BE POLITE.

. Hearts like doors will ope with ease, To two very little keys; But don't forget the two are these; "I thank you, sir," and "If you please."
Be polite boys; don't forget it.
In your wandering day by day,
When you work and when you study, In your home and at your play.

Be polite, boys, to each other -Do not quickly take offence. Curb your temper—you'll be thankful For this habit seasons hence; Be respectful to the aged. And this one thing bear in mind; Never taunt the wretched outcast, Be he helpless lame or blind.

Be polite, boys, to your parents. Never let them fail to hear From their sons the best of language In the home you should hold dear; To your brothers and your sisters Speak in accents kind and true-Be polite, 'twill serve you better Than a princely gift can do.

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BOYS WHO BECAME FAMOUS.

"Well, I used to think no one could do two things well at once, but that boy seems to have managed it, and no mistake."

So spoke an English traveller who was inspecting one of the great cotton-mills in the west coast of Scotland, not far from Glasgow. And well might he say so. The lad whom he was watching-a pale, thin, bright-eyed boy, employed in the mill as a "piecer"-had fixed a small book to the frame of the spinning-jenny, and seemed to snatch a brief sentence from its pages every time he passed it in the course of his work.

"Ay, he's jist a wonder, yonder laddie," answered the Scotch foreman, to whom the visitor had addressed himself. "We ca' him 'Busy Davie' here, for he's aye readin like ony minister; but he does his a guest." wark weel for 'a that."

"And does he really understand what he reads?" asked the Englishlishman, looking wonderingly at the young student's book, which was a treatise on medicine and surgery that would have puzzled most lads four or five years older than him-

"I's warrant he does that," replied the Scot, with an emphatic nod. "There's no a quicker chiel than Davie i' the haill mill."

And then the visitor passed on to look at another part of the works. and forgot all about "Busy Davie" for the time being.

But he was suddenly reminded of him two hours later, when the mill hands "knocked off" for dinner. Coming back across the yard when his tour of inspection was over, the traveler caught sight of a small figure in a corner by itself, which he thought he recognized.

A second glance showed him that he was not mistaken. There sat "Busy Davie," holding in one hand the big out-meal "bannock" that represented his dinner, and in the other a soiled and tattered book without a cover, which he was devouring so eagerly that his food remained almost untouched. The Englishman stole softly up behind the absorbed boy, and glancing over his shoulder at the book, saw that it was one written by himself a few years before, describing the most perilous of all his journeys through the wild regions beyond the Orange River in South Africa.

Just as the visitor came up, the little student, quite unaware that the author of the book was standing beside him, read half aloud one of the more exciting passages, following the lines with his roughened fore-

only march in the mornings and It is a good thing where it sends you evenings, and the wheels of the to the library to find out everything axle in the loose sand. In some subject. When it is only an idle places the heat was so great that the desire to peer into somebody's homegrass actually crumbled to dust in life, it is a very bad thing. In fact, our fingers. More than once our I hardly know of any way in which supply of water ran out altogether, trouble is so surely made in this and men and beasts staggered on- queer world of ours as by foolish ward over the hot, dusty, never- people who go from one person to ending plain, with parched tongues another thoughtlessly carrying wickand bloodshot eyes, silent and de- ed little bits of gossip. spairing."

At the thought of these difficulties, which he himself was one day to meet and overcome as few men have ever done before or after him, the boy's thin face hardened into the look of indomitable firmness which life. But it softened into a smile the next moment, as he read as follows:

"'In several of the places where we camped our chief food was a species of large frog, called by the natives "mattle-metto," which was kind enough to assist us in our hunts for it by setting up such a tremendous croaking that we could easily pair of eyes. find it, even in the dark."

Here the boy turned over a leaf, and came suddenly upon a startling to be repeated, make it your busipicture of a man lying prostrate on ness to be silent. the ground, with a lion's fore-paw sible in the background.

"How would you like to travel | trol our lips .- S. S. Times.

through a country like that, my asked the explorer. "It would be rough work, wouldn't it ? "

"I wad like weel to gang there, for a' that," answered the boy, 'for there's muckle to be done there yet."

"There is indeed, and it's just fellows of your sort that we need to do it," said the traveller, clapping him on the shoulder. "If you ever do go to Africa, I'll be bound it will take more than a lion in your way to stop you.'

The whole world now knows how strangely those lightly spoken words were fulfilled twenty-eight years later, when that boy did actually come alive out of the jaws of the hungry African lion, which had broken his arm with its teeth, to finish those wonderful explorations that filled the civilized world with the fame of Dr. David Livingstone.—Harper's Young People.

BOUND IN HONOR.

"There is Jeanie Paull. She has been visiting at Lulu Hardy's," said Constance Stacy to Eleanor Ames. "Now we shall find out whether Lulu's father is as stern as he looks, and why Mrs. Hardy always has such a sad, woe-begone

The two girls joined Jeanie, who greeted them very pleasantly. They walked on together, and presently Miss Constance, bent on gaining information, inquired after Lulu. "Lulu is well, and sent her love

to all the girls," said Jeanie. "And did you enjoy yourself in Arlington ?" asked Eleanor. home is lovely, and she is so very

thoughtful of her friends. It seems as though she can not do enough for "Isn't her father awfully queen and cross?" pursued Constance.

"He frowns so in church, and never seems to be enjoying himself. I cannot imagine how you dared to stay in the house with him." Jeanie's face was quite a study her dark eyes almost flashed as she

turned to Constance, saving : "Mr. Hardy is a kind, good man and Lulu's father besides; but if he were what you seem to fancy, do you suppose I would tell you? I could not be so mean. Mother has always told me that what I see or

hear in a friend's house is sacred, and that to chatter things which a friend might not wish to have known would be unworthy of a At the corner the girls separated

Constance and Eleanor looking rather ashamed, and Jeanie walking down her own street with a very stately step, holding her head high. That she should be supposed capable of tale-telling was a great annoyance to her, for her mother had trained her to be honorable.

Children dear, may I whisper to you that we are sometimes bound in honor not to gossip about persons or occurrences, even when nobody has forbidden us to speak

Should you happen to be sitting, you little Susie, or you Walter, as quiet as a mouse in a corner of the parlor with your book, and mamma coming in with a friend holds a conversation not meant for your ears, you should either get up and go away, or, if you cannot go away, you should forget all about what has been said. Above all, never go around looking wise, and dropping mysterious hints, which curious people may take up as pegs to hang their questions on.

"The progress of our party was study carefully God's wonders in necessarily very slow, as we could stones and flowers, is a good thing. wagons often sank up to the very the cyclopedia can tell you about a

Maggie says you are awkward, or slow, or vain, or any other thing Maggie. She should not have spoken unkindly about you, for her part; was its habitual expression in after but if you will blame any one, the needless talkers who carried her comments are worse than she.

The Bible says that "a whisperer separateth chief friends." It was true in the old Bible times, and it is just as true to-day.

A private and confidential note should never be shown to a second

If you ever have reason to think that a friend does not wish a matter

"By thy words shalt thou be jusplanted on his chest, and its teeth tified, and by thy words shalt thou fastened in his shoulder, while sev- be condemned." This is another bit eral negroes, with terrified faces, of wisdom from the best of books. were seen making off as fast as pos- We cannot always cortrol our thoughts, children, but we can con-

WORTH WINNING.

There was a boy who "lived out," named John. Every week he wrote home to his mother, who lived on a small farm away up among the hills. One day John picked up an old envelope from the kitchen wood-box, and saw that the postage stamp on it had not been touched by the postmaster's stamp to show that it had done its duty, and henceforth was

"The postmaster missed his aim then," said John, " and so the stamp is as good as new. I'll use it my-

He moistened it at the nose of the tea-kettle, and very carefully pulled the stamp off.

"No," said John's conscience for that would be cheating. The stamp has been on one letter; it ought not to carry another."

"It can carry another," said John, because, you see, there is no mark to prove it worthless. The postoffice will not know."

"But you know," said conscience, and this is enough. It is not honest to use it a second time. It is a little matter, to be sure, but it is cheating. God looks for principle. It is the quality of every action that he judges by."

"But no one will know it," said John faintly. "No one!" cried conscience.

"God will know it, and that is enough; and he, you know, desires the truth in the inward parts." "Yes," cried all the best parts of

John's character; "yes, it is cheating to use the postage-stamp the second time, and I will not do it." John tore it in two and gave it to "Very much indeed. Lulu's the winds. And so John won the victory. Wasn't it worth winning?

BETTER WHISTLE THAN WHINE.

As I was taking a walk, I noticed two little boys on their way to school. The small one stumbled and fell, and though not very much hurt, he began to whine in a babyish way. The older boy took his hand in a kind fatherly way, and said, "O never mind, Jimmy; don't whine. It is a great deal better to whistle,' and he began in the merriest way a cheerful boy whistle. Jimmy tried to join the whistle.

"I can't whistle so nice as you, Charlie," said he; my lips won't pucker up good."

"O that is because you have not got all the whine out yet," said Charlie; "but you try a minute, and the whistle will drive the whine

So he did and the last I saw or heard of the little fellows, they were whistling away as earnestly as though that was the chief end of life. - Early Dew.

ONLY BELIEVE.

He is able; he is willing; he is ready. Settle these three things in your heart. Go over them again and again, pulling down doubts and looking steadily at the Lamb of God. Believe that he will save you. This you must do.

The woman came saying: "If I may but touch the hem of his garment, I shall be made whole." It was this faith that saved her. Not believing that she was made whole before she was, which would be believing what was not true; or believing that she was made whole after she was, which would not be faith making her whole, but healing givind her faith. No, no. It is very simple. Her faith was: If I touch, I shall be made whole. This she had before she felt any change Curiosity, when it leads you to in herself; it was naked trust in Christ; sheer confidence in his virtue and power and love. It led her to touch; it brought the healing. It is this firm trust in the saving mercy which the Saviour is pleased to honor .- Wm. Arthur.

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The Mystery Solved.

(No. 43.) No. 294. - Leap-frog. No. 295.—Jeremiah xlviii. 16. No. 296. -- Matt. v. 9. No. 297.-" Be ye holy." No. 298.—The vowels. No. 299.—

I know there are husbands and fathers. And brothers and lovers to save From the fiend who is tempting them onward

To fill the inebriate's grave. We cannot stand idle or careless, We must rally brively around, We will make the rum-king surrender, And haul his death flag to the

ground.

It is drooping at half mast already; Intemperance is losing the fight, And we're still marching on to the

To battle for temperance and right!" No. 300. - John xiv. 6.

No. 301.—1 Timothy vi. 8. The Mystery.

Carleton, St. John.

No. 318. - DROP-VOWEL PUZLLE. Bhld th Lrd's hnd s nt shrtnd tht t cont sv; nthr hs r hv tht t cont hr. J. McDougall.

No. 319.—BIBLE QUERIES. Where are the words, "A ship of Alexandria sailing into Italy?" 2. Where does it say that, "The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomina-

tion to the Lord ?" 3. Where is it said that, i" Our persecutors are swifter than the eagles of the heaven?"

F. J. McCrea. Shannon, Queens,

No. 320.—BURIED VIRTUES. 1. Come now, Jo, you ought to be gin to do something soon!

2. Death - O, no! rear not thy and \$1. ghastly head before my vision? 3. On the hill stood the house; on the slope a cedar tree grew, while behind was a long pond, 4. Everyone likes to see, after a

storm of great length, rifts in the 5. Come now, Lo, let you, and I, and Dash have a nice long race. 6. Will, you should not call me "Lo" very often. It is too familiar. "SALVATION ARMY." Grafton, Carleton.

No. 321. - DIAMOND PUZZLE. A letter: to help; a flower; a coloring substance; an infidel; to decompose; in hollow.

"AMERICA."

No. 322. - HOUR-GLASS PUZZLE. Descendents of Sodom; a scribe; one of Isaac's sons; a pronoun; a letter; book of the Bible; son of Amittai; a Bible city; father-in law of Joiada. The centrals name a great city. FAY ROBINSON.

St. John. (The Mystery solved in three weeks.)

Our Mystic Corps.

HELEN R., St. John, correctly solves all in No. 43. We are very sorry that errors occur in the puzzles from time to time; but, believe me, it is not done purposely. Sometimes they are printers' errors; sometimes errors in construction, either from our hurried transciption of the puzzle or the puzzle-maker's carelessness in writthe puzzle. Do not give up the work. Even though you are engaged in other duties, please drop us a card once in a

The Mystic Fountain.

We would love to see a lot of the familiar names in the solvers list again. Utilize a postal card, and write us again ... "The Mystery" contains five choice puzzles this issue, As our COLUMN is open to all, how many will send us solutions to the above?....We shall soon announce Christmas prize competition . . . As we promised last issue, we now reproduce the shortest and simplest number of "Hidden Thoughts."

Hidden Thoughts.

1. CONUNDRUMS. Why is the eighth letter of the alphaet like the city of Paris?

2. SQUARE REMAINDERS. Behead and curtail the words havng the following meanings, and the remainders will form a square 1. To afford. 2. A twig.

1. A part of the face. 2. To incite or instigate. 3. To agree. 4. A fastening. 5. Back part of the head. 4. SQUARE WORD. The staff of life. Respond. Last

3. DOUBLE ACROSTIC.

part of an ode. A tree of several varieties. Those who color cloths. 5. ANAGRAMS.

a. Ia isn't Homer. b. So credit Annie. c. Not me then Reu.

I must not forget to say that "Hid den Thoughts" offered three cash prizes every week for complete lists of answers: \$5.00, \$2.50 and \$1.00. This department differed somewhat from many of the present day in one important particular-the prizes offered were fairly awarded. More anon. UNCLE NED.

FOR THE BOYS.

The explorers of Pompeii came to another pillar of stone, in a sort of sentinel's box in the wall. Underneath this crust of stone they found a soldier holding a lance. All the rest of the soldiers got away, and perhaps this one could have got away too, but he was on duty. We think of him watching the burning flakes falling around him, and of all the people running from their houses, but this brave fellow drew width himself up, and said, "I can't run away-I'm on duty." And he died rather than desert his post. Boys, be brave and strong for Jesus. Never duction by us, a few years ago, it has come into very general use throughout the mind what anybody says, or what country. anybody does; stick to the post of duty. Think of this Roman soldier.

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