

Get After the Boys.

Preachers are complaining that so many business men are not in the Church, and they are trying to reach them. Good, but the effort is rather late. These men were boys once, and that not long ago. They went to Sunday-school, and were willing to go. Then was the time to get them. The teacher and the pastor together could have fastened them to the Lord and to the Church with ties that would never break or give way.

Thanked by the Queen.

It is said that Queen Victoria, while visiting the wounded at Netley, was greatly distressed by the appearance of one poor man whose face had been terribly injured by the fragment of a shell. "Is there nothing," said the Queen, "that I can do for you?" The soldier replied, speaking with difficulty owing to his injury, "Nothing, your majesty, unless you would thank my nurse for her kindness to me." The Queen turned to the nurse, who was standing close by, and said, with tears in her eyes, "I do thank you with all my heart for your kindness to this poor wounded son of mine."

A Good Motto.

The eccentric John Randolph once sprang from his seat in the House of Representatives, and with his piercing voice exclaimed, "Mr. Speaker, I have found it!" And then, in the stillness which followed this strange outburst, he added, "I have found the philosopher's stone; it is, Pay as you go!"

He might very properly have added the words once spoken by a rich uncle to his spendthrift nephew, "If you can't pay don't go." To which the nephew replied, "If I had as much money as you have I would not be so careful of it." The uncle answered, "That is the reason you never will have as much as I have."

He "Just Walked In."

It is seldom, says the *Washington Times*, that anyone who is not entitled to the privilege of the floor of the Senate manages to slip by the keen-eyed doorknockers who guard the entrances. Their watchfulness is untiring, yet last week they had to admit themselves outwitted, and by a book agent at that. The feat was accomplished through a combination of unlimited assurance and prosperous appearance. About half an hour before the opening of the day's session a middle-aged man, with a few books under his arm, walked rapidly through the Senate reception room and, as though he had been accustomed to do it a dozen times a day, turned into the lobby. He made his entrance with such an air of authority that no one stopped to question him. Entering the chamber, he sought out Senator Dolliver, sat down beside him, and engaged him in conversation. In a few moments the gentleman opened up in praise of the books he carried and exhibited the specimens, dilating upon the rare excellence of the bindings, the paper and the print. Senator Dolliver was naturally taken by surprise to find himself besieged right in his senatorial chair by a book agent, but recovered himself enough to ask: "How did you get here?" "Oh, I just walked in," replied the canvasser. "Just walked in," echoed the Senator. "Well, then," he concluded, "the sergeant-at-arms of the Senate will assist you to 'just walk out,' and the commercial gentleman was officially shown to the door.

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