OUR YOUNG FOLKS.

To be young is to be one of the immortals.-HAZLITT.

Cheerfulness.

A man who acquires a habit of giving way to depression is on the road to ruin. When trouble comes upon him, instead of rousing his energies to combat it, he weakens, and his faculties grow dull, and his judgment becomes obscured, and he sinks in the slough of despair. And if anyone pulls him out by main force and places him safe on solid ground, he stands there dejected and discouraged, and is pretty sure to waste the means of help which have been given him. How different is the man who takes a cheery view of life even at its worst, and faces every ill with unyielding pluck. He may be swept away with an over-whelming tide of misfortune, but he bravely struggles for the shore, and is ever ready to make the most of the help that may be given him. A cheerful, hopeful, courageous disposition is an invaluable trait of character, and should be assiduously cultivated.

Golden Words.

A Good adviser says: "Next to the love of her husband. nothing so crowns a woman's life with honor as the devo-tion of a son to her. We never knew a boy to turn out badly who began by falling in love with his mother. Any man may fall in love with a fresh-faced girl, and the man who is gallant to the girl may cruelly neglect the poor, weary wife in after years. But the big boy who is a lover of his mother, at middle age is a true knight, who will love his wife in the sore leaf of autumn as he did in the daisied spring. There is nothing so beautifully chivalrous as the love of a big boy for

An Economical Dog.

Instances of canine economy are by no means rare; but the account of a dog miser, is, so far as our records extend unique. Dandie, the animal referred to, was a Newfoundland dog, belonging to a gentleman in Edinburgh. It frequently had money given to it, because, besides other interesting signs of sagacity. it would go to the baker's and buy its own bread. Int Dandie received more money than his needs called for, and so he took to hoarding it. This his master discovered in consequence of the dog's appearing one day with a breakfast roll when it was known that no one had given it any money. Suspicion aroused, search was made in the room where the dog slept. Dandie appeared quite unconcerned until his bed was approached, when he seized the servant by her gown and tried to drag her away, and became so violent that his master had to hold him. Sevenpence-halfpenny was found hidden in the bed. Dandie did not forego his saving propensities even after this; but he exhibited a great dislike afterward for the servant who had discovered his hoard, and in future was careful to select a different place of concealment.

An Aim Ahead.

If we could all be great-if each of us in this grand and beautiful world might win fame and honor—if we might gain the praise of the multitude, and be pointed out in the throng as the gifted artist, author, or statesman-it would be very pleasant, doubtless, and soothing to our pride. But if all were eminent there would be no eminence. If every one stood at the top of the ladder, this would be a very humdrum world, for the mainspring of trying to win any good thing is emulation. But it is certain that all cannot be at the top. Society is made up of all grades, but while some will always remain in the humble ranks of plodders, even the lowest may accomplish some great object, which, though it does not secure fame, may win peace and joy. The golden rule of life is to "Do everything the very best you can." We may make our mark as well in one place as another, though perhaps not as plainly; but if, in the beginning of our career, we make up our minds to do every duty promptly which comes in our way, to act and speak kindly as we have opportunity, to make life easier to others, if we can do so, in short, to do all we can toward making the world a pleasant place to live in, we will win something far more precious than fame—the love of those around us, and the approval of God. H. V.

OUR PUZZLE PRIZE.

This month the contest for the prize has been fought by those who were not afraid of difficulties, while a good number thinking them too hard, backed out and did not write at all We want all to write whether they answer all the puzzles or not. Lizzie Kiunisten, Park Hill, was the only correpondent answering them ell correctly and richly deserves the prize which we have awarded her. a similar prize of a nicelybound, interesting story book will be given for the best set of answers to the puzzles in this number.

Correct answers have been received from Bertha Miller, Walkerville; Hartley J. Doane, Thornton; Mary Craig, Col-chester; W. Cunningham, London East; Nettie Bisnett, Rond Eau; J. D., Kirkton; J. A. Galbraith, St Mary's; Richard L. Eedy, London; Bertie, Brooklyn; George H., Toronto; Walter Jackson, Montreal; J. H. Evans, Hamilton; Minnie Carrews, Sarnia; Kate Wilger, Toronto, and W. H. Groat, Port

AUGUST PUZZLES.

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DIAMOND PUZZLE.

An abbreviation for the name of a Canadian Province. A village in the Province. The name of the Province. A town in the Province. to distra Atmosphere. A vowel.

12. - DECAPITATION.

Whole I grow in the fields; behead me and I am an admirer; behead again and I am above; behead again and transpose and I am an abreviation of a title of respect.

HIDDEN COUNTIES IN ONTARIO.

- 1. They were both well and in good spirits.
- We began to halt on the hill.
- 3. He is adding tons and cwis. together.
- 4. That is a good ox for driving.
- 5. Thomas peeled the bark off a tree. 6. He came worth nothing; went worth thousands.

SQUARE WORD. A songster. A river in Europe. A girl's name. A color.

5. REBUS. 2,000 UU lbs.

CHARADE.

Repeat a well-known quadruped; My next you'll find in nation. My whole reveals a wicked deed Of deepest degradation.

R. L. Eedy

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ANSWERS TO JULY PUZZLES.

- Decapitation :- Start-tart-art.
- Rebus.—An M on E—anemone.
- I E E Ñ II 0 0 \mathbf{R} E M E

4. A had 5 sheep and B 3.