

HOLD ON, BOYS AND GIRLS; YOUNG AND OLD.—Hold on to your tongue when you are just ready to swear, lie or speak harshly, or to say an improper word.

Hold on to your hand when you are about to strike, pinch, scratch, steal, or do any improper act.

Hold on to your foot when you are on the point of kicking, or running away from study, or pursuing the path of error, shame or crime.

Hold on to your temper when you are angry, excited, or imposed upon.

Hold on to your heart when evil associates seek your company, and invite you to join in their games of mirth and revelry.

Hold on to your good name at all times, for it is more valuable to you than gold, high places or fashionable dress.

FRIENDS.—It is a witty parable which one of the fathers hath of a man that hath three friends; two whereof he loved entirely, the third but indifferently. This man being called in question for his life, sought help of his friends. The first would bear him company some part of his way; the second would lend him some money for his journey; and that they could or would do for him: but the third, whom he least respected, and from whom he expected least, would go all the way, and abide all the time with him; yea, he would appear with him, and plead for him. This man is every one of us, and our three friends are the flesh, the world and our own conscience.

DELIGHT OF ENVY.—As flies leave the sound, and alight upon the corrupted and putrified parts of the body, and so delight in the filth that it is hard to keep them from it; so an envious man has no pleasure in good qualities, but only in that which is diseased and corrupted.

WE learn from the *P. Record*, that the proposed "Memorial Fund" of the Presbyterian Church in Canada has gone up.—Is it possible that the enthusiasm consequent on Union is to evaporate in florid speeches, and fruitless resolutions. Would not the £2700 which the importunity of the delegates secured from the Col. Com. of the mother Church go far to help in setting up a memorial stone, commemorative of the great event of June 15, 1875. For our own part we would prefer to celebrate a joyous event by lavishing munificent gifts, rather than by seeking and accepting of a "gratuity" out of funds, said to be contributed to chiefly by the *hardworking poor*. But it is to be hoped the "true memorial," preferred by the committee, "the quickening of the Church's life, the intensifying of its interests, and the enlargement of its liberalities" may at no far distant date be fully realized, we like to see a *big boy* or *girl* put his, or her own shoulders to the wheel before we would touch it with our little finger. As the benefits of Union become more and more manifest, we have no doubt that a munificent thank offering, in some useful form, will and that ere long, help to palliate the regrets that are now felt—and expressed by many, because the memorial fund has "gone up."

FOOD OF ENVY.—Envy like the worm, never runs but to the fairest fruit; like a cunning blood-hound, it singles out the fattest deer in the flock. Abraham's riches were the Philistines' envy; and Jacob's blessing bred Esau's hatred.

PROFANITY KNOWN TO GOD.—A Coachman pointing to one of his horses, said, to a traveller, "That horse, Sir," knows when I swear at him." "Yes," replied the traveller, "and so does your Maker."