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Present! Past! Future!

The famous English newspaper, *The Times*, has been issued each week day ever since the year 1785. Past the office where it is published in Printing House Square, London, a countless throng is hurrying all day to one of the busiest underground railway stations in the great city.

Above the office building is a symbol which attracts much notice. A clock has grouped about it three books. The book in the centre is wide open, and across it is printed in clear, bold letters, *THE TIMES*. At the left is a book, also open, bearing the title, *Times Past*, while the book to the right is closed, with a key beside it, and bears the inscription, *Future*.

The open book in the centre suggests that the paper is ready to receive and record the happenings of the time, as they occur all the world over. And it is the business of the publishers to see that a true account is given of what is taking place. The *Times* of the present is meant to reflect, like a mirror, the doings of its own day.

The book at the left of the symbol, as we have seen, is also open. We may imagine it to contain all that has been printed in the *Times* of every day for more than a century and a quarter. There is a challenge in the open pages of that book. It is a proclamation to the world, that the publishers of the newspaper are ready to stand by what they have printed during all those years and be judged by it.

It is a closed book that lies to the right, marked *Future*. Of course the thought is, that no one knows whether the *Times* will continue to be printed or, if it does, what will be printed in it throughout coming days and

years. But it lies beside the *Times* of the past and the *Times* of the present. And that is practically a promise that the paper will, so long as it exists, give, each day in the future as in the present and past, a full and truthful story of the world's events as they come to pass.

That symbol, high above the rushing crowd, standing over the door through which news messages pour in from all parts of the globe, has its lesson for us. Our business in the present is to make our lives true and noble. Then, when the present becomes the past, we shall not have to be ashamed of it, and out of a worthy past and present will come an honorable future.

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BY ONE OF THEM

Our Class meets every Sunday at 3 o'clock, and every second Thursday at 7.30 in the evening. We are known on Sunday as the Boys' Junior Bible Class, and on the week night as Boys' Club No. 19. We have a room of our own made by sliding doors for the Sunday Class, and have the use of the church basement on Thursday nights for drill and athletics.

Our teacher is Mr. W. A. Adams, manual training master for the City Schools, who gives us an occasional lecture during the week. Our drill instructor and athletic trainer is Mr. Roy Campbell, of the First Hussars, who is champion long distance runner of the city.

We also have debates and general programmes. When there is no special programme, we have a paper chase or do some "stunts" by ourselves which we enjoy, may