THE CARELESS WORD.

'Twas but a word, a careless word, As thistle-down it seemed as light; It paused a moment on the air, Then onward winged its flight.

Another lip caught up the word, And breathed it with a haughty sneer; It gathered weight as on it sped-That careless word in its career.

Then rumor caught the flying word, And busy gossip gave it weight, Until that little word became A vehicle of angry hate.

And then that word was winged with fire, Its mission was a thing of pain; For soon it fell like lava-drops

Upon a wildly tortured brain.

And then another page of life With burning, scalding tears was blurred; A load of care was heavier made-Its added weight, that careless word.

That careless word, oh! how it scorched A fainting, bleeding, quivering heart ! Twas like a hungry fire, that searched Through every tender, vital part.

How wildly throbbed that aching heart! Deep agony its fountain stirred; It calmed, but bitter ashes mark The pathway of that careless word.

## Miscellaneous.

STUPID BOYS.

Some of the grandest spirits that the world has ever known-men whose works and memory are enduring-were regarded in youth as dunces. They flowered late, but bore the rarest fruit. It is somewhat discouraging for a boy of moderate abilities, who aims to do his best, to be told that others accomplished in childhood what he can do only by hard study in the best part of his youth. But such a boy should not relax his efforts. He will succeed if he gives his heart and mind to the

That distinguished teacher, Dr. Arnold, of Rugby, after speaking of those who zealously cultivate inferior powers of mind, said of such a pupil, "I would stand to that man hat in hand." He once spoke sharply to a dull boy, who replied; "Why

Sir Isaac Newton was a prominent dunce in his early school days. He stood low in his classes, and seemed to have no relish for study. One day the "bright boy" of the school gave him a kick in the stomach which caused him severe pain. The insult stung young Newton to the quick, and he resolved to make himself felt and respected by improved scholarship. He applied himself diligently to study, and, ere long, stood in his classes above the boy who had kicked him, and ultimately became the first scholar in the school. Newton owed his pre-eminence in his philosophical studies more vellous natural endowment.

Oliver Goldsmith, than whom no boy could appear more stupid, was the butt of the school. A school dame, after wonderful patience and perseverance taught him the alphabet -- a thing which she deemed creditable to her skill, and which she lived to mention with pride when her pupil became famous. He made no progress in exact studies, but liked history and Latin poetry. He was a sore trial to his ambitious mother, who made many fruitless attempts to quicken his wits by her sharp words. His relatives, teachers, and schoolmates all told him that he was a fool, which verdict he did not dispute, but took good-humoredly. Even when he had produced the "Traveler," an eminent critic said to a friend, "Sir, I do believe that Goldsmith wrote that poem, and that, let me tell you is believing a great deal."

Sir Walter Scott was a dull boy, and when attending the University at Edinburgh, he went by the name of "the great blockhead." But he wasted no time on trifles, and pursuing a study that he loved-as, for example, history or the classics-he was persevering and methodical. He was one of those whose knowledge on a subject interested increased until it lay like a great volume in his mind. When Walter Scott began to make use of that knowledge, society gave him another name somewhat different from the Edinburgh appellation. It was, "The Great Magician."

Hutton, the antiquarian, whose knowledge of books was deemed remarkable, was slow to learn when a boy. He was sent to school to a certain Mr. Meat. He thus tells his experience: "My master took occasion to beat my head against the wall, holding it by the hair; but he never could beat any learning into it."

Sheridan found it hard to acquire the elements of learning. His mother deemed it her duty to inform his teacher that he was not bright to learn like other boys. Adam Clark was pronounced by his father to be "a grievous dunce;" and Dr. Chalmers was pronounced by his teacher to be an "incorrigible" one. Chatterdon was dismissed from school by his master, who, finding himself unable to teach him anything in a satisfactory manner, settled it that the boy was a "fool."

Teachers are apt to become impatient over dull scholars, and predict of them that they will never come to anything. Such uncalled for prophecies ought to discourage no scholar who tries to do well. A certain Edinburgh professor once pronounced upon a student this severe opinion; "Dunce you are and dunce you will ever remain." That student was Sir Walter Scott.

### I DON'T DRINK WINE.

Why ?-1.-Because, " port, madeira, and cherry, contain from one-fourth to one-fifth of their bulk | reformers are largely in favor of the children. in alcohol, so that he who drinks a bottle, drinks nearly a half a pint of alcohol, or almost a pint of | ciples of true and intelligent sobriety,-

2. Because, it is the most fascinating and there- to overcome. fore the most dangerous of intoxicating liquors.

to persons in health.

4. Because, it is expensive, and I think it wrong | 3rd. The nation needs the help of every Sabbathto waste money upon a bad article, which might school scholar in the land, to suppress the whiskey be given to the poor, who can searcely get bread. traffic, and the license system will not be erased -5. Because, the depressing and debilitating ef- | from our statute books until the boys of our Sabfects upon the system after drinking it overnight, bath-schools, educated to be thorough temperance

6. Because, if I drink wine, I cannot blame my more glorious day. -Sunday-School Times. children if they also become wine drinkers. 7. Because, a wine drinker cannot consistently A LITTLE HERO.—ELMA CORLON, of Vinalhaven,

reprove others who get fresh with drinking ale, a little fellow, only four years old saved a playmate

8. Because, a great quantity of fruit is spoiled | the hook used in drawing water, and holding him to make this wine, and a vast amount of the labour | till the assistance he screamed for arrived. When of our countrymen exchanged for this dangerous asked why he didn't run to the house for help, he

as a medicine, it cannot be considered fit for the dinner table.

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11. Because, drinking wine is a state of slavery from which I am determined to be free. 12. Because the brightest geniuses, the greatest | lail by men, and the most powerful nations have been

destroyed by wine. 13. Because, it is the testimony of all lecturers | wants of the Holiday Season, in Fine Gold Jewelery and ministers who have made the experiment, that they can sustain more exertion without wine.

14. Because, many a clever man has passed through the gazette, who might have been independent; and many are in their graves, who would have been living, had it not been for their wine. 15. Because, in abstaining, I am sure I am right, but all wine drinkers have their misgivings.

16. Because, all nations have been so alive to the evils of wine drinking, as either to prohibit it, or to restrain its use.

17. I like "the fruit of the vine," or the pure juice of the grape, such as I believe Jesus gave to His disciples, and which was common in Judea; but port, sherry, and champagne, and every kind of fermented and brandied wine, I am determined

#### THE BOY AT THE PALACE GATE.

A little boy in England wished very much to see the queen; so he determined to go at once to her palace, and ask to see her. But the sentinel on guard before the gate only laughed at the boy, and pushed him aside with his musket. Still the lad could not give up his purpose, now he had come so far. Not till the soldier threatened to shoot him did he turn and run away. One of the young princes saw him crying, and, on learning the case said, with a smile, "I'll take you to the queen;" and past the guards he walked, into the very presence of his royal mother. With surprise, she asked her son about the lad; and when she heard his story, she laughed, as any kind-hearted mother would, and with some kindly words, sent the delighted boy away with a bright piece of money in his hand.

It is a hard matter for the poor to gain admittance into the presence of an earthly sovereign. But the way into the presence of the great King is always open, and even the beggar in his rags is welcome. Just as this prince brought the child who longed to see her into his mother's presence, so Christ takes us by the hand and leads us into dear Son's sake we are made welcome. Without Him we can never be admitted. Never forget, do you speak angrily, sir? Indeed, I am doing the when you pray to God, to ask all blessings for the sake of Jesus, for in no other way will prayer ever be heard and answered. No one who longs to see the King in His beauty but will find the Prince of life ever ready to lead him up to His very throne.

#### TEMPERANCE IN OUR SUNDAY-SCHOOLS. BY J. D. HERR.

Intemperance, is a question of great importance to every Christian parent and earnest Sabbath-school worker. We cannot close our eyes to the fearful inroads made every year, npon the ranks of the youth of our land, by the demon of the cup. If a to perseverance and application than to any mar- standard be not raised against this evil, by the Christian men and women of our churches, the work of the pastors and teachers will be lost upon many of the rising generation. Temperance is one of the cardinal virtues of our holy Christianity, and should have a prominent place in the instructtion of our Sabbath-schools. The children should be taught the nature, properties, and effects of alcohol, as well as of any other soul-destructive agent, so that they may be able to form an intelligent opinion in regard to the evils of intoxication.

1. Children's temperance meetings should be held in our Churches and Sabbath-schools.

These meetings can be made exceedingly interesting by temperance songs, speeches, object lessons, &c. Many of our children are somewhat acquainted with physiology, and an object lesson, showing the effects of alcohol on the stomach, brain, blood, &c., would not only prove instructive to older persons, but could be so simplified as to be brought within reach of the smallest child. I am not in favor of temperance speeches full of glittering generalities," and highly-colored word painting, instead of practical and effectual instruction. What our children and the whole country need, are facts, drawn from the experience of past years, and the present character and condition of

2. Form a temperance society in every Sundayschool if possible.

The various temperance organizations of the day might accomplish much for the cause if they would pay more attention to children. The difficulty under which the precious youth often labors is two-fold-too young and too poor to be enrolled in the societies. We need an organization to remedy this oversight, and such a one is the sabbathschool. The child needs to have awakened within an individual interest in the temperance cause, and this cannot be done more effectually than by constituting it a member of a Sunday- school tem-

"Train up a child in the way he should go," applies to temperance reform as well as any other. Among the best and most reliable temperance men and women of the nation, are those who in their youth signed the pledge. A noted temperance lecturer who is now actively engaged in canvassing the State of Pennsylvania, said to me, "Twentyfive years ago I travelled over this State, and gave the pledge to over twenty-five thousand children, and now I find the active temperance men and women of the Commonwealth are those to whom I admin-

istered the pledge twenty-five years ago." I know that there are some noble Sunday-school workers who are conscientiously opposed to administering the pledge to children, but the experience of those who have tried it has been, that where one child breaks over, a large number of adults violate obligations. Statistics given us by the old

I urge the education of our children in the prin-1st. Because of the temptations it will assist them

2nd. The Church needs a more active temperance 3. Because, I am convinced from the best medi- element in its membership, and this can only be cal authority, that it is injurious and not beneficial secured by educating our children to Christian tee-

men, shall, by their voices and votes, usher in a

who fell into a well lately, by catching him with said, "if he had left him he would be drowned." 9. Because, being recommended by physicians | A rare instance of presence of mind in one so young.

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