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I do not think there is a sight more touching—certainly there is not one that touches me more—than when a youth, who has been away in another city, or in a foreign land, and bears in his face and demeanor tokens of his well-doing, and would be broken by their ill-doing, comes back some Sabbath to the church in which his boyhood has been spent, and sits again side by side with the proud hearts that love him. Where is there a disappointment so keen, or a disgrace so poignant, as he inflicts who comes not back because he dare not, having in the foreign land or in the distant city soiled his good name, and rolled the honor of his home in the dust? HELPFUL HINTS IN READING. 1. Write in a blank book the complete titles of the book you read this year. 2. Write a short sketch of the author of each book read. 3. Mark the books that you like best with a cross. 4. Why do you prefer these books? 5. In what ways have they helped you? 6. What friends did you make in the books read? 7. Why did you select them for friends? 8. What is the best idea in your favorite book? 9. What is the most important fact? 10. What is the choicest sentence? 11. How many times have you read the books marked with crosses. 12. Have you taken notes while reading? 13. Have you committed to memory striking passages? 14. Do you make some record of all the books you read? 15. What newspapers and magazines do you read regularly?

Master Your Business. It pays a young man, in whatever line of work he may be engaged, to acquire a complete knowledge of the business, says The British Workman. An incident in the life of one of the most prominent railway officials in America will illustrate this. He had worked himself up from switchman to conductor of a freight train. The General Superintendent of the road was a very thorough man, and very strict in his management. No detail, however small, escaped his eye, and woe to the employee whose neglect came to his notice. He was looking around the yard one day when he met the young conductor. Stopping the young man, he asked him the length, weight and value of a new rail lying near. This being answered, he asked how long the rail would probably last, what it would be worth when taken from the road, and what disposition would then be made of it; the weight and capacity of various cars, how many cars would make a load for an engine, and various other questions. The young man returned a ready answer for each of them. The official went away without comment. Not long after this, the young man received a telegram instructing him to report at once at the General Superintendent's office. Somewhat alarmed, he hastened to obey. He was told that he was wanted to take the office of Assistant Superintendent. For several years he has been general manager of one of the greatest railroad systems in America, and it is safe to say he still carries with him the careful attention to details that won his position. If you do not inform yourself concerning the details of your business you will never rise. Try to acquire such a knowledge of your work that you may be able to answer readily and accurately any reasonable question concerning it. This accomplished, your rise is almost certain. In fact, such a man can no more be kept down than a cork can be kept from floating when thrown into the water.

Monkeys and Schools. Monkey are very amusing creatures, but we hardly think of them as useful in educational work. However, their aid has lately been sought by the London school officers, we are told, with admirable results. It seems that in one of the school districts there were not as many children reported by the parents as being of school age as the officers knew there ought to be—so, to ascertain the real number, they called in the monkeys to help them, in this way; Two monkeys were gaily dressed, put in a wagon, and accompanied by a brass band, were carried through the streets of the district. At once crowds of children made their appearance. The procession stopped in front of a park, and the school officers began their work; distributing sweets to youngsters, they took their names and addresses. They found out that sixty parents kept their children from school. This ingenious method brought to school about two hundred boys and girls.—Indian Witness. Stand by Your Friends. 'Why are you always ready to own that you are a Christian?' asked one boy of another. "Because Jesus is my best friend, and I believe in standing by my friend," was the answer. 'Stand by your friends, if you would have them stand by you, and stand by your friends because they have stood by you, is my motto.' It is a good motto for every boy and girl, man and woman in the world. Only be sure that yours are real and true friends. A false friend is never a safe one to stand by, nor yet to have any friendship with; but Jesus you know to be a true friend, so stand by him. Monkeys in Church. During a street service which Rev. Jacob Chamberlain was conducting in a village in India, chancing to raise his eyes, the missionary saw the branches of the trees begin to bend, and detected the faces of some old monkeys peeping through the foliage. Their curiosity soon brought them to the ground. Seating themselves on the parapet of the platform, they stared at the speaker, just as they saw the people doing. The numbers increased until they had to elbow each other to get sitting room. Some monkey mothers brought their babies. One of these pulled his brother's tail, which made the brother strike back, but the mother boxed their ears and made them behave as children should in church.—Selected. Child Character. Child training begins and child character is formed earlier than most persons suppose. Out of this erroneous notion comes the lamentable failure of so much of our home-training of children. Many a child is not counted by his parents old enough to be fairly under training until his habits and character are practically already influenced for all time. It is safe to conclude that the permanent trend of a child's character is likely to be given by the time he is seven years old; his training must begin at birth if he is not to be the loser because of this neglect. The old-fashioned doctrine of implicit obedience, which came to many of us early in life, was helpful to us because it was never delayed as it is now until the child can reason.—Indiana School Journal. When a man dies they who survive him ask what property he has left behind. But the angel who bends over the dying man asks what good deeds he has sent before him. When we believe that God has a plan for our lives, we will cease planning for our selfish ends. HORSES AND CATTLE have colic and cramps. Pain-Killer will cure them every time. Half a bottle in hot water repeated a few times. Avoid substitutes, there is but one Pain-Killer, Perry Davis' 25c. and 50c. Chronic Derangements of the Stomach, Liver and Blood are speedily removed by the active principle of the ingredients entering into the composition of Parnelee's Vegetable Pills. These pills act specifically on the deranged organs, stimulating to action the dormant energies of the system, thereby removing disease and renewing life and vitality to the afflicted. In this lies the great secret of the popularity of Parnelee's Vegetable Pills.

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I do not think there is a sight more touching—certainly there is not one that touches me more—than when a youth, who has been away in another city, or in a foreign land, and bears in his face and demeanor tokens of his well-doing, and would be broken by their ill-doing, comes back some Sabbath to the church in which his boyhood has been spent, and sits again side by side with the proud hearts that love him. Where is there a disappointment so keen, or a disgrace so poignant, as he inflicts who comes not back because he dare not, having in the foreign land or in the distant city soiled his good name, and rolled the honor of his home in the dust? HELPFUL HINTS IN READING. 1. Write in a blank book the complete titles of the book you read this year. 2. Write a short sketch of the author of each book read. 3. Mark the books that you like best with a cross. 4. Why do you prefer these books? 5. In what ways have they helped you? 6. What friends did you make in the books read? 7. Why did you select them for friends? 8. What is the best idea in your favorite book? 9. What is the most important fact? 10. What is the choicest sentence? 11. How many times have you read the books marked with crosses. 12. Have you taken notes while reading? 13. Have you committed to memory striking passages? 14. Do you make some record of all the books you read? 15. What newspapers and magazines do you read regularly?

Master Your Business. It pays a young man, in whatever line of work he may be engaged, to acquire a complete knowledge of the business, says The British Workman. An incident in the life of one of the most prominent railway officials in America will illustrate this. He had worked himself up from switchman to conductor of a freight train. The General Superintendent of the road was a very thorough man, and very strict in his management. No detail, however small, escaped his eye, and woe to the employee whose neglect came to his notice. He was looking around the yard one day when he met the young conductor. Stopping the young man, he asked him the length, weight and value of a new rail lying near. This being answered, he asked how long the rail would probably last, what it would be worth when taken from the road, and what disposition would then be made of it; the weight and capacity of various cars, how many cars would make a load for an engine, and various other questions. The young man returned a ready answer for each of them. The official went away without comment. Not long after this, the young man received a telegram instructing him to report at once at the General Superintendent's office. Somewhat alarmed, he hastened to obey. He was told that he was wanted to take the office of Assistant Superintendent. For several years he has been general manager of one of the greatest railroad systems in America, and it is safe to say he still carries with him the careful attention to details that won his position. If you do not inform yourself concerning the details of your business you will never rise. Try to acquire such a knowledge of your work that you may be able to answer readily and accurately any reasonable question concerning it. This accomplished, your rise is almost certain. In fact, such a man can no more be kept down than a cork can be kept from floating when thrown into the water.

Monkeys and Schools. Monkey are very amusing creatures, but we hardly think of them as useful in educational work. However, their aid has lately been sought by the London school officers, we are told, with admirable results. It seems that in one of the school districts there were not as many children reported by the parents as being of school age as the officers knew there ought to be—so, to ascertain the real number, they called in the monkeys to help them, in this way; Two monkeys were gaily dressed, put in a wagon, and accompanied by a brass band, were carried through the streets of the district. At once crowds of children made their appearance. The procession stopped in front of a park, and the school officers began their work; distributing sweets to youngsters, they took their names and addresses. They found out that sixty parents kept their children from school. This ingenious method brought to school about two hundred boys and girls.—Indian Witness. Stand by Your Friends. 'Why are you always ready to own that you are a Christian?' asked one boy of another. "Because Jesus is my best friend, and I believe in standing by my friend," was the answer. 'Stand by your friends, if you would have them stand by you, and stand by your friends because they have stood by you, is my motto.' It is a good motto for every boy and girl, man and woman in the world. Only be sure that yours are real and true friends. A false friend is never a safe one to stand by, nor yet to have any friendship with; but Jesus you know to be a true friend, so stand by him. Monkeys in Church. During a street service which Rev. Jacob Chamberlain was conducting in a village in India, chancing to raise his eyes, the missionary saw the branches of the trees begin to bend, and detected the faces of some old monkeys peeping through the foliage. Their curiosity soon brought them to the ground. Seating themselves on the parapet of the platform, they stared at the speaker, just as they saw the people doing. The numbers increased until they had to elbow each other to get sitting room. Some monkey mothers brought their babies. One of these pulled his brother's tail, which made the brother strike back, but the mother boxed their ears and made them behave as children should in church.—Selected. Child Character. Child training begins and child character is formed earlier than most persons suppose. Out of this erroneous notion comes the lamentable failure of so much of our home-training of children. Many a child is not counted by his parents old enough to be fairly under training until his habits and character are practically already influenced for all time. It is safe to conclude that the permanent trend of a child's character is likely to be given by the time he is seven years old; his training must begin at birth if he is not to be the loser because of this neglect. The old-fashioned doctrine of implicit obedience, which came to many of us early in life, was helpful to us because it was never delayed as it is now until the child can reason.—Indiana School Journal. When a man dies they who survive him ask what property he has left behind. But the angel who bends over the dying man asks what good deeds he has sent before him. When we believe that God has a plan for our lives, we will cease planning for our selfish ends. HORSES AND CATTLE have colic and cramps. Pain-Killer will cure them every time. Half a bottle in hot water repeated a few times. Avoid substitutes, there is but one Pain-Killer, Perry Davis' 25c. and 50c. Chronic Derangements of the Stomach, Liver and Blood are speedily removed by the active principle of the ingredients entering into the composition of Parnelee's Vegetable Pills. These pills act specifically on the deranged organs, stimulating to action the dormant energies of the system, thereby removing disease and renewing life and vitality to the afflicted. In this lies the great secret of the popularity of Parnelee's Vegetable Pills.

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