

#### ENTER NOT INTO THE PATH OF THE WICKED. Prov. 4, 14,

### SKUN THE WINE-CUP!

My boy, shun that cup, touch not a single drop; 'twill dry thy spirit up, and blast thy parent's hope. It was our father's curse-it caused them misery; then boys, go on thy course, but let the wine cup be. That cursed cup through time has stood, the harbinger of crime-has stained the world with blood! And wilt thou touch it now? 'Twill prove thy misery; then boys we do entreat to let the wine-cup be. Warriors brave, and statesmen true, have fallen by its power-Through yielding to its syren charms, in an unguarded hour. Poets & sagestoo beneath its sway have bowed and genius in all its pride. has sunk beneath the load. Old age & blooming youth in its sad train we see; Then, boys, we urge you, be induced to let the wine-cup be.



# THE MEEK.

MISSIONARY in Jamaica was questioning the little native boys on Matthew 5, and asked, "Who are the meek?"

A boy answered, "Those who give soft answers to rough questions."

# CHILDREN AND TREE FROGS.



HEN I was a boy, I one day heard a minister say, "Children are like tree-frogs," I wondered what he could mean by such words as these, for I could see no resemblance at all

between children and tree-frogs. "It is said," remarked the minister, "that a tree-frog becomes the colour of the bark of whatever kind of a tree it is on."

And he continued, "Boys and Girls are like them in this way; they partake of the habits of those with whom they keep company. If they play with bad children, they will be likely soon to form the same bad habits which they practice." Oh, how true were his words!



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THE PATH OF THE JUST IS AS THE SHINING LIGHT. Prov. 4, 18.

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HAT is pride? What does it mean?" said a teacher. No. answer from the listeners, so he had to give both question and answer himself. Said he; "Big I and little u;" and turning quickly, he wrote upon the blackboard just those two letters,

The effect was telling, and awakened a lively consciousness that all needed to profit from such a text.

# CYRUS.

YRUS, when a youth, being at the court of his grandfather Cambyses, undertook one day to be cupbearer at table. It was the duty of this officer to taste the liquor before it was presented to the king. Cyrus, without performing this ceremony, delivered the cup in a very graceful manner to his The king observed the grandfather. omission, which he imputed to forgetfulness. "No," replied Cyrus, "I was afraid to taste, because I apprehended there was poison in the liquor; for not long since, at an entertainment which you gave, I observed that the lords of your court after drinking it became very noisy, quarrelsome, and frantic. Even you sir, seemed to have forgotten that you were a king."

THE HEN AS A TEACHER.



AVE you ever watched a hen taking her food? If so, you must have noticed that while she almost greedily devoured the grain, she seemed to be careful to

avoid every thing calculated to injure her. She does not refuse the grain because there is some dirt mixed with it; she refuses the dirt only. God has endowed her with instinct, and using it she is enabled to distinguish between that which is good for food, and that which is injurious. Boys can you not learn a lesson from the hen? In your journey through life you will meet both good and bad.

Then against evil actions or words take great care ;

The grain from the grit and the gravel keep clear;

Thus feed on the food which the Lord doth provide,

And cast all the rubbish and refuse aside.

THE WAY OF THE WICKED IS AS DARKNESS. Prov. 4, 19.

AT ENE SERVICE PROPERTY

#### TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL THINE HEART. Prov. 3. 5,

# A LITTLE AT A TIME.

LITTLE boy was shovelling away at a pile of snow, when a gentleman passing by, said-"Do you expect to get all that snow off the path?"

Yes, sir," answered the boy. "Why, how can you do it?" said he. "By throwing off a little at a time," answered the boy. And he was right. One shovel-ful at a time did the work.

# PRIZE AWARDED.

UR Bible enigma which appeared in June has been solved by Masobter J. D. Spence. The answer will be found in Psalm 13, 5-6.

# FROM "A FAR COUNTRY."

HE following poetical solution of the Bible Enigma which appeared in our first number, has been sent all the way from Sydney, in New South Wales. The writer (Mr. A. L. Thomas,) is a warm friend of our Association, and while a resident in Toronto, rendered us much valuable service.

ANSWER TO BIBLE ENIGMA.

In first of Peter, chapter third, Sarah's obedience owns her lord; In second Timothy, number one,

Lois & Eunice for faith have shone. In Acts sixteen, we clearly trace How Lydia entertained with grace. Whilst in the tenth of Luke we find That Martha was of careful mind.

And though in ninth of Acts we read, That Dorcas gave to those in need;

In second Luke, we fail to find

That Anna's service has been surpassed in kind.

Obedience, Faith, and Hospitality;

Joined with Carefulness and Charity,

Must also be by constant Service crown'd When from "the Lord" we likewise

peace have found.

Thus these dear handmaids, now forever blest;

Teach us our duty, if we'd find like rest.

# **BOYS LECTURE COURSE.**



The Sixth Lecture of the Course, will (D.V.) be delivered on FRIDAY, July 20th. at Eight o'clock, Р.М.

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SUBJECT,

"A TRIP TO MANITOBA."

FEAR THE LORD, AND DEPART FROM EVIL. Prov. 3. 7.

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