

HOW TO DO IT.

Too fields are all white,
And the reapers are few;
We children are willing,
But what can we do
To work for our Lord in his harvest?

Our hands are so small,
And our works are so weak,
We cannot teach others;
How then shall we seek
To work for our Lord in his harvest?

We'll work by our prayers,
By the pennies we bring,
By small self-denials—
The least little thing—
May work for our Lord in his harvest.

Until, by and by,
As the years pass at length,
We, too, may be reapers
And go forth in strength,
To work for our Lord in his harvest.

—S. Churchman.

"STICK TO THE MILL AND MAKE THE BEST OF IT."

BY W. N. BURR.

Charlie Baird is about seventeen, and is regarded in Blanktown as "a good boy, but too much afraid of the world ever to make his way in it with much success."

"I have something I want to say to you," he said in an undertone as I met him for a moment at the door of the postoffice this morning.

"Yesterday I heard Deacon Blodgett say as I was passing his store, 'There goes a boy who never did anything wrong in his life except that he was born for a place which circumstances will never permit him to fill. Has n't grit enough to get on in the world in spite of opposing circumstances.'

"People have wondered, I know, why I came home from Warrenville last month, where I had work and was earning a little something in Frazier's mill. I would not like to have them know, and if it were not for the thought that you can perhaps help some other boy by giving him this bit of my experience as a word of warning, I would not have come to you as I have this morning.

my experience. Won't you write about it? —but," he added, dropping his eyes, "keep back my name."

And so, while I have thought best to tell the story as the words of another, I have kept back his real name. It is not Charlie Baird; but that does not matter. There is a multitude of young men and boys who are out of place in this land of ours to-day because they did not keep the place God gave them to start in.

But I have not yet written all that Charlie told me this morning.

"I have never known three such dark weeks in my life as those have been since I came home," he continued. "Life at the mill was much more endurable, or might have been if I had not allowed myself to look all the time on the dark side.

"Simply trusting ever day," and when they came to the words

"If in danger, for Him call,"

I was somehow reminded of the ninety and nine that did wander. I saw myself as the one that had made a mistake. I had turned off to one side thinking I would find something better than I had, and there I was alone, wretched, in danger.

"If in danger, for Him call,"

were ringing in my ears, and feeling myself utterly helpless, I just called to God to help me. I felt I was willing to do all I could for myself, but He must direct me, for I had proved my foolishness and knew that I needed his wisdom.

HOW THEY LANDED.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris were four months and a half en route to their distant island home, and were heartily glad at length to reach it. The landing was effected in safety, but not without risk.

land through such a terrible surf. After waiting for nearly an hour, in painful suspense, a large canoe was launched, and into that only Mrs. Harris and myself were allowed to enter—our three young children being left in the care of the native crew.

ON STILTS.

"I remember," said the doctor, "a fancy which raged among the boys of my time for walking on stilts. Whether we were sent to school or to the harvest field or to the village store, we must mount up on these high, unsteady sticks, and stagger along on them.

"Keep to your own legs, boy. Too many people in this world walk on stilts! Keep to your own legs!"

"I have never forgotten his warning. So many of us are on stilts! There is Judge C—, who was a leading lawyer in a Pennsylvania town. He lived in a large house surrounded by beautiful gardens, his family were the centre of a circle of cultivated and refined people, their life was busy, simple and genuine, and therefore, happy.

"Suddenly, C— removed to New York, in order that his boys could have wider opportunities, and his girls could make wealthy marriages. His large mansion in the village had cost two hundred dollars a year for rent; his cramped city flat cost three thousand. His wife and daughters had worn muslin; now they rustled in velvet and silk.

"Late balls took the place of the informal friendly hospitality of their old home. The end of it was, the girls, having no dower, were laughed at and neglected by the rich fashionable men whom they courted; the boys plunged into all the vices of the city; and C— in three years was a ruined man. He had tried to walk on stilts!

"When I see plain men trying to imitate the leaders in business or politics, women aping fashionable life, college-boys pluming themselves upon their acquisition of the alphabet of knowledge, or girls smiling and lisping with an affectation of sweetness and innocence which they do not possess, I feel like calling out, 'Come down from your stilts!'"

Imitation and sham in any character are but synonyms for weakness.—Youth's Companion.

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BIBLE QUESTIONS.

- 1. Mention an accident connected with a heathen god.
2. In what three cities were many Philistines destroyed for having the Ark of God in their possession?
3. What warned David where to attack his enemies?
4. Who was stricken dead for steadying the ark?
5. The hand of what king withered as he tried to injure a man of God?

BIBLICAL ARITHMETICAL PUZZLE.

Add the number of feet in the length, breadth and height of Noah's ark; divide the sum by the number of years Absalom dwelt at Jerusalem and saw not his father; subtract from this the number of years of the life of Terah; add the number of years Isaiah walked barefoot, and the number of years the famine was in Egypt in Joseph's time and you will have the years of Amram's life.

ANSWERS TO BIBLE QUESTIONS NO. 22.

BIBLE ALPHABET.—A. Esther 1:1. B. Dan. 5. 1-2. C. Numbers 13: 30-33. D. Jud. 4: 4-14. E. 1 Sam. 21: 1-7. F. Acts 26: 24. G. John 18: 1-2. H. 2 Sam. 2: 11. I. Gen. 21: 9. J. Psa. 132: 6. K. 1 Sam. 9: 2. L. Isa. 14: 12. M. Col. 4: 10. N. Nahum 1: 1. O. Philemon 1: 16. P. 2 Tim. 4: 21. R. Acts 12: 13. T. Acts 20: 6, 7. U. 2 Sam. 6: 7. V. Esther 1: 19. S. Z. Lam. 5: 18.

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- 1. Ezra 14: 14-20.
2. Jer. 15: 1.
3. Jer. 15: 1.
4. Lam. 5: 11.

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