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THE FOUR-LEAVED CLOVER

They tell the story of a man
Who roamed the wide world over,
And spent his whole life trying
To find a four-leaved clover.

For this, once found, would bring him peace
And happiness forever ;
And so he roamed and sought in vain ;
He found the treasure never.

Till coming home a tired old man,
Discouraged and down-hearted,
He threw himself upon the ground,
But quick again upstarted ;

For there before his own house-door,
And spread the whole field over,
Were growing fragrant bunches of
The long-sought, four-leaved clover.

Dear heart, there comes the truest joy
To those who seek it never ;
And happiness, in duty's field,
Rewards the doer ever.

AN ATTRACTIVE COURSE

The second year of the General Assembly's Teacher Training Course begins in the October TEACHERS MONTHLY. Those who have taken the first year will be eager to complete the course. It will be well to start promptly. The lists of successful candidates, pass and honor, recently published, show how widely the new Course has already taken hold. As is generally known, the Course embraces the three departments of Scripture, Doctrine, and the Principles of Teaching. We are sure that those who did

not take up the Course last year will be glad to know that they may begin now. A certificate is given for each examination passed, and a diploma when all the subjects of the two years have been completed. The only expense is for a copy of the TEACHERS MONTHLY (50c. a year ; 40c. five or more to one address) and Hamill's The Sunday School Teacher, 50c., plus 5c. for postage. For full particulars write Rev. J. M. Duncan, B.D., Secretary Sub-committee on Teacher Training, Confederation Life Building, Toronto.

THINGS THAT BOYS HATE

By Frederick Tracy, Ph. D.

"Hate" is a strong word, but not too strong to express the feelings of most boys towards certain things. The word "love" is equally expressive, but most boys are far more likely to tell us what they hate than to tell us what they love.

No doubt the boys who read this will admit that they are liable to make mistakes, and that it is just possible that they may sometimes hate what is not altogether hateful. On the other hand, the writer is prepared to admit that anything for which all good average boys have a natural and unconquerable hatred must be in some way bad or unworthy.

The ideal of nearly every boy is to be a man. The boy who does not aspire to be a man is despised by his companions. To be a true man is to be brave, strong and generous. Hence, almost without exception, boys hate to be thought cowardly, weak, or mean. What is more common than to hear