

KINDNESS AND CONFIDENCE.



A ROUGH-LOOKING man brought his son one day into a district school, saying, "I have brought my boy here, and would like to see if you can do anything with him. I confess, he is more than I can manage."

One day as the teacher was passing along by the desks, he laid his hand kindly on his shoulder; but the boy shuddered, and shrank from him.

"What is the matter, Henry?" asked the teacher.

"I thought you were going to strike me."

"Why should I strike you?"

"Because I am such a bad boy."

"Who says you are a bad boy?"

"Father says I am a bad boy, and mother says so, and every one says so."

"But you are not a bad boy—at least, I think so; and you can be as good a boy as any one. Ask God to help you to be good, and you will be sure to succeed."

The poor boy's eyes filled with tears. He was not used to such kind words; and when his teacher left him he thought, "Can I be a good boy when every one says I'm so bad? But he did not say I was bad: he said I could be a good boy. I will be a good boy,"

From that time a marked change was observed in the boy. He grew up to be a great and good man, and became governor of one of the largest of the United States.

BIBLE QUESTIONS.

ABOUT DREAMS.



WHEN George was a little boy, he once had what is called the nightmare. He dreamed that all the potatoes in the cellar had legs, and were racing around in every direction. How frightened he was!

Now I am going to ask you some questions about dreams, the answers to which you will find in the Bible.

What two persons in the Bible, of the same name, are spoken of as having had several important dreams?

What kings had important dreams?

What wife of a ruler had a dream?

To what person did God, or the Angel of the Lord, appear in dreams? Try and find eight of these.

Where are we told that "a dream cometh through much business?"

Who dreamed about a cake of barley-bread?

Who prayed, and had his prayer answered in a dream?

Whom did the Lord refuse to answer in dreams?

Where are we told of hungry and thirsty men dreaming of eating and drinking?

No correct answer having been given to our Bible Enigma published in September, we now offer the prize then announced, to the Boy (attending our meetings) who will send correct answers to the above questions to the Secretary, on or before Monday, Dec. 10th.