

the figures after the names denote how many were answered correctly. We may say that not one of the questions has been left unanswered this year by one or another of the competitors.

1. Jane L. Solandt, Inverness, Megantic, Q., thirty questions, under 16 years. Hattie F. Clark, Toronto, thirty questions, under 17 years. The above two being equal, we propose that each shall receive a prize equal, at least, to the second prize of Three Dollars.

2. R. S. Ross, Montreal, twenty-nine questions, under 19 years.

3. Hattie Eckardt, Unionville, twenty-eight questions, under 17 years.

Two of the above four took prizes last year, and they have been rewarded for their fresh labours.

Homer Eckhardt, of Unionville, who was third on the list last year, is fourth this year, having answered twenty-three questions—excellent for a youth under 15.

Will the young friends whose names are 1, 2 and 3 write, therefore, saying what book or books they would prefer. A choice had better be given, in case those first named cannot be procured. Address the letter as before, with "Prize Questions" in corner, and the books shall be forwarded at once.

HINTS TO THE GIRLS.

BY MRS. F. D. GAGE.

Did you never see a lady

Look into a stranger's face,
In an omnibus or rail car,

As if saying, "Sir, your place."

Did you never see a lady

Walk up to a church pew door,
Lace and ribbons all demanding,

"Yield your pew," and nothing more.

Did you never see a lassie

Flirt into an old man's chair,
And unheeding age or honour,

Let him stand—no matter where?

Never see the stage coach emptied—

For some fidget in her pride;
And the weary men of business,
Tumbled out to ride outside?

Never go to hear a lecture,

When some fashionable dear
Would come in and make a bustle
When you most desired to hear;

Routing half the congregation,

And disturbing all the rest,
As if she was all creation,
Being fashionably dressed?

Now, dear girls, if you're thankless,

So exacting and so free,
Time will come when gents will answer,
"Ma'am, this seat belongs to me."

Never ask a man abruptly

To resign his chosen place—
If 'tis offered, thank him kindly,
With a smile upon your face.

If the way be long and weary,
And he cannot find another,

Bid him share the comfort with you,
As you'd share it with a brother.

Thus may you receive forever,
Given with a spirit free,
Sure respect and love and kindness,
Better far than gallantry.

FROM THE "CHURCH PORCH."

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Sundays observe: think when the bells do chime
'Tis Angel's music; therefore come not late.
God then deals blessings; if a king did so
Who would not haste, nay give to see the show?

When once thy foot enters the church, be bare:
God is more there than thou, for thou art there
Only by His permission. Then beware
And make thyself all reverence and fear.
Kneeling ne'er spoiled silk stocking; quit thy state,
All equal are within the church's gate.

Resort to sermons, but to prayers most;
Praying's the end of preaching. O be drest,
Stay not for th' other pin; why, thou has lost
A joy for it worth worlds. Thus hell doth jest
Away thy blessings and extremely flout thee,
Thy clothes being fast, but thy soul loose about thee.

In time of service seal up both thine eyes,
And send them to thine heart, that spying sin
They may weep out the stains by them did rise:
These doors being shut, all by the ear comes in.
Who marks at church time others' symmetry
Makes all their beauty his deformatory.

Let vain and busy thoughts have there no part;
Bring not thy plough, thy plots, thy pleasure hither.
Christ purged His temple; so must thou thy heart.
All worldly thoughts are but thieves met together
To cozen thee; look to thine actions well,
For churches either are our heaven or hell.

Judge not the preacher, for he is thy judge;
If thou mislike him, thou conceivest him not.
God calleth preaching folly. Do not grudge
To pick out treasures from an earthen pot,
The worst speaks something good, if all want sense,
God takes a text and preaches patience.

He that gets patience and the blessing which
Preachers conclude with hath not lost his pains.
He that by being at church escapes the ditch
Which he might fall in by companions, gains.
He that loves God's abode, and to combine
With saints on earth, shall one day with them shine.

—GEORGE HERBERT. (Born 1592, died 1634.)

SEVERE shocks of earthquake have been felt in the Island of Scilly.

THE Earl of Shaftsbury has accepted the presidency of the International Peace Society.

THE use of nursing bottles for children is strictly prohibited at the Paris Maternity Hospital.

THERE were 986 applications for divorces in Chicago during 1883, 650 of which were successful.

A WEALTHY lady in London has caused a sensation by bequeathing the sum of \$500,000 to Pope Leo XIII.