See the forms of little children. Kneeling, white-robed, for their rest. All in quiet, nursery chambers, While the dusky shadows creep, Hear the voices of the children-

" Now I lay down to sleep."

In the meadow and the mountain Calmly shines the winter stars, But across the glistening lowlands Slant the moonlight's silver bare. In the silence and the darkness, Darkness growing still more deep, Listen to the little children, Praying God their souls to keep.

" If we die "-so pray the children, And the mother's head droops low, (One form without her fold is sleeping Deep beneath the winter's snow,)

" Take our soul's "-and past the casemen Flits a gleam of silver light, Like the trailing of his garments, Walking evermore in white. ,

Little souls that stand expectant, Listening at the gates of life, Hearing far away the murmur Of the tumult and the strife We who fought beneath those banners, Meeting ranks of foemen there, Find a deeper, broader meaning

In your simple vesper prayer. When your ! ands shall grasp the standard, Which to-day you watch from far, When your deeds shall shape the conflict,

In this universal war, Pray to Him, the God of battles, Whose strong eye can never sleep, In the warring of temptation, Firm and true your souls to keep.

When the combat ends and slowly Clears the smoke from out the skies, When far down the purple distance, All the noise of battle dies, When the last night's solemn shadows Settle down on you and me. May the love that never faileth, Take our souls eternally.

Thoughtful Master Talbot.

The bell at the factory struck twelve. Down the stairway poured the operatives, the men ments. walking away sedately, the boys dashing pell-

dress, bright eyes and honest face. He was telling you that I could wait until it suited you Master Talbot.

" This way, boys and girls !" he cried, " this way! I have something to say to you." The crowd of young folks surged over to

where he stood. " Hallo! Talbot," cried one, "have you turned street preacher ?"

will the sale begin ?" where is your hat ?" " It's a strike, I'll bet," said still another.

" Will you please listen to me ?" said Master

provingly.

so uncomplaining! Did'nt we all like her? singing about the shining legions? I propose that we attend her funeral in a body."

We can get up a petition," answered Talbot.

"How would it do to appoint a committee to two, and cleanly clad, fifty boys and fifty girls, as is the disposition to do in some portions of wait on the proprietor of the mills ?" suggested followed by as many men, with Mr. Harding at our country. Jimmy Lawrence. "That's it! that's it!" schoed half a dozen

voices. " I move that a committee of five be appointed," said Aggie Burns, one of the older girls.

The motion was immediately seconded. "Am I president of this meeting? asked-Master Talbot.

right place.

his hands far into his breeches pockets. His as hard as a sledge-hammer, and a heart as soft the admission of new members, if desired. Can mer, though parliamentary in form, was some- face and manly air, stands John Talbot He's movement to enroll the children of our land in what premature, while the latter was comical enough to laugh at.

ried unanimously, the little fellow aforesaid, in did this." his excitement, voting " aye " repeatedly. Master Talbot.

speaker was Dick McAllister. "Appoint yourself first," cried Jimmy Law-

rence. "You must be chairman-and spokes-

McAllister, Jimmy Lawrence-" "You must 'pint some of the girls, too," said

" So I will Dick. You are a ladies man, if you are rough. It is a rule, I believe, at least a matter of courtesy, to make the one moving the appointment of a committee, chairman thereof. Miss Burns made the motion, so I shall do the best I can now, and add her to the committee, together with Ruth Abbott. We will proceed to the counting-room of Mr. Elliot at one o'clock. precisely. I would suggest that the committee be instructed, or allowed, to make all other arrangements that may be necessary to make."

"Just so, thoughtful Master Taibot," said Dick. "I'll do my sheer (share). I'll stick to feeling. you all the time. Now, 'journ the meeting', cause I'm mighty hungry."

At the hour appointed, the committee entered the counting room of Mr. Elliot. He was a portly, pleasant old man. He came forwards with his spectacles on his nose and his pen behind his ear, and shook hands with the whole five in turn.

"This seems to be a delegation. Is it a petition ?" he asked kindly. "Y-e-s, s-i-r," said Dick. "A petition in

boots." "They are generally the most effective." said

Mr. Elliot, smiling.

"It's what your very best friends wish for you, deary" said the cat; "and as the door of your cage is a little sjar, I see you have only to Mr. Elliot, smiling.

giving Dick a nudge. "Little Ella Parker is dead," said Master Talbot, respectfully, holding his hat in his hand; whereupon Dick for the first time, remembered that his hat was on his head. "She is to be buried day after to-morrow, at nine o'clock."

"Nhy, dearest, I would, however painful to particular value, or can do anything particularly well, he modest about it. A beaster is never said the cat, preparing to spring; upon which the bullfineh set up a scream of anoth terror that his mistress fiew into the room, and puss was glad to escape down stairs.—The Leisure Hour.

We have come to petition you to allow as many of us as may desire to attend the funeral, to do

" Your petition is granted," said Mr. Elliot. I had intended to stop the mills for one day this week, in order to have the engines repaired. I shall now select the day of the funeral for such purpose. Anything else, Master Talbot ?" " Nothing else. In behalf of the committee

we thank you very much." Master John bowed, which Mr. Elliot return-

has no relatives, no friends here."

" I suspect she has a friend in you, Master from the East about two years ago. What do you want me to do in the matter?"

" I will do it, Master Talbot. I would do it to please you, even if there was no other motive to prompt me. I will head the subscription with five dollars-or, get Mr. Elliot to start it will be boldly and firmly met, and I have no

with twenty-five." " O, thank you, Mr. Harding ! She will be glad! And you will do this to-night?" I will do it now. I will waylay the work-

the widow Parker live?" " At No. 48 Leonard Street, second floor." " By nine o'clock to-night I will carry there the money. You can take my word for that,

and a creditable sum it shall be." The widow sat in her room, with her hands folded in her lap, rocking to and fro, and moaning. On a little bed lay the dead child, dressed in a plain shroud, of the commonest muslin. Her golden ringlets were stowed away under the least carry temperance into politics. The quessnowy sp, the lips were closed with a smile, and tion of voting against a drunkard or an open the long eyelashes swept, like a fringe of gold, enemy is not a matter of political opinion, but on cheeks of marble whiteness.

The door opened, and the landlady entered. She was robust, red-faced, kind-hearted, very quick in her speech, and very slow in her move-

"What do you think, Mrs. Parker?" she mell, and the girls laughing and chatting in the commenced. "Didn't you offend me this morning by hinting about the trifle of rent that is In the court below, a boy was mounted upon due to me, and so on; just as if it was in me a push cart. He was a hale little fellow of to turn you out, and fail you when you needed twelve years, with hair neatly combed, clean me most? And didn't I try to console you, generally known in the factory as thoughtful to pay me, and lend you a trifle of money besides, yet, for the matter of that-and that the good Lord would provide ? Well, hasn't He been here and done it ?"

"Who? Done what?" asked the bewildered

"Why, the Lord-or some one sent of the "Hallo! Talbot," cried one, "have you urned street preacher?"
"Mr. Auctioneer," cried another boy, "when will the sale begin?"
"I say, 'George Mundy,'" chimed in a third, cent less!"
"Why, the Lord—or some one sent of the beration, and extensive consultation, I am beration, and extensive consultation, I am convinced that this matter should be made a part of our regular Sunday-school instruction.

It is two hundred dollars, by count—and not a cent less!"

The widow was overpowered. She covered her face with her hands and wept.

"O, Lord, I thank Thee I she murmured. The morning of the funeral came. The body " Be quiet, boys !" cried a bevy of girls, re- was in the coffin. The landlady, the clergyman, and a few others were there. The widow thought "You all remember little Ella Parker, don't of the old home, far away in the East, where ing, they also teach them to totally abstain from you !" asked Master Talbot. " She used to tend she had friends in abundance, and sighed. Yet the loom for lankey Joe Scroggins. Well, she what did it matter, if but a few followed the beis dead. She died at five o'clock this morning. loved remains to the grave? Had not little She was a dear, sweet little thing. So trusting, Ella died triumphantly? Was she not already gospel—equally important and equally honor-

"How are we to get off?" asked one of the landlady, from the window. "O, it makes one's forever. We commend this important matter to heart come up in their throat !"

> their head. The precession halted at the house and opened order. Eight little girls, all of one wided with a pledge-book, to be circulated size, and dressed in white, came up through the through the school and signed by classes, and center. They were the pall bearers.

through her tears. "To whom am I indebted tor, or such others as may be invited, for such an expression of thoughtfulness and re- In addition to this, every school, or, perhaps

gard ?" "I can guess," said the landlady. "I see other juvenile temperance societies, with prope "In course you is," said Dick McAllister. Mr. Elliot, the proprietor of the mills, standing officers, and week day or evening meetings, as His grammer was bad, but his heart was in the on the steps below. But it wasn't him. Do you most convenient. Bands of Hope admit both see that freckled-face boy, kind of acting mar- sexes as well as all ages and denominations, hold "Question!" cried a little fellow, thrusting shal? That's Dick McAllister. He has a fist oren meetings, and can use a short ritual for call and attitude raised a loud laugh. The for- as a woman's. Nearer this way, with his honest we not make a combined, earnest, and effectual a smart, likely boy. They call him thoughtful the grand army of total abstinence, and educate Master Talbot. Twenty years from now he will a new generation to true temperance and to Master Talbot put the motion, and it was car-own there mills. Well, them's the two boys as righteousness?

I need not carry this sketch further. Any "Am I to appoint that committee?" asked little boy can understand what it teaches. Thoughtful Master Talbot was at the bottom of "In course you is !" and " in course" the it ail. Even Mr. Elliot felt that he could not Carolina, say 55 years ago, it was not consider offer a plausible excuse for not attending little ed wrong for even a Minister of the Gospel t Elia's funeral. Master Taibot was a good boy manufacture and sell ardent spirits. On one -prompt, reliable, methodical. He obeyed his occasion he started from home with a load o parents, shunned evil books and companions, brandy, bound for market at Wilmington, N. C. "Then I appoint John Talbot, (myself) Dick and walked in the way of godliness. In twenty On the way down he disposed of a barrel nov years he did own these mills, as the landlady and then as opportunity offered. Reaching Little Corporal.

Musn't Always Take People at

their Word. the cat, sitting with her eyes fixed on the cage. black eyes and the other concomitants of a while all my friends are rejoicing in the sweet this point our Bro. C., became a little uneasy; sunny sky, and the flowers," said the bull- he saw that liquor had caused all the mischie

"And just to be allowed now and then, for a used on the occasion. The answer satisfied him few minutes, to try my wings, by a flight around that the liquor that had produced such wide the room."

said the cat. "And as to singing, how can I sing?" said sight so affected him that he went home deterthe hullfinch.

" How, indeed ?" said the cat. "This piping song that I have been drilled or retail ardent spirits could stand by and see into, not a note of it comes from my heart." the effects of only one barrel, without feelings of "I never could bear anything that did not horror. How will they endure the sight in the come from my heart," said the cat, demurely. next world is what few of them have ever thought "Oh, that I were dead!" said the bullfinch. of. The question "who slew all these ?" will

"And what ?" asked the builfinch. " hy, dearest, I would, however painful to Cemperance.

Sons of Temperance. We take from the Report of the Most Worthy Patriarch the following extracts:

Our ultimate end and aim is the utter and entire extermination of the liquor traffic. We believe it is a fundamental truth, and one which ed. Dick drew his left foot around awkwardly, intoxicating liquors as a beverage is the prolific the girls courtesied, after which the delegation, underlies the whole matter, that the traffic in the girls courtesied, after which the delegation source of crime, poverty, pauperism, sin, disease, indicated in the WORMS only, producing no other constitutional effect than that which would follow a dost retired.

What a many how that young Talbot is." said Mr. Elliot to his head clerk. "He speaks good English. He will make his mark."

When the work was done for that day in the factory, John Talbot went to the boss of the second floor.

"Mr. Harding," he said, "Little Ella Parker died at daylight. She is to be buried on Thursday. Mr. Elliot has allowed us to attend the funeral. Mrs. Parker is very poor. She is not able to give her child a respectable burial. She has no relatives, no friends here."

taxes of the sober and the temperate; making it dangerous to travel through our streets, and bringing woe and misery and sorrow to the bringing woe and misery and sorrow to the lincoent and the helpless. If these things be so, then there can be but one honest conclusion: the traffic must be declared illegal by the laws of the land, and totally suppressed by legal authority. Where this policy has been adopted in earnest, and enforced with vigor, it has created strong and determined opposition. We can not remain indifferent spectators to the has no relatives, no friends here." great struggle which is going on in Massachusetts and other States, and which has, in fact, Talbet. I recollect having seen her several times.

She is a frail woman, with bright eyes, and small, delicate hands. She moved to this place down the laws making the traffic lead on the laws making the traffic lead. more; open the doors to a free trade in liquor, and thus throw around it the sanctity of law.

paring an appeal to the ballot box. This appeal men as they go out of the door. Where does we are met with the idea that we must not bring are of a pink color. temperance into politics. Very good. But supposing intemperance gets into politics, what do you propose to do with it? Will you vote for it and with it till it drstroys all that is great and blights all that is good in humanity? I do not see how any man can pray for and advocate temperance, and then go and vote for a known and avowed enemy of the cause. If we should not bring politics into temperance, we should at

> of moral right and duty. TEMPERANCE AMONG THE CHILDREN. Though enough has, in times past, been said and written in regard to the vast importance of the early and persistent education of the children and youth of our land in the principles of total abatinence, to render it unnecessary to call your attention again to the subject, it must, however. be apparent to all that not only is there still necessity to rightly instruct the children, but the instructors of children are themselves greatly in need of being awakened to the vital impor-

tance of this subject. Many earnest and praiseworthy efforts have been made to organize the children, which have been more or less successful; but, being spasmodic in their nature, have failed to be permanent in their operations. After much deliword? Why not inculcate temperance as well

as righteousness and judgment to come? We ask all who have the direction and guidance of our Sunday schools, that, while they teach their children to totally abstain from using had words, from telling falsehoods, from swearthat which "biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder."

Let it be considered as a part of the same able-to save souls from a drunkard's eternity "O, Mrs. Parker, come and look !" cried the as from anything else which destroys the soul all friends of Sunday-schools, and trust that our The widow went to the window to look. Sunday-school conventions will give this subject Down the street came slowly, walking two by proper consideration, and not ignore it entirely,

once a month, or on suitable occasions, a short "O, the blessed eight!" cried the widow, and impressive talk by the superintendant, pas

several uniting, could form Bands of Hope o

Yielding to Conviction When Brother C was a young man, in North had prophesied be would .- F. H. Stauffer, in Wilmington, and disposing of the residue of his load, he turned his face toward home. After a few days' travel he arrived at a certain place where, on his way down, he had sold a barrel of brandy. It was now a public day at the place Strong drink was going pretty freely, and pre-"Oh, that I were dead," cried the bullfinch sently drunken men were seen stretched here "I don't wonder at it, I'm sure, dear," said and there, wallowing in filth. Bruised faces, "To be penned up here from day to day, drunken hell were lying about plentifully. At before him, but he hoped it was not his liquor. " How distressing," said the cat, with much Presently he found it was not his liquor and asked the Toddy-stick man what liquor had been spread destruction that day came out of the bar-"Mere mockery! A cruel insult I call that," rel bought of him! Being thus brought to witness what his liquor had done-his liquor-the mined to abandon the business at once and for ever, which he did. Few men who manufacture

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