

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



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My days are swifter than a post: * * They are passed away as the swift ships. Job ix. 25-26.

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Psalm xc. 12.



TRUTHS FOR THE VOYAGE OF LIFE.

BOY'S LECTURE COURSE.

OUR boys turned out in goodly numbers to listen to the second lecture of the course, which was delivered on Friday evening, Feb. 16th. The title of the lecture was "A Bronze History." The lecturer dwelt upon the many important events in Canadian History, which have been commemorated by the issue of medals. The period covered by the lecture extended from the vice-royalty of De Levis, (1658) up to the Confederation of the Provinces, (1867.)

The third lecture of the course, will (D. V.) be delivered on Friday, March 23rd. by James McDunnough, Esq.

The subject chosen is "Foot-prints." Tickets will be issued at the Boy's meeting on the week previous to the lecture.

COME TO THE BOY'S MEETING,
SHAFTESBURY HALL,
Every FRIDAY Evening, at 8 o'clock.

I AM THE RESURRECTION, AND THE LIFE.

I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

A MAN WHO SWALLOWED A BIBLE.

IN the days of my boyhood, my father told me that he knew a man who had swallowed a Bible. This greatly excited my astonishment, and I wondered how it could be. My father having an object in view, never explained what he meant; but went with me some time afterwards, to call upon the old man. I remember that visit as well as though it happened but yesterday.

Oh how graciously did texts of Divine truth fall from the lips of that aged servant of Christ! His Bible seemed to be a mine of illimitable value, and he drew forth liberally, like one who draws water from a well that he believes to be inexhaustible.

As we came away, my father said to me, "Well, and what do you think of this man having swallowed a Bible,"

"Think, father!" said I, "why I think that he has indeed swallowed a Bible; for the Word of God seems like meat and drink to him."

Boys! it would be well if each one of your number would swallow a Bible. You would find it "sweeter than honey and the honey-comb." *Selected.*

FIVE LITTLE FOXES.

B*Y-and-By, I can't, No use in trying, I forgot, I dont care.* These are sly, crafty little creatures, that sometimes lurk in our homes, and unless we drive them away as soon as we find them, they will be very hard to get rid of after awhile,

and give us a great deal of trouble and unhappiness.

"Take away the foxes, the little foxes that spoil our vines," is a verse in the Bible, (Song of Solomon, 2. 15.)

Here is a way some one has found to get rid of those I have mentioned;—

Among my tender vines I spy
A little fox, named—*By-and-by.*

Then set upon him quick, I say,
The swift young hunter—*Right-away.*

Around each tender vine I plant
I find the little fox—*I can't*

Then fast as ever hunter ran,
Chase him with bold and brave—*I can!*

No use in trying—lags and whines
This fox among my tender vines.

Then drive him low and drive him high
With a good hunter, named—*I'll try.*

Among the vines in my small lot
Creeps in the young fox—*I forgot.*

Then hunt him out and to his den
With—*I-will-not-forget-again!*

A little fox is hidden there
Among my vines, named—*I don't care!*

Then let *I'm sorry*—hunter true—
Chase him afar from vines and you.

—*Christian at Work.*

RICHMOND'S COUNSEL.

M*Y son," said Leigh Richmond, "remember you must die, and you may die soon, very soon. If you are to die as a boy, you must look for a boy's religion, a boy's knowledge, a boy's faith, a boy's Saviour, a boy's salvation; or else a boy's*

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I AM THE TRUE V.I.E.

ignorance, a boy's obstinacy, a boy's unbelief, a boy's idolatry, a boy's destruction. Remember all this, and beware of sin; dread the sinfulness of an unchanged heart; pray for a new one; pray for pardon and grace, and a mind conformed to the image of Christ."

THE SENSIBLE PIG.

A NEWSPAPER contributor says "In one gutter I saw a pig; in the other the semblance of a man. The pig was sober; the man was drunk. The pig had a ring in his nose; the man had one on his finger. The pig grunted; so did the man. And I said aloud, 'We are known by the company that we keep;' and the pig heard me and walked away, ashamed to be seen in the company of the drunken man."

TAKE NOTICE.

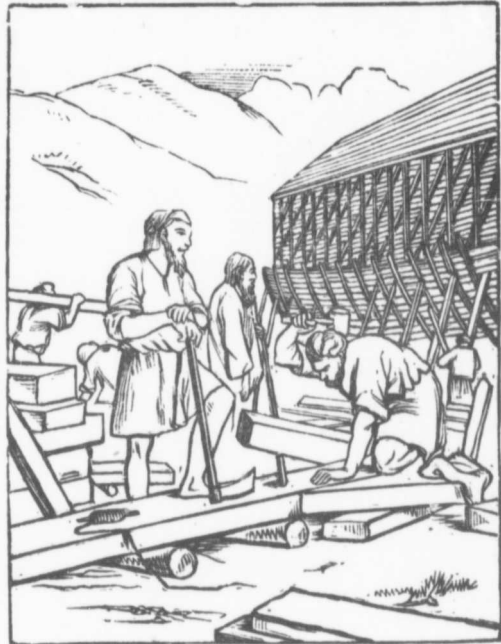
COMPETITORS will please remember that the following rules will be closely observed;—

- 1st. Answers must be sent in by noon on the day named.
- 2nd. Answers must have a foot-note certifying that they are the result of personal research.
- 3rd. Competition is limited to Boys of 16 years, and under. Age must be attached to the answer.
- 4th. The prize will be awarded to the first correct answer received.

LOOKING UNTO JESUS.

I AM THE DOOR.

WHAT BECAME OF NOAH'S CARPENTERS?



THERE must have been a great number of men employed in the work of building the Ark, yet it is not recorded that any of the number entered into the Ark. Dear boys remember that helping in a good work will not save. You must be *in* Christ, or you are lost. There are many like Noah's carpenters in the present day.

Sabbath-school children who gather in for the poor, and yet remain unconverted,— Our boys who invite their companions to attend the prayer meetings, yet have not given themselves to Jesus, — Bible class teachers, who point their pupils to the Lamb of God, but do not lead the way, — all these are reckoned on the list of modern "Noah's carpenters. Boys don't stay on such a list!

I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

PRIZES AWARDED.

WE have awarded the February prize to D. F. S. Jones. The following is the answer

"Born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever."

A BIBLE ENIGMA.

- I** AM composed of 172 letters;—
- My 97, 102, 158, 142, 17, 168, 79, 14, 160, 52, a mighty monarch.
- My 159, 7, 74, 171, 95, 18, 114, 156, 66, a great enemy.
- My 36, 51, 170, 1, 101, 62, 136, 19, a High Priest.
- My 71, 9, 116, 139, 172, 57, 76, 148, 110, a converted Greek.
- My 78, 166, 63, 101, 46, 112, 28, 3, 149, 83, 53, 140, one who was the companion of a Christian worker.
- My 153, 5, 165, 45, 148, 88, a King.
- My 26, 122, 29, 13, 44, 103, 167, 121, a learned Pharisee.
- My 59, 10, 29, 86, 8, a wicked man.
- My 157, 105, 73, 159, 130, 52, 99, 135, 12, 21, a King's son, who was be-headed.
- My 23, 65, 145, 50, 2, 81, 42, 101, 166, 53, 111, 127, the daughter of a Godly man.
- My 144, 68, 27, 131, 30, a City visited by an Aposile.
- My 29, 4, 95, 166, 55, 85, a city of Judah.
- My 147, 53, 33, 64, 11, 113, 128, 19, A point beyond which a regicide made his escape.
- My 16, 94, 159, 67, 143, 44, 39, 169, Is what Samaria did against God.
- My 57, 15, 120, 40, 134, 38, Was to

- be done to the flesh of a certain offering
- My 88, 10, 91, 69, 148, 150, 154, how an aged man said he loved his meat.
- My 123, 41, 7, a word often used in the Bible.
- My 12, 21, 162, 148, 117, 41, 155, 143, what Jesus said about a certain rich man.
- My 101, 146, 43, 164, 129, a man who received his name because of a remarkable event.
- My 70, 100, 108, 156, 105, 119, 20, 82, 163, a contemptuous name applied by a King, to an object of worship.
- My 124, 34, 151, 161, a Prophet.
- My 61, 132, 56, 56, 156, 101, 126, 5, 161, what earthly riches will become.
- My 18, 77, 157, 121, 84, 152, 54, 31, 65, 37, 140, a class against which an Apostle warns us.
- My 133, 43, 10, 98, 80, 35, 75, 60, 139, 26, 106, 4, 107, 171, 92, 165, something not to be given to men,
- My 72, 49, 9, 47, 87, 59, how God at times deals with the righteous.
- My 53, 25, 161, 115, 125, 24, 43, 138, 34, A characteristic of a Christian.
- My 6, 122, 26, 97, 159, 89, 163, 131, Part of a murderer's sentence,
- My 58, 90, 1, 137, 22, 93, 165, 66, 109, • 30, 29, what a mighty man's weapon is compared unto.
- My 118, 32, 104, 48, 141, Something belonging to the wicked, which are said to be broken.
- My whole is a peculiar verse in the Bible. Where is it, and what is its peculiarity?

Answers to be sent in not later than April 9th. The prize will be a book of 400 pages, entitled "The Pioneer Boy, who became a President." The prize is given by S. R. Briggs, Esq.

I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE,