

ing out into their darkened homes the messages which, we believe, shall surely tell upon the hardened hearts of their parents.—*Mrs. Ballington Booth.*

THE RIGHT KIND.

The merchant had arrived at his office as early as 7 o'clock, and five minutes after he got down to his desk a foxy-looking, bright-faced boy came in. The merchant was reading, and the boy, with his hat off, stood there expectantly, but saying nothing. At the end of two minutes he coughed slightly, and spoke.

"Excuse me, sir," he said, "but I'm in a hurry."

The merchant looked up.

"What do you want?" he asked.

"I want a job, if you've got one for me."

"Oh, do you?" snorted the merchant. "Well, what are you in such a hurry about?"

"I've got to be, that's why," was the sharp response. "I left school yesterday evening to go to work, and I haven't got a place yet, and I can't afford to be wasting time. If you can't do anything for me, say so, and I'll skip. The only place where I can stop long is in the place where they pay me for it."

The merchant looked up at the clock.

"When can you come?" he asked.

"I don't have to come," replied the youngster. "I'm here now, and I'd been at work before this if you'd said so."

Half an hour later he was at it, and he's likely to have a job as long as he wants it.

INTERESTING WOMEN.

If I were a girl, anywhere along in the bright years which lie between fourteen and twenty, I would set it before myself as a goal worth striving for—to become an interesting woman. The interesting woman is always sought for, always welcome, always gives pleasure, and finds chances to be useful. It does not make much difference whether she is pretty or plain, she possesses a secret of more value than beauty, and a charm which always makes homeliness peculiarly attractive.

If some girl asks how she is to set about attaining this advantage, I can assure her that the receipt is quite within her reach.

1. She must quit letting her life centre around herself. Think little of yourself, dear girl, and dwell on the needs of others. Try, as Ruskin says so well, "to please people and to serve them in dainty ways." Live an altruistic life, but live it right in your own home, in your own street, in your own church.

2. The interesting girl, by which I mean, as you have of course gathered by this time, the girl who interests, goes through the world with her eyes open. A wide-awake lassie, no bit of knowledge escapes her; she garners from her reading, from her social opportunities, from her walks and her daily work a store of incident and information, which she has on hand when it is needed.

3. The interesting girl, who will be an interesting woman by and-by, does not have false standards of value. She will not judge, as some silly girls do, of a man's merit by his clothes only. Neither a cutaway coat nor pointed shoes, nor an elegant distinction of evening dress with manners to suit, will prove passports to her favor, unless there be a true man behind the apparel. The girl who has mind enough to be interesting, has mind enough to go under the surface when choosing her companions and friends.—*Margaret E. Sangster.*

TEMPERANCE QUESTIONS.—A society in Springfield, Mass., recently offered three gold prizes for the best answers, from residents of Springfield under nineteen years of age, to fifty questions on Temperance. We give a dozen of them for our young people. Please answer them in your own family circles, and the exercise will do you good.—ED.

What amount of money is spent per annum for liquor, by people in this country?

What is the so-called "Gothenburg System" of temperance legislation? State briefly.

Is a man responsible for crime committed during intoxication, and why?

Can the law of heredity be urged as a sufficient excuse for drunkenness? Give reasons.

Can a person's unfortunate "environment" be justly offered as an excuse for drunkenness? Give reasons.

Give the historical incident connected with the expression, "I appeal from Philip drunk, to Philip sober."

Can wine or beer be properly called food?

About what per cent. of crime in this country may be traced to the influence of liquor?

When, and by what American clergyman was the pamphlet called Deacon Giles' Distillery, written? And what was the result?

What woman has been appropriately called the "Uncrowned Queen of America"?

What woman in England stands foremost today in temperance reform?

How do habits of drinking affect the healing of wounds and of surgical operations?