

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



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## OUR LECTURES.

**W**E expect (D.V.) to be in a position to announce definitely in our next number, the name and subject of lectures to be delivered to the Boys during the coming winter season.

## OUR MEETINGS.

**T**HE efforts made by the Committee to interest and benefit the Boys, have been successful in maintaining a good average attendance at the weekly meetings, and above all, the teaching has been owned of God, and several of the lads have been blessed. If our facilities for work were greater, we feel certain that an extensive and permanent work for the welfare of the Boys of Toronto could be accomplished. We are grateful for the facilities we have, and rejoice in the tokens of blessing vouchsafed.

## BOYS,

REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE  
CORDIALLY INTITED TO

**ATTEND THE MEETING**

HELD

*Every FRIDAY Evening,*

AT 8 O'CLOCK,

**IN SHAFTESBURY HALL.**

Come, and bring another with you.

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life.

John iii. 36.

Whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins.

Acts x. 43.

## SEVENTY PAIRS OF HANDS.

 HE variety and number of needles made in these days are wonderful; the surgeon, harness-maker, bookbinder, felt-worker, saddler, glover, embroiderer, and housewife, each wanting needles of all shapes, and sizes, and lengths. And when you think that each needle has to pass through seventy pairs of hands before it is finished and ready for use, you see what pains is taken to reach excellence in a very small thing.

Seventy pairs of hands to make a needle! and each pair necessary to make the needle perfect. If only one pair refused to do their part, the whole would be a failure—not a needle would be right.

You see it is painstaking in little things and in small parts which leads to excellence and success. We are apt to slight bits of work, thinking it is no matter and of no account. But it is not so. The details of a plan must be faithfully carried out in order to make the plan a success. If the parts of a work are all well done, the whole will be complete, and only then.

And it is just so in making and moulding character. It must be well done in parts, faithfully finished in bits, in order to make a complete and beautiful whole.

Always be sure that all the small and common work which you have to do is thoroughly done. It is faithfulness in little things which makes you reliable in great things.

## UNTIE THE STRINGS.

 AID one of the most successful merchants of Cleveland, O., to a lad who was opening a parcel: "Young man, untie the strings; do not cut them."

It was the first remark that he had made to a new employee. It was the

first lesson the lad had to learn, and it involved the principles of success or failure in his business career. Pointing to a well-dressed man behind the counter he said:

"There is a man who always whips out his scissors and cuts the strings of the packages in three or four places. He is a good salesman, but he never will be anything more. I presume he lives from hand to mouth, and is more or less in debt. The trouble with him is, that he was never taught to save.

"I told the boy just now to untie the strings, not so much for the value of the string as to teach him that everything is to be saved and nothing wasted. If the idea can be firmly impressed upon the mind of a beginner in life that nothing was made to be wasted, you have laid the foundation of success."

## LITTLE THINGS.

 IND the little things. A lie is a little thing. Boys, you have told a lie; just one single word that is not true, but let us see what else you have done. First, you have broken the law of God. If it is a sin to break a law made by man, how great a sin it must be to break a divine law—the law of our Creator. Second, you will have to tell many more to maintain that one. Third, you lose the love and friendship of your school-mates. Fourth, if you practice lying, that will lead to something worse. Lying is the entrance-door by which other and greater vices enter the heart. Think of it! all of this from one false saying. Words are little things, but they accomplish great things sometimes. A kind word or act might often have saved many a boy or girl from ruin.

Lying lips are abomination to the Lord; but they that deal truly are His delight.—Prov. xii. 22.

Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.

1 Peter i. 9.

Your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake.

1 John i. 12.

### LOVE BEYOND MEASURE.



FEW years ago a young woman in France had charge of five young children, the oldest of whom was only about eight. One day she was out walking with them in a lonely part of the country, when they were attacked by a large dog. Forgetful of herself, she only thought how she could protect her young charge from harm and danger. She put the five little ones behind her, and, with arms extended, faced her enemy. Fifteen or sixteen times the dog flew at her and bit her, but she still remained firm, facing it and keeping it off the children, who were trembling with fear. At last, when the dog was about to turn on them, she put her arm down its throat, and in this position preserved them from danger, till at length help came, and the dog was killed. A few days afterwards the girl died, but not one of the children received a wound. Here was a wonderful example of human love.

But think of the love of the Good Shepherd, laying down His life for His sheep. He loved us and gave Himself

for us. He died in our stead. He faced our great enemy the devil, and delivered us from his power. This young woman received many wounds; but how many did Jesus receive for our sake? Look at His hands, His feet, His head, His back, His side. Look, too, at the heart of Jesus! What unknown sorrows were there!

What love beyond measure in all this! He bore it all freely, willingly, that we might be saved.

Are you trusting in Him? These children were only too glad to hide themselves behind their nurse, and leave to her the battle they could not wage.

Boys! do you hide yourself behind the Lord Jesus?

### A LITTLE BOY'S SERMON.

THE following little "sermon" was written by a boy of ten years of age in Canada; it is his own work entirely, without any hints or assistance from others, and it will be noticed that it has a distinct train of thought running through it. It is evident that this little fellow has read and thought for himself to good purpose.

"JESUS WEPT" (Jn. xi. 35).

My verse, as you all know, is the shortest one in the Bible. Though the words and the meaning of them are so short, they are important to us as being one of the many instances which prove that Christ was as much acquainted with sorrows, griefs, and sufferings as any one of us. He, as in the story connected with my verse, often lamented the death of His friends: that was sorrow. It was grief at the unbelief of the Jews that caused Him to weep while descending Mount Olivet towards Jerusalem on the night of the Passover, and it was suffering both mental and physical that caused Him to weep on the evening of His betrayal in the Garden of Gethsemane.

The suffering was so great on that

Whosoever liveth and believeth on Me shall never die.

John xi. 26.

He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself.

1 John v. 10.

night that He sweated blood, while He sent up that agonized prayer, "Father, if Thou be willing, remove this cup from me; nevertheless not my will but Thine be done."

Jesus suffered hunger for forty days and nights, so that the hungry have Him for a sympathizer.

He had no settled place to sleep in at night except when one of His friends offered Him a bed. He said, "The foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man hath not where to lay His head." But how much greater must have been His sufferings on the Cross when bearing His Father's wrath, instead of mankind! Truly, "we have not an high-priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities." But now He is gone to His "Father's house," in which are "many mansions," where all who really love God will go when they die, to be with Him for ever and ever. Amen.

### AN INFIDEL'S ADVICE.

**T**HE Rev. H. A. Graves, of the United States, says that when he was a boy he boarded in a house in which a number of men were accustomed to meet for the purpose of gambling. They found out that he was a Christian lad, and often amused themselves by ridiculing him as he sat reading his Bible at the table when they played cards. One evening they concluded their sport by a mock prayer-meeting, in which they made special reference to "the little Methodist," and jestingly asked that their bad example might not lead him astray. One of the men, however, felt heartily ashamed of this profane performance, and meeting the lad privately, said that as he was away from parental counsel and among bad men, he was constrained to advise him. He said: "I see that you are reading the Bible. I am known in this city as an infidel; but I say to you,

my little son, stick to your Bible. I see that men who read and follow the Scriptures make a mark in the world. I am a bad man I formed evil habits in early life. Read your bible, and try to follow its precepts." Mr. Graves adds; "That honest gambler's advice has followed me through the vicissitudes of nearly half a century.

### HOW LONG SHALL I LIVE?

**W**HEN Henry Martyn went out as a missionary, he was told that he could not live long. "How long," said he to the physician, "do you suppose I shall live?" "Seven years," was the reply. "Oh, seven years!" said the angelic man; "how much good may I accomplish, if I live seven years!"

**A**N OLD THOUGHT IN A YOUNG FORM. A little Swedish girl, while walking with her father on a starry night, absorbed in contemplation of the skies, being asked of what she was thinking, replied, "I was thinking if the wrong side of heaven is so glorious, what must the right side be?"

## REMEMBER

THAT A

BOY'S

MEETING

IS HELD EVERY

**FRIDAY EVENING,**

at EIGHT o'clock,

In Parlour "B" SHAFTESBURY HALL.

**ALL BOYS WELCOME.**

**C O M E**

Being justified by faith, we have peace with God. ]

Romans v. 1.