

The gambling halls are before you,
Their lights, how they dance to and fro!
If you should be tempted to enter,
Think twice, even thrice, ere you go.

In courage alone lies your safety,
When you the long journey begin,
And trust in a heavenly Father
Will keep you unspotted from sin.
Temptations will go on increasing,
As streams from a rivulet flow,
But if you are true to your manhood,
Take courage, my boy, and say no.

GIVING OUR HEARTS TO GOD.

ONE day a lady was teaching a class of little girls. She was talking to them about giving our heart to God. "My dear children," she said, "how soon may we give our hearts to God, and become true Christians?" They did not answer at first. Then she spoke to them one by one. Turning to the oldest scholar in the class, she asked, "What do you say, Mary?"

"When we are thirteen."

"What do you say, Jane?"

"When we are ten."

"What do you say, Susan?"

"When we are six."

At last she came to little Lillie, the youngest scholar in the class.

"Well, Lillie," she said, "how soon do you think we may give our hearts to God?"

"Just as soon as we feel that we are sinners, and know who God is," said Lillie.

How beautiful an answer that was, and how true! Yes, "as soon as you feel that you are a sinner, and know who God is," you may give him your heart, and become a Christian.