

MISSING LETTER PUZZLE.

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Ever keep these precepts ten.

Buried girls' names:—1. Edith. 2. Ada. 3. Hazel
4. Hazel. 5. Ethel. 6. Emma.

Puzzle:—The downfall of *Turkey* which would cause the scattering of *Greece*, making a commotion in *Africa* and a crash in *China*.
F. WATSON,
TORONTO.

SCRIPTURE UNION CORNER.

1. Psalm 32: 1, 2.
 2. Righteousness.
 3. Wages are what we have earned, but a gift is something that is given to us for a reward of merit.
 4. We learn that we must not do anything there is a doubt about for fear of hindering someone who is weaker than ourselves from doing what is right.
- F. WATSON,
TORONTO.

IN LEISURE HOUR.

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S PUZZLES.

Missing letter puzzle:

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Ever keep these precepts ten."

Buried girls' names: Edith, Ada, Edna, Ettie, Ethel, May.

Puzzle: The downfall of Turkey, the overthrow of Greece, the breaking up of China, and the humiliation of Africa.

Answers are acknowledged from Annie Addison, Edith Hallendale, Bea Jones, Annie Boulton, Lizzie Adams and Edith Vincent.

PUZZLES.

The following puzzles are all sent by Bea Jones, the young friend referred to elsewhere, and Edith Hallendale. We thank them both for their contributions to our paper, and would especially acknowledge Bea's part, for of course we expect "Our Girls" to help, but we are very pleased to see others taking an interest in UPS AND DOWNS.

Buried Rivers:

1. You will be a good child if you do not do that.
2. If you do not rent yonder house, I shall be annoyed.

My first is in fire but not in coal,
My second is in rod but not in pole,
My third is in wood and also in log,
My fourth is in the ground but not in a bog,
My whole is a little animal.

My 1, 2, 7, is a very small bed,
My 4, 6, 10, is a wrong done or said,
My 3, 9, 11, is a fish's sure snare,
My 4, 8, 6, 5, is something to wear.

BEA JONES.

My first is in talk but not in speak,
My second is in minute but not in week,
My third is in star but not in sun,
My fourth is in work but not in fun,
My fifth is in beat but not in blow,
My sixth is in fly but not in flow,
My whole hunts grasshoppers all day long,
And keeps up a very monotonous song.

When are potatoes like a post?

Buried Cities:

1. "Well," replied Mrs. Wood, "stockings are very necessary articles."
2. Alice put a burning brand on the coals to light a fire.

EDITH HALLENDALE.

We have merely put each girls' name at the end of preceding puzzles, to show that she sent them.

OUR LITERARY AND MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY.

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done and injury inflicted which time alone can heal. A boy or girl cannot be too careful in choosing their friends or associates. We cannot choose our relations, but we have full liberty to select our friends, and may we be guided wisely always, remembering that "true

worth is in being, not seeming." A friend or associate can have a great amount of influence over us, whether for good or evil. A true friend will stay with us through cloud or sunshine, and in all our sorrows and trials. The next thing after we obtain a good friend is to keep him. Often we find friends like money. There are some so-called friends that, when a man is prosperous with plenty of cash, will flock around him, but let poverty fall upon that man, then! where are the friends? They are all vanished. A friend should bear his friend's infirmities. It is easy to lose a friend; but a new one will not come for a calling, nor make up for the old when he comes.

If we wish to keep our friends, let us be what we expect them to be—sincere in all we do and say. Then, again, remembrance and practice of the Divine injunction: "Do unto others as you would they should do unto you," and "Bear one another's burdens," are sure means of retaining our friends.

When our earthly friends forsake us we should always remember that "There is a Friend that sticketh closer than a brother."

FRIENDS AND FRIENDSHIP—THE VALUE OF THEM.

ALBERT E. YOUNG, Age 14. Party July, '95.

What would we Barnardo boys do if it were not for a friend? In Canada alone we stand in need of friends and friendship. One way of keeping friends is to never betray them, for once you are separated from a friend it is sometimes hard to reclaim them.

A friend in need is a friend indeed, and we very often find ourselves in need. Friends, when you use them well, will do almost anything for you that they can. You can win a friend by being civil.

FRIENDS AND FRIENDSHIP—THE VALUE OF THEM.

ALFRED JOLLEY, Age 19. Party June '90.

True friends are like precious stones, hard to find and of great value.

The rich have many friends, but the poor have few. When troubles and distress come; then we feel the value of friends.

When all things go smooth and calm we do not feel the value of friends.

Friendship makes us better, and more noble, and causes our thoughts to go out towards others.

If we were without friends, this world would seem very cold, and we would soon weary of it.

If we want friends we must be friends; there are plenty who do not seem to have friends; we should be a friend to such, help them and encourage them and the world will seem brighter to them and to us.

If we have a friend that has proved his sincerity, we should be very grateful to him, and stay by him through storm and calm.

We should be a friend to the friendless, and comfort those that are in trouble, weep with those that weep, and lift up the fallen.

The friendship of Jonathan and David is a good example of true friendship; it is said that Jonathan loved David as his own soul.

If we have a good and noble friend we shall grow like him, and grow better and nobler men.

Alas for those that live apart,
That sweet solace never knew
Friendship sheds around the heart.

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

SAMUEL RELF, Age 18. Party, July '94.

Animals were created by the hand of God for the use of man; but in many cases they are not used as they should be. So that may be called "cruelty," not using them properly. Our obligation, or our duty to animals is, to take the best possible care of them we can, and we also should train them in the way they should go, just the same as our parents are told in God's word to train us, who are trainable animals. There are, I think, a great many animals that are trained by cruel hands,

such as circus animals; but the donkey is the worst I have seen abused. Above all other animals we should be kind to the donkey, because it was our Lord that rode on the donkey; but as far as I can see, it is treated with cruelty more than any other trainable animal; especially in London, England. We should be very grateful to God for the wonderful and intelligent animals He has given us for our use, such as the horse, cow, sheep and pig; these are the four important animals that are used by the most of people in this century; the horse is to lessen our work, the other three are for food to strengthen our bodies. Let us all take good care that we do not abuse these animals in any way, for God does not abuse us; if we do, we shall be punished some time or other, which would be very deservedly given. It is a very grand thing indeed that the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was ever organized. It must have been God that put it into the heart of man to organize such a Society; so it is easily seen that God will not have these dumb and helpless creatures abused.

FRIENDS AND FRIENDSHIP.

WILLIAM F. RESDEN, Age 14. Party, July '94.

It is a good thing to have a friend. For instance, see what a friend we have in Jesus, that sticketh closer than a brother. Though all our earthly friends leave us, we have only to go to Jesus and He will be a friend to us. All Barnardo boys have one good friend on earth, which is Dr. Barnardo. What thousands of poor helpless orphans would have died only for his friendship! Lots of boys who have homes now would have died in the streets of London. There are very few friends on earth that will stick to you any length of time. The most of friends will only pretend to be friends while you go with them to gin palaces and gambling hells. When you get converted and talk to them about religion, they are friends no more but enemies. If one can get a friend that you can stick to, and trust, and put confidence in, it is quite a comfort to them. When they have a little trouble they can take it to the friend, and he can help them. David, because he trusted in the Lord, God was a friend to him and helped him. When he went to battle the Lord helped him, and he always gained the day. You see when Saul would not do as he was told, the Lord would not be a friend to him, but rejected him and put him aside. So with us, if we like we can have a friend in God too; but if we do not put our trust in Him and love Him, He will not be a friend to us.

LAMENT.

CONTRIBUTED BY FREDERICK F. TURNER.

Mother! While your soul's in the realms of God,
And your body rests under yonder tree,
Do you see your boy whom you used to kiss and caress
As he rolls on this stormy sea.

Oft times I think of your smiling face,
As it beamed upon foe and friend,
And sometimes I think I can see it now,
As I travel to this world's end.

The battle is fought, the victory won,
The cross and the crown are thine;
I watered your grave and kept it fresh,
While your spirit with God reclined.

In childhood's days you comforted me;
In my youth I am left alone;
No comforting hand now soothes my brow—
I am left this wide-world to roam.

Your battles were fought with patience,
Upon duty you never frowned,
Go back to God as white as you came
And receive your well earned crown.

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A CHARADE FOR "UPS AND DOWNS."

CONTRIBUTED BY MRS. HAULTAIN.

Boys! aim to be my first, when changing years
Bring to you life's best hopes and cares and fears;
No craven heart or idle, listless mood
Becomes my first, but effort strong and good.
My second is yourself, howe'er you act:
My third is always nothing but a fact.
My fourth and fifth together you may take,
And many such, good honest statesmen make.
But how shall I in brief describe my whole?
A house of industry—but not a home,
No place of rest for heart or mind or soul:
Yet, better far be there, than idly roam.