

THE BIBLE.

No fragment of any army ever survived so many battles as the Bible; no citadel withstood so many sieges; no rocks were ever battered by so many hurricanes, and so swept by storms. And yet it stands. It has seen the rise and fall of Daniel's four empires. Assyria bequeaths a few mutilated figures to the riches of our national union museum. Media and Persia, like Babylon which they conquered, have been weighed in the balance, and long ago been found wanting. Greece faintly survives in its historic fame; and iron Rome of the Caesars has long since ceased to boast. And yet the Book that foretells all this still survives. While nations, Kings, Philosophers, systems, institutions, have died away, the Bible engages now men's deepest thoughts; is examined by the keenest intellects; stands revered before the highest tribunals; is more read, sifted, and debated, more devoutly loved and vehemently assailed, more defended and more denied, more industriously translated and freely given to the world, more honored and more abused, than any other book the world ever saw. It survives all changes, itself unchanged; it moves all minds, yet it is moved by none; it sees all things decay, itself incorruptible; it sees myriads of other books engulfed in the stream of time, yet it is borne along till the mystic angel shall plant his foot upon the sea and swear by Him that liveth forever and ever, that time shall be no longer.—*Scl.*

FOR YOUNG MEN.

Lead me not into temptation! O, young man, thinking within yourself, "I am so strong, there is no fear about me," I tell you, you make the most dreadful mistake. The very fact that you think yourself so strong opens the way for the devil and his insidious attacks. Fling the temptation aside. Come to the Lord's side and pledge yourself to Him, and be his, and when you say, "Lead me not into temptation," move in the direction of your prayer, and God will give you the strength, in which alone you will be able to resist the tempter. Then you will be delivered from evil and then you will look up to God, not taking credit to yourself, not magnifying yourself, but saying, "Thine is the kingdom, power, and glory.—*Rev. John Hall.*

DON'T UNDERVALUE THE BOY.

Too many men make their boys feel that they are of little or no account while they are boys. Lay a responsibility on a boy, and he will meet it in a manful spirit. On no account ignore their disposition to investigate. Help them to understand things. Encourage them to know what they are about. We are apt to treat the boy's seeking after knowledge as mere idle curiosity.

"Don't ask questions," is poor advice to boys. If you do not explain puzzling things to them, you oblige them to make many experiments before they find out, and though experimental knowledge is best, in one sense, in another it is not; for that which can be explained clearly does not need experimenting with. If the principle is understood, there is no further trouble, and the boy can go ahead intelligently.

Do not wait for the boy to grow up, before you begin to treat him as an equal. A proper amount of confidence, and words of encouragement and advice, and giving him to understand that you trust him in many ways, helps to make a man of him long before he is a man in either stature or years.

THE SWISS AND THE MORMONS.

The Swiss Government is at last roused and proposes to take measures against the Mormon Mission which has for thirty years been actively carried on in Switzerland. An investigation recently made by the Canton of Berne reveals the fact that the headquarters of Mormon activity in Europe are at Berne. A permanent station exists there in charge of "Bishop" Schoenfeld, and missionaries are sent out in all directions. The number of converts in Berne alone last year was 336. Throughout the whole of Switzerland the year before converts numbered 610. Government measures will be on the ground either that it is a "religious order dangerous to the State," or that it is an unauthorized emigration agency.—*Scl.*

The *Indian Methodist Times*, by way of illustrating the missionary spirit of the native churches of Bengali, states that the call made for a Bengali preacher for the Bengali coolies in the Fiji Islands was responded to by ten eligible young men.