

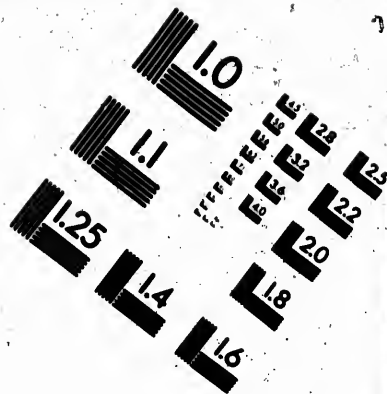
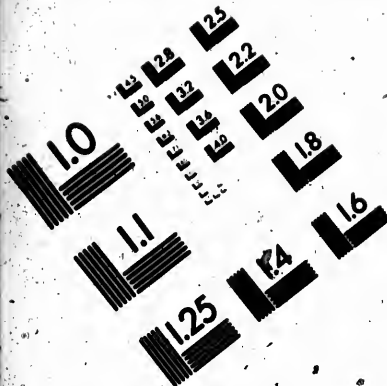


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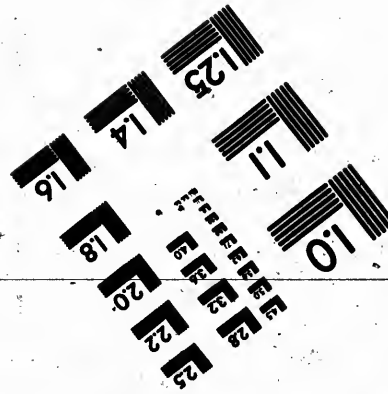
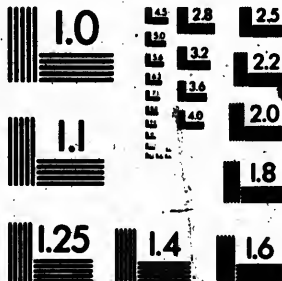
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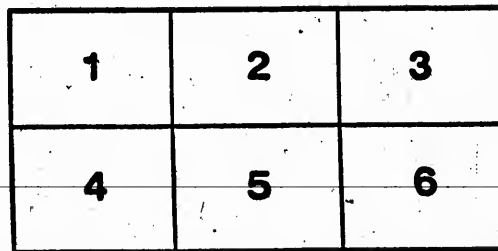
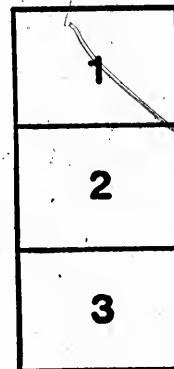
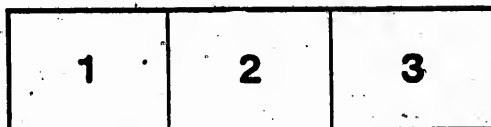
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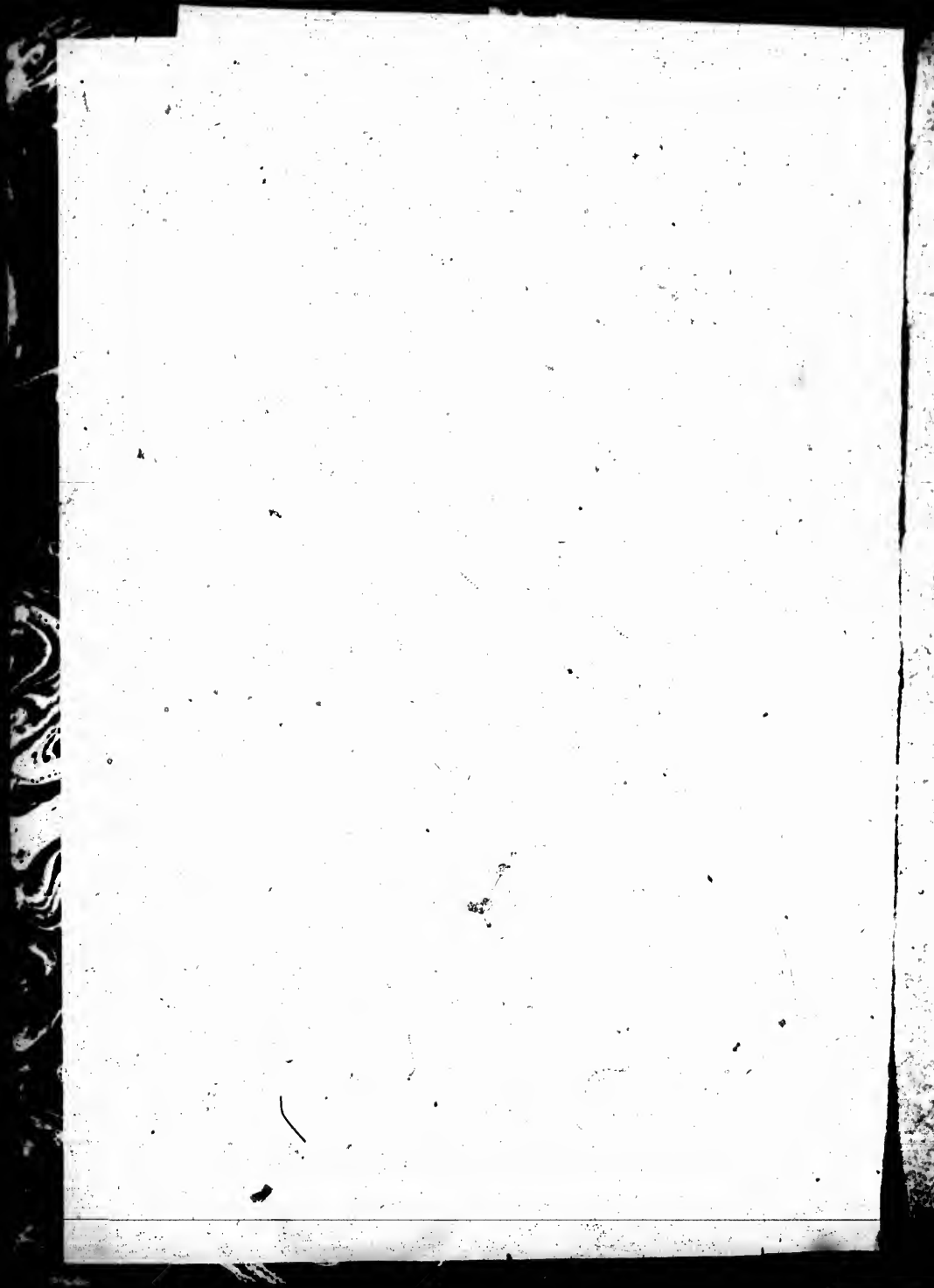
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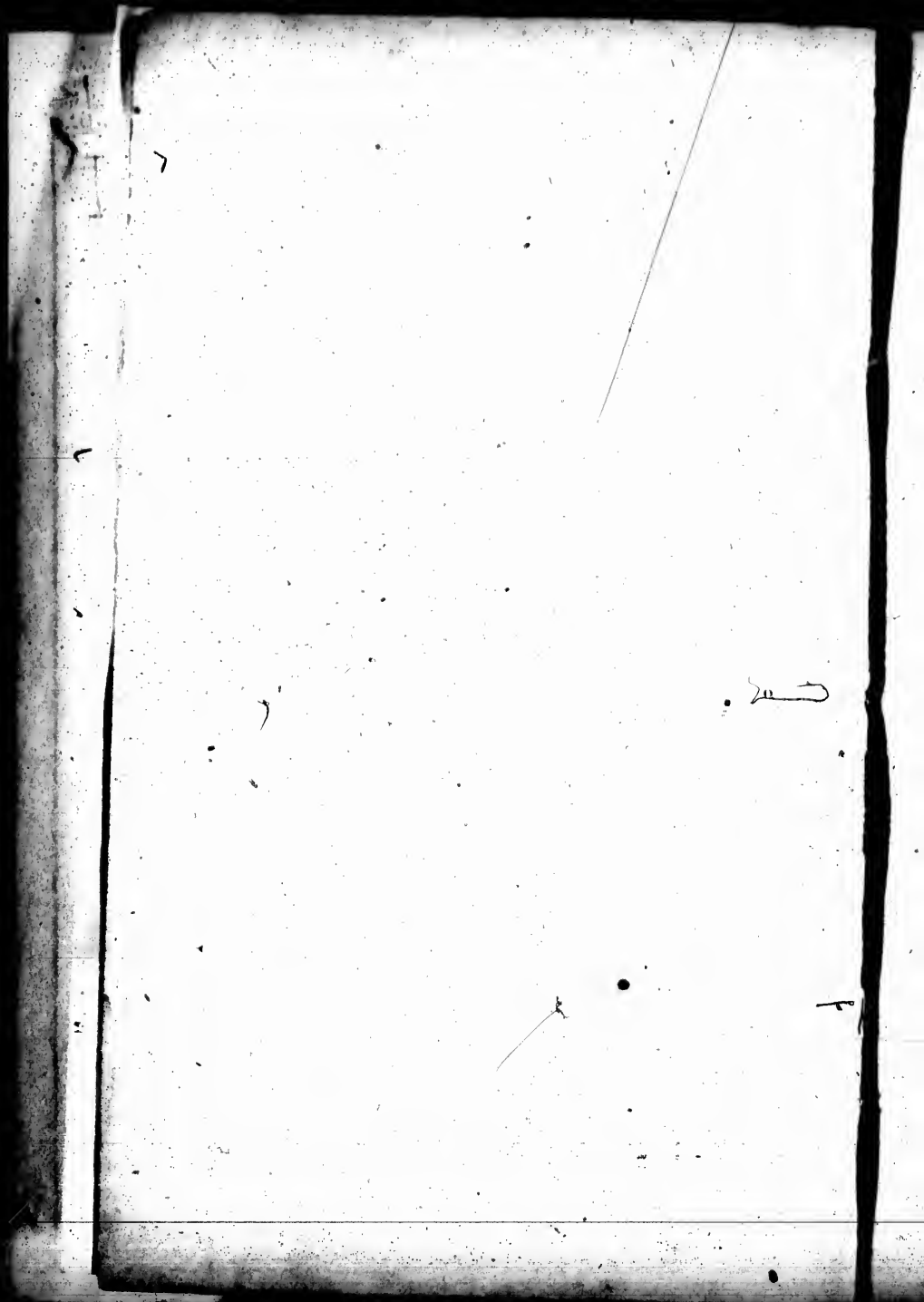
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THE contents of this little book have been mostly *compiled* from different sources. The questions for examination and rules of conduct have been taken almost verbatim from a little publication with the same title, drawn up by the late Lord Lyttleton, for the use of his son, the present Lord, when a schoolboy at Eton.

It is thought best to subjoin the author's own remarks upon Rule 16.

“ Upon that he has to say,—

“ That fighting is not sanctioned, except in self-defence, or for the defence of others.

“ That school boys may be, and unquestionably often are, *bullied* by their fellows *out of doing what is right, if not into doing what is wrong.*

“ That if a boy ought ever to fight, it is clearly best to tell him at once in what

cases fighting is lawful; lest he should have a doubt on the subject, and perhaps act against his conscience."

To these remarks the compiler adds the following:—

Boys at school, amongst themselves, are left in a state of nature, without law, without government, without any redress for injustice. Whether it is right for their governors to leave them in this condition may be a question; but the fact is so. Our Lord's rules in the gospel, therefore, which were addressed to men living under regular authority,—whether as citizens or as members of the church of Christ,—do not apply to schoolboys, who, by the necessity of the case, are compelled to act as though they were a community of lawless savages. This is the only justification of fighting the compiler is aware of; and he thinks it a complete justification in the cases stated by the noble author of the Rules.

MORNING PRAYERS.

NO. I.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought me to the beginning of this day, defend me in the same by thy mighty power; and grant that this day I may fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all my doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven: Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

NO. II.

O Almighty Father, who hast graciously made me thy child, and hast preserved me during the past night: Protect me with thy mighty power throughout this day; and grant that I may spend it in the love and fear of Thee, in a steady obedience to thy commandments, and in cheerful resignation to thy will. Make me to hate all falsehood and deceit, and to be kind and obliging towards all with whom I have to do. Enable me by thy grace to resist all temptations to sin, to perform all my duties with care and diligence, and daily to improve in every Christian virtue. Send thy heavenly blessing upon me throughout this day. Bless also especially my parents, brothers, sisters and friends, and favourably accept my prayers, for the sake of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

NO. III.

Stand up, and say,

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth :

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our
Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy
Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered
under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead,
and buried, He descended into hell ; The
third day he rose again from the dead, He
ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the
right-hand of God the Father Almighty ;
From thence he shall come to judge the
quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost ; the Holy
Catholic Church ; the Communion of
Saints ; The Forgiveness of Sins ; The
Resurrection of the body, And the life
everlasting. Amen.

Kneel down, and say,

Our Father, &c.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, bless, I pray Thee, my father and mother, brothers and sisters, and other relations and friends; particularly [*].

* Here mention such persons as you think fit.

Bless my country, and the Queen: bless the church, and the bishop of this diocese: bless the parish to which I belong, and the clergy who minister in the same. For myself, O Lord, I humbly ask a healthful body; a clear understanding, and competent living according to my condition; a sanctified and just, an honest and truthful, a charitable and humble, a religious and contented spirit; resolute and constant in holy purposes, but inflexible to evil. This day especially I implore these spiritual blessings [*], and these temporal blessings [*]. To these my prayers I add my most hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving kindness; for my creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life;

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 Thou hast given me of becoming thy true
 servant and child, and for the hope of
 eternal glory. Accept, O Lord, these my
 prayers and thanksgivings, in the name
 and through the mediation of Jesus Christ,
 my Lord and Saviour. Amen.

FOR THE MORNING OF SUNDAY OR OTHER
 SPECIAL HOLY DAY:

(To be added to the Daily Prayer.)

O Almighty Father, whose command-
 ments are not grievous, give me grace, I
 beseech Thee, that I may learn from my
 youth up to reverence and love thy days

of holy rest ; and grant that I may perform with a willing heart my bounden duty to Thee on this day. Let me cheerfully deny myself such sports and occupations as befit it not ; let me hallow it by public worship of Thee, and, according to my opportunities and means, by private study of thy word, and by works of charity and mercy. Help me to avoid carelessness or irreverence in thy house, and grant that I may worship Thee in spirit and in truth : that so I may, at the close of this day, lie down to rest with the answer of a good conscience towards Thee, and the comfortable hope of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the sake of thy dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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EVENING PRAYERS.

NO. I.

O Lord God, I humbly thank Thee for taking care of me all this day; for food, for raiment, for learning and all other blessings. Forgive me, for Christ's sake, whatever I have done wrong this day; and keep me safe from harm this night whilst I am asleep.

Bless my father and mother, my brothers and sisters; and grant that whenever I die, I may depart this life in thy fear and favour, through thy grace, and the merits of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

NO. II.

Almighty and everlasting God, in whose hand is my life, I humbly thank Thee for all thy blessings vouchsafed unto me during

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the past day, and I beseech Thee to forgive whatever sins I have committed. They are known unto Thee, before whom all hearts are open. Give me a true repentance for them, and cleanse my heart from evil more and more. Have mercy upon me for Jesus Christ's sake, and save me everlastingly. Bless my parents, brothers, sisters and friends, and protect us this night, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

NO. III.

Most merciful Father, look down, I beseech Thee, on me thine unworthy servant, and give me a true penitent heart, whilst I confess my sins unto Thee. Thus [] and thus [] have I offended against Thee. For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, accept my re-

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 blasphemy, and every motion of flesh and
 spirit which is contrary to the purity of
 thy will. And grant, O Lord, that I may
 with a pure heart and humble mind and
 sanctified lips, say the prayer which Jesus
 Christ himself hath taught us.

Our Father, &c.

I humbly thank Thee, O Lord, for all
 the mercies of the day past, and for the
 means of grace and hope of glory which
 thou hast afforded us in Jesus Christ our
 Lord: and I beseech Thee to give me
 that due sense of all thy mercies, that my
 heart may be unfeignedly thankful, and
 that I may shew forth thy praise, not only
 with my lips, but in my life; by giving up

myself to thy service, and by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all my days: so that when my body shall lie down in its bed of darkness, my soul may pass into regions of light, and rest in Christ, awaiting a joyful resurrection.

These my prayers and thanksgivings, I humbly offer up in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech Thee, O Lord, and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night, for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

FOR THE EVENING OF SUNDAY OR ANY
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and especially for the opportunity of worshipping Thee in thy house of prayer, and listening to the instructions of thy ministers. Forgive me, O Lord, all my neglect and misimprovement of these golden opportunities, and give me grace to value them more and improve them better. Let me not forget the instruction I have this day received, but lead me so to put it in practice, that I may be fitted [to be received into the full communion of thy church, and*] to dwell with Thee for ever. Send thy blessing upon the ministrations and labours of thy servants, the clergy, and grant that through them thy church may be daily purified and strengthened, and thy blessed kingdom continually enlarged. Grant this for the merits of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* This is to be said by those who are not confirmed.

PRAYERS FOR VARIOUS OCCASIONS.

IN SICKNESS.

O Lord Almighty, who givest and takest away the health and strength of thy creatures as it seemeth best to thy Divine wisdom; and who chastenest every son whom Thou receivest: Make me patient and resigned under this sickness, and turn it by thy grace to my present and eternal good; for the sake of him who suffered on the cross for us all, Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

ON RECOVERY.

I humbly thank Thee, O gracious and merciful Lord, that Thou hast raised me up from the bed of sickness, and restored me to health. Blessed be thy holy name for all things! Let it be good for me

PRAYERS FOR VARIOUS OCCASIONS. 17

that I have been afflicted. Teach me the uncertainty of this life, and give me grace never to lose sight of the change which awaits me at death, but to be constantly prepared for it, through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

ON HAVING COMMITTED ANY SERIOUS OFFENCE.

I acknowledge, O merciful Lord! that I have sinned most grievously against Thee. I repent, I do earnestly repent! Have mercy upon me, for thy blessed Son's sake, and by the aid of thy Holy Spirit enable me to bring forth the fruits of a true repentance, and to lead henceforth a pure and godly life.

WHEN NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN OF A CONFIRMATION; TO BE USED BY THOSE WHO ARE OF AGE TO BE CONFIRMED.

O blessed Lord, into whose holy Church, whilst I was yet a babe, I was admitted by

baptism : and into the full communion of which I am now invited by the holy ordinance of confirmation : Pour now into my soul thy sanctifying Spirit, and prepare me to take upon myself, with a pure heart and upright mind, the vows then made in my name, and to profit by the grace and strength Thou art ready to bestow upon me therein, by the hands of thy servant the bishop. Enable me effectually to dedicate myself to thy service, to renounce all unholy thoughts, words, and works, and to walk worthy of the vocation wherewith I am called. Teach me to lay to heart my increased obligation to be really a follower of Christ throughout all the changes, chances, and temptations of this mortal life. Continually strengthen and purify me by thy grace ; and especially qualify me to partake from time to time, worthily and devoutly, of the blessed sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Vouchsafe, O Almighty God ! graciously to hear this my prayer ; and whatever I may have

omitted to ask that is now more particularly needful for me, be pleased also to grant me for the sake of thy blessed Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

FOR A BIRTHDAY.

O most gracious God, who hast caused me to be born into this world, that by serving Thee faithfully here I might be fitted to be happy for ever; and hast given me Christian parents, by whom I was early brought to be baptized, and admitted to an interest in Christ, and in Him to be delivered from the sin in which all men are born, and made thy child, and an heir of thy heavenly kingdom: I humbly thank Thee that Thou didst at first give me life, and hast preserved me through the past year, and given me this additional time for making sure my title to everlasting life. Give me grace to increase in wisdom and

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the fear of God, as I increase in years; so that every year which is added to my life may see me better fitted to serve Thee here, and better prepared to be with Thee eternally: and this I beg through the mediation of Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

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**QUESTIONS FOR SELF-EXAMINATION,
TO BE USED EVERY SUNDAY.**

Have I diligently performed all my appointed duties?

Have I performed my devotions to God the blessed Author of my being, and Judge of all my actions and thoughts, with reverence and earnestness?

Have I avoided all the greater sins, and, especially, the *deliberate* commission of any?

Have I avoided slander, and evil-speaking, and all indecent and profane language?

Have I governed my appetites and passions? Have I not given way to any degree of pride, anger, envy, hatred? of intemperance or of sinful desire?

Have I felt no ill-will towards another boy who may have risen above me? Have I been ready to do him full justice in speaking of his talents and disposition? Or have I taken pleasure in hearing or relating something to his discredit?

Have I told no untruth? nor been guilty of any kind of insincerity or falsehood?

Have I given no intentional provocation or offence to any one? In particular, have I not been guilty of any tyranny, injustice, or unkindness to those who are weaker than myself, or in any way my inferiors?

Have I studied to be at all times good-natured and good tempered to all?

Am I now in charity with all, even with those who may have treated me ill? If I have fallen out with any one, could I not have helped it? If the quarrel is not now made up, am I ready to make it up with all my heart?

Have I not wilfully neglected some opportunities of doing good? Have I not turned away my face from some poor man, and not helped him, when I felt that I ought, and perhaps easily could? Have I not selfishly spared my time and trouble, when I might have employed them in doing

acts of kindness, greater or less, to some persons, particularly to those I live with?

Have I been thankful, and *shewn* thankfulness, to those who have been good to me? Above all, have I been, and am I, thankful, truly and deeply thankful, to the ever-blessed Almighty God, my Maker, Preserver, and Redeemer? And have I tried habitually to govern my thoughts and actions by his Law, as laid down in the Holy Scriptures, and explained to me by my teachers?

A PRAYER,

TO BE USED AFTER THE ABOVE.

O all-seeing God! unto whom all hearts be open, mercifully forgive the sins of which my conscience now accuses me, (more especially——, *as the case may be*); and enable me by thy grace to amend my life agreeably to thy Holy Word, that I may not offend in like manner again. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Lord and Redeemer.

RULES OF CONDUCT,

TO BE READ OVER EVERY SATURDAY.

1. Never omit your prayers morning and evening : and say them with all the attention, humility and earnestness in your power. Behave always most reverently at church or chapel, and all public devotions, *whether imposed upon you or not.*
2. Don't forget your Bible. Read it daily, if you can, in some quiet place, privately. Mark well the sense ; and apply every precept honestly to yourself. Note what is hard ; and get it explained.
3. Do your best, according to your circumstances, to keep Sunday holy. Keep it holy, I say, and distinguish it in your heart and practice from other days : not observing it austerely, but performing the duties peculiar to it with cheerful piety and thankfulness : and abstaining from such work or play as may be, in kind or degree, in reason or by custom, unsuited

to it. As to what are the peculiar duties of the day, consult your parents.

4. Never make a profane joke, or irreverent or idle allusion to the Scriptures; and, if any such are made before you, do not laugh, or affect to laugh at, or be pleased with them.

5. You will in general have enough to do to keep yourself from sin. It will not become you, nor serve any good purpose, that you should lecture other boys upon their moral conduct. It would only bring ridicule upon you, and not mend them. You may, however, give a word of private advice, gently and modestly, to an intimate friend, if you see him doing anything you really think wrong. And if any such advice is offered you, take it kindly, be thankful for it, and mind it.

6. Shun all canting expressions and affected seriousness. Whoever is sincerely pious, must be humble; and such a person cannot give himself airs of superior piety.

7. You may not always have it in your power to choose your *companions*; but never make a *friend* of a boy who swears, or has any habitual vice.

8. Never read any immoral books.

9. If anything base, or dishonest, should ever be suggested to you, directly or indirectly, reject and resent it at once.

10. Don't mind hardships. If you bear up stoutly against them at first, habit will soon-reconcile you to them. Milksons always suffer most.

11. Ever be cleanly: and in dress, neither fop nor sloven, nor (worst of all!) that vile compound of the two, *Beau Nasty*.

"*Sit ingenium culto sub corpore.*"

12. Be manly on all occasions: and speak your mind boldly, (but not arrogantly, mind) against anything wrong that may be uttered in your hearing.

13. I can't say how much, or how little, it may become you to talk; for that must depend on the company you are in, and

other circumstances. But by all means get the habit of being a good listener. Good breeding requires it in all; in young people particularly; and there is no telling how much knowledge is lost for the want of it.

14. Behave with habitual respect to the masters; and return with gratitude and affection the care of those who are attentive to you. Always treat the mistress of the house you board at with civility and respect.

15. Never be idle, nor imagine that there can be any pleasure in idleness. It has not pleased heaven so to encourage it. Our faculties were given us to be exercised, and the proper exercise of them is no less delightful than salutary. Therefore, *do your best always*; and set to spiritedly, whether you are at lesson or at play; and depend upon it, the dunces and the loungers will have the worst of it, in happiness as well as character.

16. Never quarrel with other boys, if you can possibly help it; but be prepared to defend yourself, and to fight it out manfully, if any attempts are made to bully you. Be ready too to stop any bullying of others, at the risk of a battle, unless the odds are clearly too great against you.

17. Spend your money and prog generously,—sharing everything with others; and never eat your cake in a corner. He who spends most upon others, and least upon himself, is the finest fellow.

18. I hope you won't get into debt. There are more reasons against it than you are aware of. If you should, however, have any debts, tell me all you owe the first time you come home, and I will pay it, and promise never to scold or frown upon you for it. But if your conscience should pinch you a little, I cannot help that.

19. Being out of debt, stop a shilling or two out of every tip for the poor. Take

my word for it, every tart you eat will taste the pleasanter. And, *N. B.* Here is a tempting reason for keeping out of debt.

20. Shun, as you would poison, every kind and degree of lying, and scout it in others: particularly shuffling, which is cowardice into the bargain, and the most ungentlemanlike form of the vice.

21. Go straight forward always; and let neither hope, nor fear, nor censure, nor ridicule, turn you aside from the course of a good Christian and an honest man.

22. Beware of cruelty in all its forms. Do not even tread on a worm, or destroy an insect, wantonly: and never practise or join in any barbarous sports, such as spinning cockchafers, and the like. Remember,—“not a sparrow falleth to the ground without your” Heavenly “Father.”

23. Never ridicule old age, deformity, or any natural defect or infirmity. It is exceedingly ill-natured and base, and very highly ungentlemanlike into the bargain.

So is teasing, quizzing, and all such modes of hurting other people's feelings, mistaken by fools and blackguards for wit. *Do as you would be done by*, and mind that your fun is always good natured.

24. Let your manners be modest and respectful towards your superiors, and be well-bred to everybody, more, particularly to women and girls, even the poorest and lowest in station: and see that your language and behaviour to them be perfectly pure, such as becomes a gentleman and a Christian. Take care to be always civil to servants; and affable, considerate, kind, and charitable, to the poor.

25. Remember the Fifth Commandment; and consider how every action of yours, and every report that reaches your parents concerning you, will affect their feelings: with what anxiety they have tended your infancy, and are now watching your youth: and how much it depends upon you whether their old age, if it please God to

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26. Measure your conduct and that of others, not by the *prevailing opinions and fashions*, but by *principle*: and take your principles always from the Bible.

27. Read these Rules once a week; and the more you attend to them, and to the rest of what I have here, with much care and anxiety, written for you, the better, I trust, you will be, and the happier; and may God bless, assist, and protect you!

Your affectionate Father.

THE END.

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