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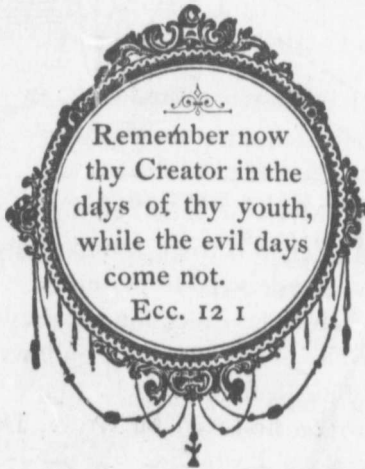
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INTRODUCTORY.

WHILE giving prayerful consideration to the Boy's department in connection with our Association, it was impressed upon us that the publication of a monthly paper devoted to the interests of the Boys, could not fail to prove beneficial.

Our weekly Bulletin has been owned of God in the work among Young Men, and why should not this paper be similarly owned in the advancement of the Spiritual welfare of the Boys?

With this object in view we have decided to commence the publication of the paper, and shall continue it just so long as we feel that we are in the line of duty by so doing.

All we ask from our friends is an interest in their prayers. No financial aid is required. The printing is a labour of love, and the cost of paper will be fully provided for. Should any friend feel led to favor us with original or selected articles suited to the object we have in view, the same will be thankfully received. We expect by God's blessing, to make this paper useful in increasing the attendance and interest in our Friday evening meeting for Boys, but above all is the desire that it may convey the message of salvation to many young lads.

THE BOY MAKES THE MAN.

THIS being true how important it is that parents and instructors should watch every movement of the young with vigilant eyes, and carefully to train them up to habits of devo-

MY SON, IF SINNERS ENTICE THEE, CONSENT THOU NOT.

tion, thoughtfulness and strict integrity.

The dignity of labor, the value of perseverance, the excellence of truthfulness, the pleasures of knowledge, the supreme benefits of Scripture study and of private prayer—these are topics which should be enforced and illustrated alike by precept and example.

The desire of the Y. M. C. A. is to lend a helping hand in this great work, and accordingly there has been organized in connection with many of the principal associations a "Boy's Branch."

The form of organization and method of working differs in almost every Association, but all are united in making the salvation of the Boys to be the great end ever to be kept in view.

The Boy's work in connection with our Association was commenced in the month of May, 1873, and at the Annual Meeting held in October of the same year, a Boy's Committee was added to the list of regular committees. The first Chairman was Mr. (now Rev.) Dyson Hague. The chairmanship was assigned to different persons each year until 1879 when Mr. Charles (more familiarly known to the boys as Charlie) Edwards, took charge and was retained in office until his departure for New York in 1882. Under his direction the work was well sustained, and his departure was regretted by all. The work is now under the charge of Mr. J. J. Findlay, and is progressing as favorably as could well be expected. We hope that in the proposed alterations in our building the claims of the Boy's Branch will not be forgotten.

THE BEGINNING AND THE END.



A MAN who had committed murder, was tried, found guilty, and condemned to be hung. A few days before his execution, he drew upon the walls of his prison, a gallows, with five steps leading up to it.

On the first step he wrote, *DISOBEDIENCE TO PARENTS*.

On the second step he placed *Sabbath breaking*.

On the third step, — *Gambling and Drunkenness*.

On the fourth step, — *Murder*, and upon the fifth step, — *The Fatal Platform*.

Boys, be sure you never take the first step, Many young boys imagine that *doing as they like* is manly, It can never result in good, for it is contrary to God's command. "OBEY YOUR PARENTS."

MY SON, BE ADMONISHED.

MY SON, GIVE ME THINE HEART.

THE HEART AND TONGUE.

ONE Mr. Tongue,
Of much renown,
Who lived at large
In Tattle Town,
Was mischief full,
And wicked, too,
As all could tell,
If Tongue they knew.

The statute brought,
The charge was plain,
That Tongue was full
Of deadly bane.*
Tongue then was seized,
And brought to Court,
Pleading himself
The impending suit.

'Tis neighbour Heart,
Pled Mr. Tongue,
'Who leads me into
So much wrong; †
I should be good
As neighbours are;
As Mr. Nose,
Or Eye, or Ear,

'If neighbour Heart,
Who lives below,
Were changed by grace,
Or made anew;
'Tis very hard
To bear the wrong
Of neighbour Heart,'
Said Mr. Tongue.

The plea was sound,
Of Mr. Tongue;
Jurors and Judge
Said, all as one,
'While neighbour Heart
Is also wrong,
No good,' they said,
'Could come from Tongue.

'The Court decide,
As the best good

*Jas. iii, 9 †Matt, xv. 19.

To renovate
The neighbourhood,
That Mr. Heart
Must be renew'd,
Or never Tongue
Can be subdued.'

BIBLE QUESTIONS, ANSWERS, AND
WARNINGS.

QUESTIONS.

WHO hath WOE?
WHO hath SORROW?
WHO hath CONTENTIONS?
WHO hath BABBLING?
WHO hath WOUNDS?
WHO hath REDN'S of EYES?

ANSWERS.

THEY that tarry
long at the
that go to
seek mixed
WINE

WARNING.

LOOK NOT THOU
upon the
WINE
WHEN IT IS RED,

when it giveth
his
COLOUR
in the CUP,



when it
MOVETH
itself
ARIGHT.

At the last it
BITETH LIKE A SERPENT,
and
SPINGETH like an ADDER.

Proverbs xxiii, 29-32.

MY SON, BE STRONG IN GRACE.

GOD HEARD THE VOICE OF THE LAD.

PLEASE NOTE.

IN future this paper will (D.V.) be issued on the second Friday in each month. We hope to make the future numbers increasingly interesting to our young friends. Any person wishing to receive the paper himself, or desiring it for others, can secure its regular delivery by sending 12 cents to the General Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. This amount is required for Postage,—for the paper we make no charge.

We would like to have the names of a few hundred boys on such a list. Perhaps some of our members who are Sunday School Teachers may think it well to furnish a copy to each member of their class.

BOY'S LECTURE COURSE.

THE first Lecture on this Course, was delivered on Friday evening last, 19th inst. by W. A. Douglas Esq. The subject was "The story of the Atlantic Cable." There were 65 boys present, and a more attentive and orderly audience could not easily be secured. The Lecturer received a handsome vote of thanks.

It is intended (if possible,) that one lecture on this Course shall be delivered each month.

THE GOSPEL.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John iii, 16.

OUR PRIZE COLUMN.

WHILE reading the biography of an eminent Christian lady, I came across the following paragraph,—She was

A *Sarah* to her husband,
A *Eunice* to her children,
A *Lois* to her grand-children,
A *Lydia* to ministers,
A *Martha* to her guests,
A *Dorcas* to the poor, and
An *Anne* to her God.

We will give a nice Pocket Bible as a Prize for the most accurate answers to the following questions,—

1. Where do those names appear in the Bible?
2. What were they noted for?
3. What then was the reputation of the Lady referred to?

Answers to be addressed to the Secretary, at Shaftesbury Hall, and must be received by the 6th of February.

REMEMBER
THAT A
BOY'S 
MEETING
IS HELD EVERY
FRIDAY EVENING,
at EIGHT o'clock,
In Parlour "**B**" SHAFTESBURY HALL.
ALL BOYS WELCOME.
COME!

GOD WAS WITH THE LAD.