

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



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THE
LORD SAYS,

"As one whom his
mother comforteth, so
will I comfort you"

Isaiah lxvi. 13

OUR MEETINGS.

IT gives us pleasure to report that the attendance at our Boy's Meetings keeps fully up to the average, and that those who do attend appear to be deeply interested in the services.

BOY'S LECTURES.



E purpose (D.V.) resuming the Boy's Lecture Course after the New Year. The large number of meetings held in our Rooms during the past few weeks, has rendered it impossible for us to carry out the plan we had proposed.

CHANGE.



HERE is some talk of making important changes in the form of management in connection with our Boy's work. Whatever may be decided upon, we feel sure it will add to the interest in the meetings, and without doubt command the attention of a larger number of boys.


Remember that a **BOY'S MEETING** is held every **FRIDAY EVENING** at 8 o'clock, in Parlor "**B**" **SHAFTESBURY HALL. ALL BOYS WELCOME.**

BLESSED ARE THEY THAT HEAR THE WORD OF GOD LUKE xi. 28.

BOYS WANTED.

God wants the boys, the merry boys,
The noisy boys, the funny boys,
 The thoughtless boys—
God wants the boys, with all their joys,
 That he as gold may make them pure,
And teach them trials to endure ;
 His heroes brave
 He'd have them be,
Fighting for truth
 And purity,
 GOD WANTS THE BOYS.

A FAREWELL LETTER.

 HE works of W. H. G. Kingston are widely known, and few are more popular with boys. To his young readers he wrote the following letter:—

“MY DEAR BOYS,—I have been engaged, as you know, for a very large portion of my life in writing books for you. This occupation has been a source of the greatest pleasure and satisfaction to me, and I am willing to believe to you also. Our connection with each other in this world must, however, shortly cease. I have for some time been suffering from serious illness, and have been informed by the highest medical authorities that my days are numbered; of the truth of this I am convinced by the rapid progress the disease is making. It is my desire, therefore, to wish you all a sincere and hearty farewell. I want you to know that I am leaving this life in unspeakable happiness, because I rest my soul on

my Saviour, trusting only and entirely to the merits of the great Atonement, by which my sins (and yours) have been put away for ever. Dear boys, I ask you to give your hearts to Christ, and earnestly pray that all of you may meet me in heaven.”

Then follows the signature. Three days after the date of the letter he died. There are many ways of serving God, but none have wider influence than those who wield the pen to purpose.

FLYING MOMENTS.

IT is but a little way from childhood to old age, So any one will tell you after they have travelled over the road.

“The grave is near the cradle seen,
And swift the moments pass between.”

In a little while the babe becomes a youth, the youth a man, and the man grows old and feeble, and sinks into the tomb.

In life's morning is the time to prepare for the days that are to come; and every flying moment should be improved in doing something that will please the Lord and benefit our fellow men. Happy are the children who remember their Creator in the days of their youth, before the evil days come when they shall say, “I have no pleasure in them.”

REDEEMING THE TIME.

THE FALSE FACE.



VERY Boy knows what a "false face" is, and also the effect produced by wearing a false face. The face of a boy may naturally be pleasant and attractive, but his 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? Boys, 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. Boys, 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.

PRAY AND HANG ON.

WHEN little Tom was six years old, he went into the forest one afternoon to meet the hired man, who was coming home with a load of wood. The man placed master Tom on the top of the load and drove homeward. Just before reaching the farm, the team went briskly down a steep hill. When Tommy entered the house his mother said:

"Tommy, my dear, were you not frightened when the horses went trotting so swiftly down Crow Hill?"

"Yes, mother, a little," replied Tom, honestly; "but I asked the Lord to help me, and hung on like a beaver."

Sensible Tom! he joined working with praying. In all troubles pray and hang on like a beaver; ask God to help you, and at the same time do your part in helping yourself,

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING.

WHEN THOU GOEST, IT SHALL LEAD THEE.—PROV. vi. 22.

KINDNESS AND CONFIDENCE.



AROUGH-LOOKING man brought his son one day into a district school, saying, "I have brought my boy here, and would like to see if you can do anything with him. I confess, he is more than I can manage."

One day as the teacher was passing along by the desks, he laid his hand kindly on his shoulder; but the boy shuddered, and shrank from him.

"What is the matter, Henry?" asked the teacher.

"I thought you were going to strike me."

"Why should I strike you?"

"Because I am such a bad boy."

"Who says you are a bad boy?"

"Father says I am a bad boy, and mother says so, and every one says so."

"But you are not a bad boy—at least, I think so; and you can be as good a boy as any one. Ask God to help you to be good, and you will be sure to succeed."

The poor boy's eyes filled with tears. He was not used to such kind words; and when his teacher left him he thought, "Can I be a good boy when every one says I'm so bad? But he did not say I was bad: he said I could be a good boy. I will be a good boy,"

From that time a marked change was observed in the boy. He grew up to be a great and good man, and became governor of one of the largest of the United States.

BIBLE QUESTIONS.

ABOUT DREAMS.



WHEN George was a little boy, he once had what is called the nightmare. He dreamed that all the potatoes in the cellar had legs, and were racing around in every direction. How frightened he was!

Now I am going to ask you some questions about dreams, the answers to which you will find in the Bible.

What two persons in the Bible, of the same name, are spoken of as having had several important dreams?

What kings had important dreams?

What wife of a ruler had a dream?

To what person did God, or the Angel of the Lord, appear in dreams? Try and find eight of these.

Where are we told that "a dream cometh through much business?"

Who dreamed about a cake of barley-bread?

Who prayed, and had his prayer answered in a dream?

Whom did the Lord refuse to answer in dreams?

Where are we told of hungry and thirsty men dreaming of eating and drinking?

No correct answer having been given to our Bible Enigma published in September, we now offer the prize then announced, to the Boy (attending our meetings) who will send correct answers to the above questions to the Secretary, on or before Monday, Dec. 10th.