

THE FALSE FACE.



WHENEVER Boy knows what a "false face" is, and also the effect produced by wearing a false face. The face of a boy may naturally be pleasant and attractive, but his beauty may be covered by a hideous looking false face. On the other hand, he may lack what is known as beauty, but the defects are not seen if he wears a handsome "false face." But the wearing of such a covering does not make him either handsome or ugly. It is only a "false face." Now look at our picture. What a hideous looking skeleton appears behind a beautiful "false face." What does it mean? Boys, you have read in God's Word about "Sin." Now, sin is never presented to you by Satan in its true form. It is always covered with a false face.

Satan presents disobedience to parents as "being independent." He covers up smoking and drinking as being "manly." He covers up the theatre

and ball room with the false face of "pleasure."

We might multiply illustrations, but space will not admit. Boys, don't be deceived by these false faces. The way to avoid being deceived is to see what God's Word says about these things. Let the light of that *lamp* shine upon the temptation, and it will shew you the falsehood and deceit. It will reveal the bony fingers which hold the false face. May God help you to look at this subject in the right light.

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PRAY AND HANG ON.

WHEN little Tom was six years old, he went into the forest one afternoon to meet the hired man, who was coming home with a load of wood. The man placed master Tom on the top of the load and drove homeward. Just before reaching the farm, the team went briskly down a steep hill. When Tommy entered the house his mother said:

"Tommy, my dear, were you not frightened when the horses went trotting so swiftly down Crow Hill?"

"Yes, mother, a little," replied Tom, honestly; "but I asked the Lord to help me, and hung on like a beaver."

Sensible Tom! he joined working with praying. In all troubles pray and hang on like a beaver; ask God to help you, and at the same time do your part in helping yourself,

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING.

WHEN THOU GOEST, IT SHALL LEAD THEE.—PROV. vi. 22.