

Oh, Sunday school teachers, shall I not say in the name of Jesus, Come to the rescue? This is your divine mission, and the longest life would not be vainly spent if, in the course of that long life, you were instrumental in rescuing from eternal ruin but one of Christ's little ones.—*Newman Hall.*

For the Juvenile Presbyterian.

THE HOLE IN THE FLOOR.

A few years ago a large school in London was most seriously inconvenienced by a bad smell which pervaded the house, and came apparently from the dining-hall. Every effort to discover this failed. The premises were examined, search was made, but all in vain, and the master was at his wit's end. At length, when the health of all was endangered, a carpenter was sent for, and an extraordinary discovery was made.

In this establishment, the rule existed that at dinner each boy should finish what was on his plate before he could apply for more. The meat supplied had a large portion of fat, to which the boys, like many others whom we could name, had a strong objection, and these thoughtless fellows used to slip under the table the less inviting portion of their dinners, and with a bold face send up their plates for more. After the meal, some knowing ones among them, to prevent an untimely discovery of the trick, used to drop the accumulated scraps through an opening of the floor, deep enough to contain a couple of oxen, and which, in course of time, they nearly filled. From this, as soon as warm weather came round, the offensive smell proceeded. A moment's thought would have shown that the trick must be discovered and punished; but their only aim was to get rid of what they did not like, without looking to future consequences.

Are there not some among our Canadian boys who imitate in other ways these foolish Londoners. A bad habit is easily contracted, but sure to meet with punishment at last. Lessons are thrown aside, or thrust into a hole in the floor; but the discovery must be made sooner or later.

Boys and girls—have any of you a hole in the floor? Are any of you doing evil in secret? Remember this little story, and think of the day of reckoning, when all will be discovered. Avoid all that is underhand, or of which you would be ashamed, and if you have committed a fault remember that it is better to confess at once, than to drop it down a hole in the floor.