewife is famous for a most delicious fruit cookie, and frequently a batch of them arrive bearing the Christmas greetings. A dozen flaky patties, ready to be heated and filled, packed egg fashion in a pretty box, is a gift a busy housewife welcomes on Christmas morning, while somebody else receives a package of crisp cheese straws, which would never be suspected to be remnants from patty baking.

A CLEVER LONDON DOG.

A little skye terrier in London who very often went to ride with his mistress in cabs, decided one day to take a little stroll all by himself.

He went quite a long distance from his well-known streets and soon found that he had lost his way.

After running up one street and down another for some time, and then stopping still and trying to remember which way he had come, he suddenly had a very bright idea. There were some cabs. Why should he not ride home, as he always did with his mistress?

No sooner thought than done. He jumped up into a hansom cab and when the cabman got down off his seat and came around to look at him, he saw that he had on a silver collar. On that collar was his name and address. The cabman drove to that number and found the mistress, who had been anxiously hunting for him. Imagine her surprise when she saw her little doggie riding home alone in a cab. Wasn't he smart! If a dog can have presence of mind this little skye had it.—E.

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What can a young man do? Do! he has immense power for evil and for good. He can ruin his health; he can debase his intellect; he can murder his conscience—he can deaden and destroy it; he can deteriorate his moral taste and his moral feelings; he can fill his mind with gross and debasing imagery, and his mouth with impurity and lust; he can become sensual and disgusting in his habits; he can lose the confidence of society; he can lose his situation; he can be cast off upon the world, as a thing that cannot be trusted; he can become contemptible; he can break his father's heart; he can make anguish come down like a dark cloud, and press upon the brow of his mother, and upon the countenances of all his sisters. A young man can do all this—can act so that his very friends shall never wish to hear his name, and shall only secretly in their hearts follow him with their anxieties and their prayers.

What can a young man do? Do! he can "cleanse his way according to God's Word." He can seek to understand the Scriptures; to love the Saviour; to love God's Word; to save his soul alive. He can flee to the fountain of Reconciliation; he can become a holy man; he can be a virtuous citizen; he may be the pride of his family; he can take his young brothers, and lead them forward in life; he can extend the influence of a Christian pastor; he can be his right hand in efforts to do good; he can take an interest in all the great movements of the day; he may die a happy man, with his children and his grandchildren around his bed; and pass from the dissolution of the tabernacle upon earth, to an inheritance on high. He can do all that; a young man can do it all.

Only let him "take heed to his way according to God's Word." He will soon see the necessity of the mediatorial and restorative work of the Lord Jesus—"the Fountain opened for sin and for uncleanness." Let him then aim to put away everything that he feels to be wrong, to conquer every bad habit, and to regulate his conduct by God's Word; and he will be led to rejoice in the sanctifying Spirit, who will carry on this work. But it is no use pretending to desire the pardon of sin and reconciliation by the blood of Christ, if we do not put away every evil thing, and seek to "cleanse our way according to God's Word." The two things must advance together.—Rev. Thomas Binney, D.D.

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