

The ECYS of To-day, are the YOUNG MEN of To-morrow.



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A GOOD NAME
is rather to be chosen
than GREAT RICHES,
and loving favour
rather than SILVER
and GOLD.

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PERSONAL.

MR. CHARLES EDWARDS, our former Chairman, has returned to Toronto, and entered into business.

We expect to have him present with us whenever circumstances will permit.

BOY'S LECTURE COURSE.

THE Fifth lecture of the course, was delivered on the 25th of May, by Rev. Dyson Hague, who, 10 years ago, was appointed Chairman of our first Committee on Boy's work. Mr. Hague's address was one of much interest, and was listened to by the boys with marked attention.

The next lecture will, (D.V.) be delivered on the 22nd inst. by Mr. Findlay.

THE WORK ELSEWHERE.

WE are pleased to note the rapid growth, and marked success of the Boy's work, in connection with the Associations in the Dominion, and the United States. We trust that the day is not far distant, in which every Association shall be taking part in this good work of seeking to interest the boys in the all important object of life, — their Eternal Salvation.

BLESS THEM WHICH PERSECUTE YOU. Rom. 12. 14.

BE NOT WISE IN YOUR OWN CONCEITS. Rom. 12. 16.

OVER THE FENCE.

BOY.

OVER the fence is a garden fair—
How I would love to be over there!
All that I lack is a mere pretence!
I could leap over the low white fence.

CONSCIENCE.

This is the way that crimes commence;
Sin and sorrow are over the fence.

BOY.

Over the fence I can toss my ball,
And then go in for it—that is all;
Picking an apple up under the tree
Would not be really a theft, you see.

CONSCIENCE.

That is a falsehood, a weak pretence;
Sin and sorrow are over the fence.

BOY.

Whose is the voice that speaks so plain?
Twice have I heard it, and not in vain;
So I'll not venture to look that way,
Lest I may do what I planned to-day.

CONSCIENCE.

Remember, thus all crimes commence,
Coveting that which is over the fence;
Remember, God from above doth view
Whatever you think, and whatever
[you do.

COME TO THE BOY'S
MEETING.

SHAFTESBURY HALL,

Every FRIDAY Evening, at 8 o'clock.

ALL WELCOME.

STONE BOOKS.



WHAT strange books they must be! I wonder what they look like? We think we hear some of our boys asking this question. We will try to answer the question by telling something about them. Probably the oldest volume is now in the British Museum. It is the lid of a mummy case covered with Hieroglyphics, or picture writing. This stone book is perhaps 4000 years old.

It was found in the Great Pyramid in Egypt, and it gives the name and some of the history of the builder of the Pyramids.

But let us look at another library of stone books. To do so, we must visit Egypt, and sail up the river Nile until we arrive at the ruins of the ancient city Thebes. Among the largest ruins is the "Temple of Karnak" Of its pillars, 134 are still standing as when put up 1600 years before Jesus was born.

These ruins are very interesting, as their vast stone pages furnish us many facts relating to Sacred History.

Suppose we try to read a page in this great stone book. The page open before us is a huge picture. It represents a King returning from battle, leading 63 prisoners and now in the act of presenting them to his god. Under the figure of the king is his name "Shishak."

BE KINDLY AFFECTIONED ONE TO ANOTHER. Rom. 12. 10.

BE NOT OVERCOME WITH EVIL. Rom. 12. 21.

We now give an illustration of one of the figures in this picture.



You will observe that in this picture the man has a rope around his neck and that his arms are bound, showing that he is a prisoner. Next there is below the body, an oval shield with a turreted border, signifying that walled cities had been captured. On the shield is an inscription in hieroglyphics, *Judah Melch*, that is—the King of Judah. In other words, we are reading from the pages of the great stone

book at Karnak, a confirmation of the Bible account of the defeat of Rehoboam, by Shishak, (read 2 Chron. 12th Chap.) Thus we learn that the great stone library, and *The BOO*, agree.

ONE WRONG STEP.

ONE wrong step has brought many a man to crime, to prison, and death. One wrong acquaintance has led many a person to ruin. One wrong bargain has brought many a man to poverty and distress.

On one single rock a ship may be totally wrecked. The first cigar, the first drink, the first oath, the first gambling, the first theft—ah! what myriads of total wrecks are heaped about these rocks.

THE FOOL, AND HIS CHOPPER.



No doubt some boy, as he looks at this picture, will say 'Why what a foolish man! Think of a person cutting off the very branch which is supporting him! And then, he may lame himself, or perhaps be killed by the fall.'

You are right, my boy, the man is doing a very foolish act, and he will certainly suffer for it. But are you quite sure that there is no likeness between the man in the picture, and yourself?

Is it possible that you are chopping away at the branch which now supports you? Let us look at this subject for a few moments. Your parents desire to give you a good education, but you are so idle or careless, or perhaps both combined, that you will not study the lessons given you. Or, your friends have secured for you a situation in a first-class establishment. There is every prospect of success before you, but you are so negligent that your employer has informed you that unless there is some change he will discharge you. One more illustration. You are now in the

LET US PUT ON THE ARMOUR OF LIGHT. Rom. 13. 12.

enjoyment of good health, and there is no reason why this should not continue.

But you think you must imitate some of your companions. So you learn to smoke, or you go a step lower and frequent the Billiard saloon, or perhaps a still lower step and you now take an occasional glass. Now, what does it all mean? Simply this,—The fool and his chopper, repeated. You are hacking away at that which is designed to support you. Boys! think on these things and don't act foolishly.

BIBLE ENIGMA.

- I** AM composed of 113 letters;—
My 103, 41, 77, 67, 4, 53, 14, is something God will do.
My 13, 88, 2, 58, 92, 22, 38, 8, 15, is something which the Lord did.
My 6, 97, 80, 15, 33, 110, 93, 30, 78 57, 103, 16, 10, 98, 46, the resting place of a king.
My 108, 45, 100, 67, 12, something a King wished for.
My 23, 41, 1, 79, 29, 92, something a nation did toward the Lord.
My 50, 106, 41, 70, 28, 103, 11, 63, is something we should not be.
My 24, 95, 57, 9, 111, 85, 15, 60, 42, 101, 91, 73, 11, 112, 56, 75, 102, 90, 25, something we should be.
My 96, 71, 84, 39, 74, 40, 87, 61, 104, 33, is something to be desired.
My 3, 54, 96, 17, 82, 109, a man in authority west-ward of the Euphrates.
My 37, 94, 112, 85, 59, 66, 97, 41, 72, 86, 111, 61, 12, 103, 87, 39, 18, represents the melancholy condition of a young man.

My 55, 19, 104, 21, 97, 12, 51, 69, 15, 47, 98, 74, 50, is something a King caused others to lose, and eventually lost himself.

My 9, 48, 107, 65, 100, 44, a wood no longer purchased.

My 83, 33, 99, 31, 25, something forbidden in Scripture.

My 43, 89, 105, 6, 34, a City.

My 52, 27, 81, 6, 76, 100, 59, 89, a proper name, signifying a she-wolf.

My 5, 35, 49, is a poor material with which to build.

My 37, 102, 7, 74, 105, 20, something a King's enemies were.

My 32, 68, 26, 99, 62, 3, is something which a Prophet said would attend the death of a certain nation.

My 113, 35, 4, is a man who died suddenly.

My whole is something a man said he had done; something he would do; and why.

As a prize for the first correct answer, we will give a handsome, illustrated book entitled 'In the Polar Regions.'

Answers must be sent in by the 1st Monday in July, and must be in accordance with the rules previously published.

BOYS LECTURE COURSE.

The Sixth Lecture of the Course, will (D.V.) be delivered on FRIDAY, June 22nd, at Eight o'clock, P.M. by

MR. J. J. FINDLAY.

Subject;-- "A trip to Manitoba."