

## STARTING IN THE WORLD.

MANY an unwise parent labors hard and lives sparingly all his life for the purpose of leaving enough to give his children a start in this world, as it is called. Setting a young man afloat with money left by his relatives, is like tying bladders under the arms of one who cannot swim; ten chances to one he will lose his bladders and go to the bottom. Teach him how to swim, and he will never need bladders. Give your child a sound education, and you have done enough for him. See to it that his morals are pure, his mind cultivated, and his whole nature made subservient to laws which govern man, and you have given him what will be of more value than the wealth of the Indies.

PRESBYTERIAN TESTIMONY  
TO OUR LITURGY.

[From the Christian-at-Work ]

WE commend the following article to the notice of our readers :

“ It is probable that liturgical worship will ultimately prevail and take the place of the lifeless forms of our barren non-Episcopal Church Services. That it will prevail ultimately—and to a large extent during the coming century—an intelligent observer of the trend of public opinion will scarcely venture to doubt; and it is one of the signs of the times—and a very favorable sign—that a distinguished professor in a Presbyterian seminary should write an article which should be printed in the chief organ of Presbyterian thought and scholarship in this country, taking the Presbyterian Church to task for its barren ser-

vices, and pleading for a liturgy. The article in question is written by Prof. Samuel M. Hopkins, D.D., of Auburn Theological Seminary, and is printed in the January issue of the *Presbyterian Review*.

After picturing the character of the customary services in Presbyterian Churches, consisting of prayers, hymns, the sermon and benediction, Dr. Hopkins says :

“Through all this the congregation sit mute. They have not even the poor Methodist liberty of relieving their minds by a ‘hallelujah,’ or a ‘bless the Lord.’ Neither they who sit in the room of the learned, or of the unlearned, say ‘Amen’ to the prayer. The ten commandments or, as alternate to them, the beatitudes, are seldom or never read. The Creed is never recited. No voice responds, ‘Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.’ No loud acclaim resounds ‘Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.’ *With a close imitation of the Romish method, the choir and the priest have performed the whole audible part of the public worship.*

‘It certainly ought not to surprise us under such conditions, that a very large number of the children of Presbyterian families, and many of the cultivated and tasteful of our members, have sought a more cheerful, more varied, more sympathetic service in another communion. There is not a Presbyterian pastor in the land but can testify to such losses. The Episcopal Church has been largely recruited from our ranks. There are many thousands in the Church at present who have been drawn away merely by the superior attractions of its cultus-