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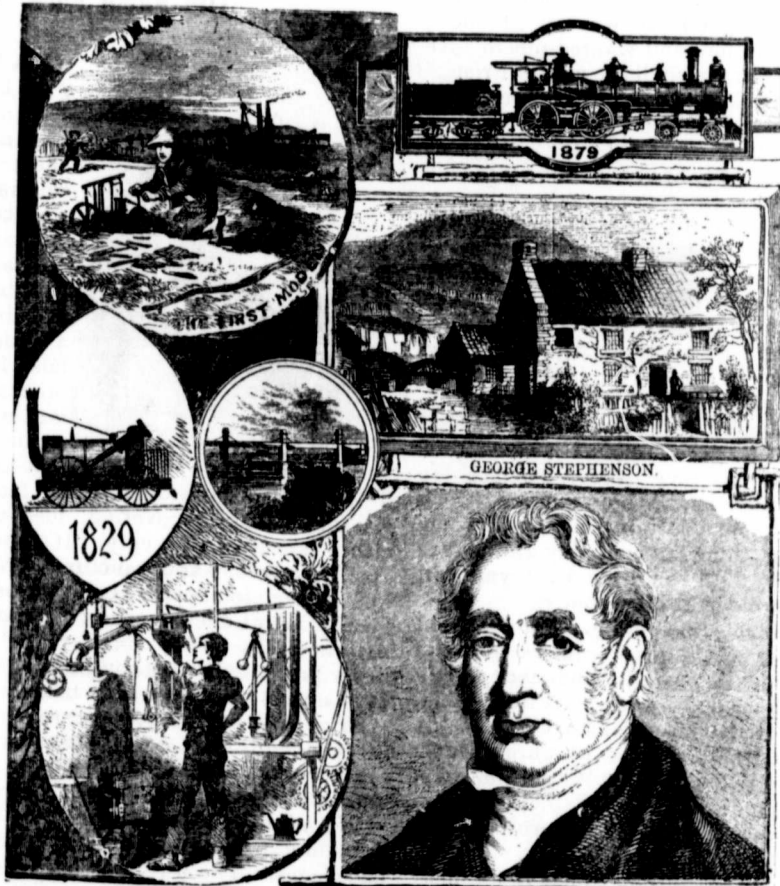
George Stephenson.

TO George Stephenson's intelligence and perseverance is due the introduction of railways into England, and a study of his life cannot fail to be helpful to young people, as it teaches us how perseverance meets with its reward. He was born in the village of Wylam, England, on June 9, 1781. His parents were poor, and he had but few advantages. When only eight years of age he entered his first situation, his wages being two pence, or about five cents a day. His favorite amusement was erecting clay engines. He found the clay in the neighbouring bogs, and hemlock sticks supplied the imaginary steam pipes. At 14 he was taken to assist in the engine room, and he carefully studied the engine and its working. At this time he could neither read nor write, but he determined to learn, so he attended a night school, and by

the time he had reached 19 he was "proud to be able to write his own name." Such a lad would not fail to be appreciated. He was rapidly promoted, and finally was placed in charge of the mechanical department of the mine.. His first attempt at constructing a "travelling engine," as he then called it, was in 1813. But the great event in his history took place in the year 1821, when he was employed to make a survey of the line of the Stockton and Darlington Railway, the first railway in England, which was completed and opened Sept. 27, 1825, when Stephenson drove the first engine.

This great engineer died Aug. 12, 1848. His whole history teaches what may be

accomplished by energy and perseverance. But we must remember that there are still greater things than worldly success to be secured, and that only he who serves the Lord has learned the true secret of true success.



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Do You Want a Friend?

This is my Friend—*Song of Solomon* v. 16.



“FRIEND?” “It depends on what sort of a person you will offer me.” Now, I have a Friend, a very precious and trustworthy Friend, and because I know well He is longing to be your Friend too, I have just asked you to let me talk to you a little about Him. My Friend is the Lord Jesus Christ. I did not love Him first, or find out how good He was all at once; but He always loved me, and wanted me to love him in return. I want to spell the word “Friend” to you, and with each letter I will tell you something of what I have found out Jesus to be.

It will help you to remember better what Jesus is, to connect some thought about Him with each letter of the word FRIEND.

What may F stand for? Can you guess? *Faithful.* A faithful friend is Jesus. Faithful to us in our sins, faithful to us in our sorrows, faithful to us in our unfaithfulness. Other people may forsake us; they may find out our faults and become disappointed in us, but is it not good to know, that Jesus knows all about us from the very beginning, and loves us in spite of everything?

R is the next letter. Jesus is then a *Real* Friend. There is no deceit about His love for us. Jesus shows that His love is *real*, because He has done and, still does, so much for us. You know how He did for you long ago, you know how He does everything for you day and night; you can see how *real* a Friend He is, if you will only take the trouble to think about it.

I is the next letter—*Interceding.* What a good kind of friend that is! A man requires in some unexpected emergency powerful influence to obtain some much-needed boon. His future depends upon it. He has no right to claim it. It must be bestowed as a matter of pure favour. People wonder to see him. “Why,” they say, “how is it you take it so easily?” “Ah!” says he, “I’m not afraid; I have a powerful friend. He has influence in the right quarter. I shall get what I want. He is going to use it for me.”

Everlasting is our word for the letter E. Once a friend always a friend, is some people’s motto. It is so with Jesus. If once you throw your helpless soul upon Him for time and for eternity, He will never—no, never—forsake you. N stands for *near*. Yes; He is very near, always

near. “Lo, I am with you *always*.” You cannot always have your earthly friends with you. *Nothing can separate you from the love of Christ.* Your heavenly Friend will be with you at school, at service, at work, at home, everywhere and anywhere, in readiness to help and bless you.

What is our last letter? It is D; and D stands for *dear*. A *dear* Friend! You learn to love Jesus, although you never saw Him. “Whom having *not seen*, ye love” And if He is your Friend here he will be dearer yet, when one day you will know Him as you are known, and love Him with a perfect, unchanging, unwavering heart. *Is He your Friend?* That is what I want you to tell me. You cannot do better than accept the Lord Jesus as your FAITHFUL, REAL, INTERCEDING, EVERLASTING, NEAR, and DEAR FRIEND, even while I am talking to you.

The False Face.



EVERY child knows what a “false face” is, and also the effect produced by wearing a false face. The face of a child may naturally be pleasant and attractive, but the beauty may be covered by a hideous looking false face. On the other hand, he may lack what is known as beauty, but the defects are not seen

if he wears a handsome “false face.” But the wearing of such a covering does not make him either handsome or ugly. It is only a “false face.” Now look at our picture. What a hideous looking skeleton appears behind a beautiful “false face.” What does it mean? Children, you have read in God’s Word about “Sin.” Now, sin is never presented to you by Satan in its true form. It is always covered with a false face.

Satan presents disobedience to parents as “being independent.” He covers up smoking and drinking as being “manly.” He covers up the theatre and ball room with the false face of “pleasure.”

We might multiply illustrations, but space will not admit. Children, don’t be deceived by these false faces. The way to avoid being deceived is to see what God’s Word says about these things. Let the light of that *lamp* shine upon the temptation, and it will shew you the falsehood and deceit. It will reveal the bony fingers which hold the false face. May God help you to look at this subject in the right light.

ALF. S.

Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it.—John ii. 5.

Waiting to Hear God's Voice.

GOD sometimes spoke to Moses, who told the people God's will. One day, God said He would speak from the top of a mountain,—that the people should hear His voice; but they must not go near. On the third morning, the people stood looking on the mountain. On it there were thunders and lightnings, a thick cloud, and the loud voice of a trumpet. The people trembled; the mountain itself shook.

God's voice was heard calling to Moses to go "up to the top of the mountain"—into the smoke and cloud, near to the fire and lightnings. Moses went up. And what words did God speak? What we call the *Ten Commandments*, showing what is our duty to God and to one another. These commands may be put up in a very few words—"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and thy neighbour as thyself." We are to have no other God—no image of God. There must be no taking of God's name in vain—no breaking the Sabbath day which God had appointed—no disobedience to father or mother or those set over us—no hurting others by word or deed—no evil thoughts or desires. If we obey these laws, we shall love God and love one another—and shall be happy.

Our Great Example.

"Even Christ pleased not Himself."—Rom. xv. 3.

DO you really wish to follow the footsteps of the Holy Child Jesus? Have you asked God to make you more like Him? Are you ready to begin to-day? Then here is a motto for to-day, "Even Christ pleased not Himself." Will you take it, and try to imitate Him? You are sure to have plenty of opportunities of acting upon it, and thus proving not only to others, but to your dear Saviour Himself, that you mean what you say, and mean what you pray.

Certainty.

"Hath He said, and shall He not do it!"—NUM. xxiii. 19.



NF your father had promised to give you a great treat, would you go about in a dismal way saying, "Yes, it would be very nice? I hope papa will do it!" Would he be pleased at that? But if you came again, and reminded him of his promise, and he answered, "I have said it, and do you suppose I shall not do it?" what a silly child you would be if you still looked dismal, and went on only "hoping" he might do it! And what an ungrateful and unbelieving child you would be if you did not say brightly, "Thank you, dear papa!" and show him how glad you were

about it, and try your very best to be good and please him all day, because he has made you such a kind and sure promise!

When you read the Bible, or hear it read; keep looking out for God's promises. They are scattered all over the Bible, like beautiful bright stars. Then, every time you come to one of them, say to yourself, This will come true for me, for "hath He

said, and shall He not do it?"

Before you go to sleep, see if you can recollect as many promises as you are years old, and set upon every one this strong and shining seal, "Hath He said, and shall he not do it?"

When you reach the heavenly Canaan, you will find, as Joshua said, that "Not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the Lord your God spake concerning you; all are come to pass unto you, and not one thing hath failed thereof."—Josh. xxiii. 14.

"All that He hath spoken,
He will surely do!
Nothing shall be broken,
Every word is true."

THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURETH FOREVER.

1 Peter i. 25.

Apply thine ears to words of knowledge.—Prov. xxiii. 12.

Those Eyes.



YES are made to watch, but they also need watching. John Bunyan tells us that the chief entrances to "the town of Man-soul were Ear-gate and Eye-gate, the other three being Mouth-gate, Nose-gate and Feel-gate."

Through hearing and seeing, many a heart has been filled with sin by sights and sounds which have been admitted through the eyes and ears.

By listening to wrong things, and looking at evil sights, Satan begets in us a love for evil, and so leads us in sinful paths.

He that would escape from sin must shut his eyes from the seeing of evil, and stop his ears from the hearing of blood. Watch "Eye-gate" and "Ear-gate," and "keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life."

"That's How."

AFTER a great snow storm a little fellow began to shovel a path through a large snow-bank before his grandmother's door. He had nothing but a small shovel to work with.

"How do you expect to get through that drift?" asked a man passing along.

"By keeping at it, sir," said the boy, cheerfully; "that's how!"

That is the secret of mastering almost every difficulty under the sun. If a hard task is before you, stick to it. Do not keep thinking how large or how hard it is, but go at it, and little by little it will grow smaller and smaller until it is done.

The hand of the diligent maketh rich.

Proverbs 10. 4.

Be Honest, Children.

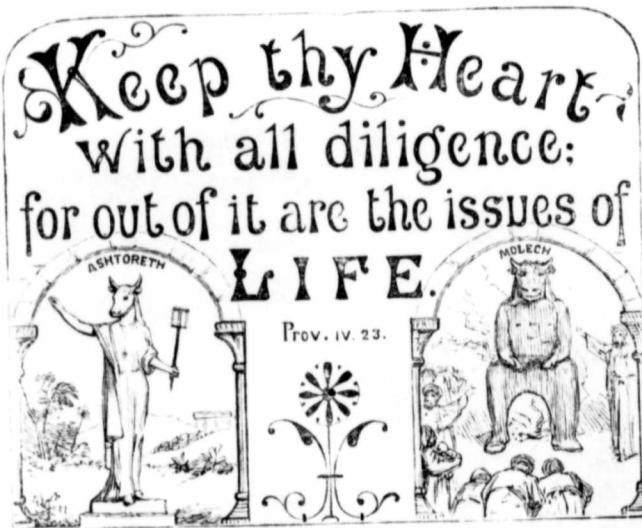


IT down and think about it, boys. Do you really want to be honest men? Men who can be trusted anywhere? And with any amount of money? Then you must begin by being honest now. Never allow yourselves to take or retain a single penny that is not rightfully your own. Take nothing without permission, or without giving something in return. Pick no berries that are not on your own side of the fence. Go into no orchards where you do not belong. Plunder no melon patches, nor gardens, nor cheat your little playmates in any trade.

God loves honest boys, and He loves honest men. He says that the man, or boy, who "is faithful in a little will also be faithful in much," and we know that none but the faithful ones will find a place in the kingdom. You stifle the voice of conscience when you allow yourselves to take what does not belong to you. You sear, or burn it as with a hot iron, so that it cannot feel; and if you keep on doing wrong, keep

on being dishonest, you will, after awhile, not care at all, and will become, it may be, robbers and murderers, and lose all the bright things God has promised to the good. Be honest, boys!

BOYS WITHOUT A BACKBONE.—"I was just thinking of two lads who left school with me. These two young men had no firm standing, they seemed to have no back-bone, and went into the whirl-pool of life, and were very soon drifted down by it; they are dead now, and both fill drunkard's graves. If you begin well, you are sure to end well. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. There is no companion and Friend like Christ, as He is the Alone All-sufficient and ever gracious Saviour."—Mr. Arthur.



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