

WELCOME AND SCHOOL

Do unto others
As Ye Would
That They
Should
Do unto
You.

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Holy Men of India.

THE picture on this page represents what are called two holy men of India. They profess to spend their time in worship. Some of them will place great iron collars about their necks and have many strings of beads hanging to their person. Others will pierce themselves with pieces of iron, and seek by suffering to make atonement for their sins. Some will crawl on their hands and knees for years, or hang suspended to a tree with their heads down, hoping by this means to merit salvation. It is for us to send them the knowledge of salvation through Jesus.



HOLY MEN OF INDIA.

The Family Pledge.

A CITY missionary relates the following incident, which illustrates the value of the family pledge:

In one of his walks about the poorer portion of the city he came upon one family which was quite destitute on account of the drinking habits of both husband and wife. The poor little children were uncared-for and left much of the time to themselves. He pleaded earnestly with the parents, for the sake of the children if not for their own good, to abandon the drink, and after much persuasion prevailed upon the mother to sign her name to a pledge. The father firmly refused, though again and again urged to do so.

The gentleman resolved to try a new plan. He procured a neat family pledge, suitable for framing, with space sufficient for five signatures, one line for each member of the family. He

desired the wife to sign her name on the second line, leaving the first line blank; and explaining the matter clearly to the three children, they were only too glad to promise to have nothing to do with the hateful drink, and put their names under their mother's.

The card was fastened up over the mantel. The father was urged to fill up the blank line, but moodily refused. The card remained there several days, preaching silently to the man and telling him his duty. It needed only his name to make a perfect card, and he

knew it. At last one morning he said to his eldest daughter, "Give me that card!" The poor girl appeared as though she did not hear the request, for she feared he meant to destroy it. A second time he demanded it, when she tremblingly obeyed, expecting the next minute to see it torn into pieces and cast into the fire. But no; he went to the table, took up pen and ink, wrote his name on the blank line, pinned up the card on the wall, and marched out of the room without saying a word.

The appearance of both family and

home soon changed for the better, and comfort reigned where had been only poverty and strife.—*National Temperance Almanac.*

A Dutiful Son.

A CORRESPONDENT writes us that during the visit of General S— at the White House an incident happened which exhibited General Garfield as an obedient son.

It was the practice of the President to run his eye over the morning papers while eating his breakfast. On the morning after General S—'s arrival, while at breakfast, the President, treating his guest as an old, familiar friend, began reading the newspapers. The customary act annoyed his venerable mother, whose notions of courtesy are of the old-fashioned sort.

"James! James!" she exclaimed, "put away the papers; General S— is with us."

"Yes, mother," smilingly replied the dutiful son.

"Yes, James," con-

tinued the old lady, "General S— does not come every day, and the papers do."

The papers were not read that morning at the breakfast-table.—*Youth's Companion.*

A LITTLE boy of three years, whose mother played the organ in church, and who was obliged to be left to the care of others, was asked one Sunday morning what his kitten was crying so piteously for. "I don't know," said he, "but 'spect the old cat has gone to church."