

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



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Obey your parents  
in all things: for  
this is well-pleasing  
unto the Lord.

Colossians iii. 20.

### OUR MEETINGS.

**T**HE weekly meetings are regularly held, and considering the many disadvantages under which the Committee labors, owing to lack of specially adapted rooms, the work is progressing favorably. We are anxiously awaiting the plans for the renovation of Shaftesbury Hall, so that we may see what provision is to be made for "Our Boys" Branch. With facilities placed at our disposal, we feel

assured that a good work can be done for the Boys of Toronto; and that by caring for them, the future welfare of the Young Men's Christian Association will be advanced.

### BOY'S LECTURE COURSE.

**A**NFORESEEN circumstances prevented us from completing arrangements for a Lecture as announced in the January number. We hope, however, to be able to provide a lecture this month, and will announce it at our Boy's meeting and in our SHAFTESBURY HALL BULLETIN.

### HAVE FAITH IN GOD.

**A**LITTLE fellow not ten years of age was employed by a lady to sweep snow from the doorstep. This lad had a hard life of it, for he supported himself by the labor of his little hands, and braved all weathers. The lady asked him if he did not feel discouraged and afraid to be alone in this world? The sweeper looked at her and said: "Don't you think that God will take care of a feller if he puts his trust in Him and does the best he can."

Lead us not into temptation.

Matt. vi. 13.

The Lord...shall keep you from evil.

2 Thess. iii. 3.

### THE BREWER'S DOG.

**T**HE brewer's dog is abroad, boys,  
Be careful where you stray :  
His teeth are coated with poison,  
And he's on the watch for prey.  
The brewery is his kennel,  
But he lurks on every hand,  
And he seeks for easier victims—  
The children of the land.  
His eyes gleam through the windows  
Of the gay saloon at night,  
And in many a grocer's window  
He crouches full in sight.  
Be careful when you enter,  
And, if you smell his breath,  
Flee as you would from a viper,  
For his fumes are the fumes of death.  
O boys! would you kill the bloodhound?  
Would you slay the snarling whelp?  
I know that you can do it  
If everyone will help.  
You must make a solemn promise  
To drink no ale or beer,  
And soon the feeble death wail  
Of the brewer's dog we'll hear.  
For, if all keep the promise,  
YOU CAN STARVE HIM OUT, I KNOW;  
But if boys and men keep drinking,  
The dog will thrive and grow

—Selected.

### LIVINGSTONE AND HIS BIBLE.



**E**ARS had passed  
since he had heard  
from home. The  
sound of his mo-  
ther-tongue came  
to him only in the  
broken sentences  
of his attendants,  
or in the echoes of  
his own voice as he used it in prayer,  
or in some cry of home-sickness that  
could not be kept in. Where, then, did  
he find any comfort? In his Bible, and  
here is the proof: "I read the whole  
Bible through four times while I was in  
Manyuema," he wrote in his diary  
under date of Oct. 3rd, 1871.

### FACTS WORTH KNOWING.

Envelopes were first used in 1839.  
Telescopes were invented in 1590.  
The first steel pen was made in 1830.  
Watches were first constructed in  
1476.  
The first iron steamship was built in  
1830.  
The first lucifer match was made in  
1829.  
Gold was discovered in California in  
1848.  
The first horse railroad was built in  
1826-7.  
The first steamboat plied the Hudson  
in 1807.  
Coaches were first used in England in  
1569.  
Post offices were first established in  
1464.  
Modern needles first came into use  
1545.  
Kerosene was first used for lighting  
purposes in 1826.  
The first newspaper advertisement  
appeared in 1653.  
The first use of a locomotive in this  
country was in 1829.  
The first newspaper was published in  
England in 1588.  
The first printing press in the United  
States was introduced in 1629.  
Glass windows were first introduced  
into England in the eighth century.  
The first steam engine on this conti-  
nent was brought from England in 1753.  
The first complete sewing machine  
was patented by Elias Howe, Jr., in  
1846.  
The first knives were used in England,  
and the first wheeled carriages in  
France in 1559.

Blessed are the peacemakers :  
for they shall be called the children  
of God.

Matt. v. 9.

Deliver us from evil.

Matt. vi. 13.

Our God...is able to deliver us.  
Dan. iii. 17.



### SAILOR JIM AND THE COMPASS.

**W**HEN Tom the sailor-boy and his father came into port, another sailor boy came off the vessel with them. He was called "Jim, the Swallow boy" (the name of his ship).

"Now, boys, I'll tell you," said Jim, one day, "We got lost at sea once. We couldn't tell where we were going to for a long while."

"Got lost!" cried Frank Gill, "I should think you would. How do you ever know where you are going, Jim?"

"Come, tell us, Jim," said two or three of the boys.

"Did you ever see a compass, boys?"

"A compass! what is that?"

"Now, boys, I'll sit down on this log and show you a compass, such as we use at sea." The boys came round and looked. "Does this keep you from being lost at sea, Jim?"

"Yes; and I'll show you how. This card is divided into thirty-two points.

Now begin here at the North, and count them round. Then look at this little needle. If it is ever so dark or stormy, it points right to the North, and this shows us how to sail. There is a magnet or loadstone which gives the needle power to do this; and it always does it where it has a fair chance. We put this box, with the compass in it, on board ship, where the man can see it who stands at the helm to steer; and by looking at the needle, he knows which way to guide the ship.

"Now, hurrah for the compass, boys, and for every boy who steers right! To steer right, is to go just the way the Bible tells us. This makes good boys, brave boys, great men, and happy men!"

### A WORD TO THE YOUNG.

**I**F you perceive that anything in your ways makes your parents unhappy, you ought to have no peace until you have corrected it; and if you find yourself indifferent or insensible to their will and wishes, depend upon it yours is a carnal, disobedient, ungrateful heart. If you love them, keep their commandments, otherwise love is a mere word in the mouth, or a notion in the fancy, but not a ruling principle in the heart. They know much of the world, you very little; trust them, therefore, when they differ from you, and refuse compliance with your desire. They watch over you for good, and are entitled to great deference and cheerful obedience. You may easily shorten the lives of affectionate and conscientious parents by misconduct, bad tempers, and alienation from their injunctions. Let not this sin be laid to your charge.

—Leigh Richmond.

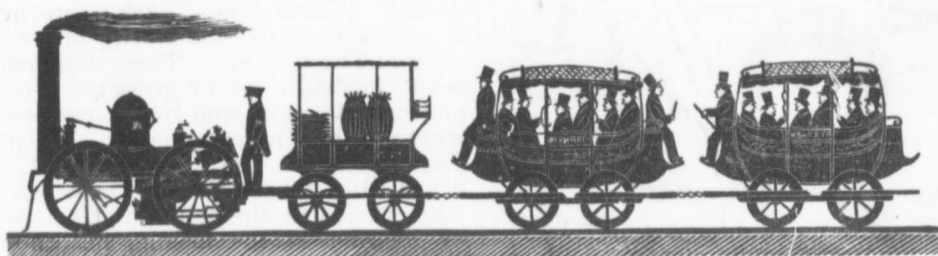
Jesus said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not.  
—Luke xviii. 16.

He that...seeketh good procureth favour.  
Prov. xi. 27.

No good thing will He withhold.

Psa. xxxiv. 11.

## PRIMITIVE RAILWAY TRAIN.



**I**N 1826 a charter was granted to the Mohawk and Hudson River Railway Co for a railroad to run from Albany to Schenectady, N. Y., a distance of 16 miles. The land was either given to the company, or sold for a trifling consideration, and in 1830 the work was commenced. The train ran along the open streets, and travelled across fields, up hill and down. The road was finished in 1831. Both engines and horses were used, and of course the trains proceeded at a very slow rate.

The first steam passenger excursion train was run on this road in 1831. The weight of the engine was 4 tons; it was imported from England, and was named the John Bull. The engineer was John Hampson, an Englishman. There were fifteen passengers on the train of two coaches, among whom were the following: 1. John Hampson, Engineer; 2. Billy Marshall, Conductor; 3. Unknown; 4. Ex-Gov. Jos. C. Yates; 5. Josiah Snow, Editor Southbridge Register; 6. Thurlow Weed; 7-8. Unknown; 9. Billy Winne, Penny Postman; 10. Unknown; 11. Major Meigs, Sheriff; 12. Jacob Hayes, High Constable; 13. Chas. E. Dudley, Dudley Observatory; 14. James Alexander, Pres. Com. Bank; 15. Lewis Benedict; 16. Unknown.

### BE THOROUGH.

**O**NE of the meanest things about a boy or a man is a disposition to shirk and half do the things that he undertakes to do. A field half hoed, a garden half weeded, a cellar half cleaned, a job half finished, all these show a very bad trait of character in a person. Whatever you begin, finish it; whatever you undertake to do, do it well. "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might."

THOU, GOD, SEEST ME.

Thou satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

Psa. cxlv. 16.

## REMEMBER

THAT A

BOY'S

MEETING

IS HELD EVERY

FRIDAY EVENING,

at EIGHT o'clock.

In Parlour "B" SHAFTESBURY HALL.

ALL BOYS WELCOME.

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