

Cleanse Thou me from secret faults.

Psalm xix. 12.

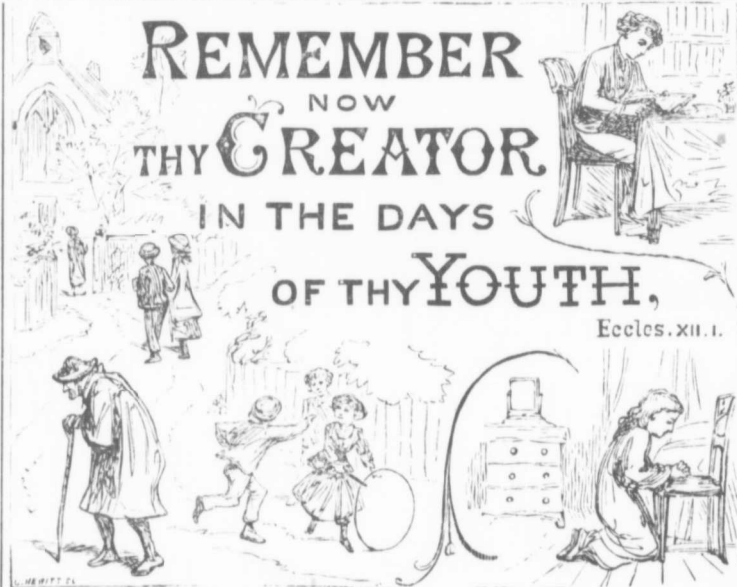
He was twelve years old at the time this was said of him. He had been obeying his parents there for twelve years. He kept on obeying them after this for eighteen years longer. Some children think that when they get to be eighteen or twenty, they are too old to obey, and have a right to do just what they please. But Jesus did not think so. He obeyed his parents till he was twenty-one years of age, and he did not stop then, but went on obeying them, for nine years longer.—*Dr. Newton.*

The missionary looked down with interest into the face earnestly upturned to him, and asked the little boy where he got it, and why he wanted a clean one.

"We found it, sir," said he, "in sister's pocket after she died; and she used to sing it all the time when she was sick, and loved it so much that father wanted to get a clean one to put in a frame to hang it up. Won't you give us a clean one, sir?"

The little page with a single hymn on

LET NO MAN DESPISE THY  
YOUTH.—1 Tim. iv. 12.



THOU ART THE GUIDE OF  
MY YOUTH.—Jer. iii. 4.

### A TOUCHING INCIDENT.

A LITTLE boy came to a city missionary, and holding out a dirty and well-worn bit of printed paper, said: "Please, sir, father sent me to get a clean paper like that."

Taking it from his hand, the missionary unfolded it, and found it was a page containing that beautiful hymn of which the first stanza is as follows:

"Just as I am, without one plea,  
But that Thy blood was shed for me,  
And that Thou bid'st me come to Thee,  
O Lamb of God I come!"

it had been cast upon the air like a fallen leaf, by Christian hands, humbly hoping to do some possible good. In some little mission Sabbath-school, probably, this poor girl had thoughtlessly received it, afterward to find it, we hope, the Gospel of her salvation. Could she, in any probability, have gone down to death, sweetly singing that hymn of penitence and faith in Jesus to her latest breath, without the saving knowledge of Him which the Holy Spirit alone imparts? Boys, can you all say that you "came to Jesus." If not, do so now.—*Home Mission Herald.*

Cease to do evil, learn to do well.

Isaiah i: 16.