

"Of Such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

Little feet may find the pathway
Leading upward unto God;
Little hands may learn to scatter
Seeds of precious truth abroad

Youthful hearts may be the temple
For the Spirit's dwelling-place—
Childhood's lips declare the riches
Of God's all-abounding grace.

Little ones, though frail and earth-born,
Heirs of blessedness may be;
For the Saviour whispereth gently,
"Suffer such to come to me."

And in that eternal kingdom,
Mid the grand, triumphant throng,
Childish voices sweet may mingle
In the glorious choral song.

—*Applaud of Gold.*

Children At Church.

The father of eight children, who have attained a mature age and "have families of their own," makes the following communication to a religious paper in regard to their training. They are worthy the consideration of parents who would train their children for Christ and for usefulness in His Church.

"Did you compel your children to go to church against their inclination? No, we did not. They went to church as soon as they were old enough, and that was while they were pretty young. I do not think we ever asked them whether they wished to go, and I don't believe they ever objected to going. They were made ready and went, just as they were made ready and went to school, and just as they were made ready, when old enough, and went to work. There was no need of compelling in these things, especially in the first. They sat in the 'same pew with their mother,' who was there, not much less than fifty-two times in a year.

"Our children learned the catechism at home, and I think without any reluctance. They went to Sabbath School in the same way, and did not omit going to church on account of the Sabbath School. If they could have attended only one, I suppose it would have been the preaching and other services in the church. They went to the prayer meetings in the same way. I don't suppose it occurred to them that they should be asked whether they wished to go. They certainly went with alacrity. They all attended the services preparatory to the Lord's Supper while they were young, and all of them—eight—became communicants at the proper age. There was never any reluctance in their observance of those services, nor any need of special insisting upon them. It was understood that this is God's method of grace."

A Good Thing For Boys.

Manual training is one of the few good things that are good for everybody. It is good for the rich boy, to teach him respect for the dignity of beautiful work. It is good for the poor boy, to increase his facility for handling tools, if tools prove to be the thing he must handle for a living afterwards. It is good for the bookish boy, to draw him away from books. But, most of all, it is good for the non-bookish boy, in showing him that there is something he can do well. The boy utterly unable, even if he were studious, to keep up in book-knowledge and percentage with the brighter boys, becomes discouraged, dull and moody. Let him go to the work-room for an hour, and find that he can make a box or plane a rough piece of board as well as the brighter scholar, may, very likely better than his brighter neighbor, and you have given him an impulse of self-respect that is of untold benefit to him when he goes back to his studies. He will be a brighter and a better boy for finding out something that he can do well. Mind you, it is not planing the board that does him good; it is planing the board in the presence of other boys who can no longer look down upon him when they see how well he can plane. He might go home after school and plane a board in the bosom of his family, or go to an evening school to learn to plane, without a quarter part, nay, without any, of the invaluable effect upon his manhood that it will have to let him plane side by side with those who in mental attainments may be his superiors.—*American Magazine.*

Doing And Being.

A young girl had been trying to do something very good, and had not succeeded very well. Her friend hearing her complaint, said:
"God gives us many things to do; but don't you think He gives us something to be, just as well?"
"O, dear! tell me about being," said Marion, looking up. "I will think about being, if you will help me." Her friend answered:
"God says:
"Be kindly affectionate one to another,

"Be ye also patient.
"Be ye thankful.
"Be ye not conformed to this world.
"Be ye therefore perfect.
"Be courteous.
"Be not wise in your own conceit.
"Be not overcome of evil."
Marion listened, but made no reply. Twilight drew into darkness. The tea bell sounded, bringing Marion to her feet, in the firelight Elizabeth could see that she was very serious.
"I'll have a better day to-morrow I see that doing grows out of being."
"We cannot be what God loves without doing what He commands. It is easier to do with a rush than to be patient or unselfish or humble or just or watchful."
"I think it is," returned Marion.

RANDOM READINGS.

Keep looking for something to thank God for.

Go not through life blind to the beauties God has placed all about you.

When we walk toward the sun of truth all shadows are cast behind us.—*Longfellow.*

There is never a wakeful hour that one can afford to be off his guard in his thinking.

Thrift of time will repay you in after-life with a usury of profit beyond your most sanguine dreams.

That sort of self-denial which is the least practiced, is the denying ourselves lawful things for the good of others.

Serve with active zeal and humble confidence, and wait with patient expectation for the time when the soul shall be satisfied.—*Samuel Johnson.*

A man should never be ashamed to own that he has been in the wrong, which is but saying, in other words, that he is wiser to-day than he was yesterday.—*Pope.*

The eye that is fixed on the cross and directed by a serious soul, sees more than can be looked at by any other eye in the universe. All earthly objects are paltry as compared with it.

Patience strengthens the spirit, sweetens the temper, stifles anger, extinguishes envy, subdues pride; she bridles the tongue, refrains the hand and tramples upon temptations.—*Horne.*

Sir is a very simple word, but it is a very awful thing. A little child could spell the word, but no one, not even the angels that dwell in heaven, could explain the thing, or tell the great evils it has wrought. It is a deadly tree, whose fruit and whose shadows have filled the world, and from which everybody has suffered.

Dr. Joseph Parker has beautifully said: "A man's character is his eloquence; a man's spiritual reality is the argument that wins in the long run; the soul afire with God's love; the life that brings out in their beautiful and impressive relief God's exhortations—these are the things that are most logical, most poetical, most pathetic, most persuasive."

CHERISH YOUR GIRLHOOD.—Dear girls: don't be so often wishing you were grown up women, that you will neglect your girlhood. In the rush and hurry of those fast times there is a danger that you will reach and strain after "young ladyhood" too much. Be girls awhile yet. Be tender, joyous, loving, obedient and industrious. Womanhood, with its privileges and power, its burdens and trials, will come soon enough.

On this point one has wisely said: "Wait patiently, my children, through the whole limit of your girlhood. Go not after womanhood; let it come to you. Keep out of public view. Cultivate refinement and modesty. The cares and responsibilities of life will come soon enough. When they come you will meet them, I trust, as true women should. But oh! be not so unwise as to throw away your girlhood. Rob not yourself of this beautiful season, which, wisely spent, will brighten all your future life."

Don't Gossip.

Children, avoid this if I am pained every day at seeing the work which mischief-makers do. Some one has compared this evil to pin-making. "There is sometimes some u, which I call wire. As this passes from hand to hand, one gives it a polish, another a point, others make and put on the head, and at last the pin is done." The Bible speaks much against mischief-making, and I would advise you to collect all the verses in the book, bearing on this subject, and commit them to memory, and then I do not think you will ever be guilty of this sin. Remember, my little friends, that you can never gather up the mischief you may do by gossip.—*Pansy.*

A Girl Should Learn.

To sew.
To cook.
To mend.
To be gentle.
To value time.
To dress neatly.
To keep a secret.
To be self-reliant.
To respect old age.
To avoid idleness.
To darn stockings.
To mind the baby.
To make good bread.
To take a house tidy.
To make a home happy.
To be above gossiping.
To control her temper.
To take care of the sick.
To sweep down cob-webs.
To humor a cross old man.
To marry a man for his worth.
To be a help-mate to a husband.
To keep clear of flash literature.
To take plenty of active exercise.
To see a mouse without screaming.
To read some books besides novels.
To be light-hearted and fleet-footed.
To wear shoes that won't cramp the feet.

To be a womanly woman under all circumstances.—*Golden Censer.*

Keep Your Mouth Clean.

Little children, do you know that there is something more than soap and water needed to keep your mouth clean? Can soap and water cleanse the naughty words that fly out of your mouth so often? No. Try to keep your mouth pure, so that when your lips touch your dear mother's in a loving good-night kiss, she can feel that they are clean. If you will remember to say a little prayer every morning, you will learn how to keep your mouth free from naughty, impatient words; it is this: "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer."—*Visitor.*

Every human soul has the germ of some flowers within; and they would open, if they could find sunshine and free air to expand in. Make people happy, and there will not be half the quarreling or a tenth part of the wickedness there is.—*L. M. Child.*

Young Folks' Column.

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The Mystery Solved.

(No. 2.)
No. 3.—Boil them—roast it well—
Tapioca—Peaches—Oranges, (Trans-
pose the word italicised.)

No. 4.—S—nail—snail.

No. 5.—Die, Bad, lie, Crop.

No. 6.—1. Because it's the middle of day. 2. The man in the moon.

No. 7.—Amice—mice—ice.

The Mystery—No. 5.

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No. 17.—BIBLE QUERIES.

1. Whose daughters married their "father's brother's sons?"
2. Where have we a record of two men committing suicide on the same day?

3. Where is the verse: "For the Lord thy God is a consuming fire, even a jealous God."

No. 18.—REBUS.

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to read ORK

No. 19.—GEOGRAPHICAL BLANKS.

1. A—a—a—one of the United States.
2. —a—a—a—a division of America.
3. —a—a—a—an isthmus.
4. —a—a—a—a—an island.

No. 20.—ANAGRAM.

(One word.)
Rob is not Eva!

The Mystery solved in three weeks.

The Mystical Circle.

As yet, no response to "prize offers."—Jan. 23.

Geo. N. BREWER, San Francisco, U. S., sends correct solution to the Bible Puzzles in issue No. 52, '87—Nos. 302 and 303. He also sends us a batch of puzzles, *Daily Chronicle* of San Francisco, etc., for all of which he has our heart-felt gratitude. We wish

you many happy returns, and shall ever bear your name in memory. Write often, and try for some of the prizes.

UNCLE NED.

Our Literary Circle.

Two essays have been received and published. Will not some others undertake the competition? It is a work which will benefit you, and also enable you to further your school studies. Try! See issue No. 1 for rules. We will publish the rules next issue, knowing that the INTELLIGENCER is entering many new homes. We hope to receive much aid and encouragement from these new readers; as well as the old. Come, dear young friends!

[8th Subject.—TEMPERANCE.]

What can rub it out.

"My son," said his mother to a flaxen-haired boy, five years old, who was trying to rub out some pencil marks he had made on paper, "My son, do you know that God writes down all you do in a book? He writes every naughty word, every disobedient act, every time you indulge in temper, and shake your shoulders, or put your lips; and, my boy, you can never rub it out."

The little boy's face grew very red, and in a moment tears ran down his cheeks. His mother looked earnestly at him, but she said nothing more. At length he came softly to her side, threw his arms around her neck, and whispered, "Can the blood of Jesus rub it out?"

Dear children, Christ's blood can rub out the record of your sins, for it is written in God's Holy Word, "The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth from all sin!"

REMEMBER

now
THY CREATOR IN
the days of
THY YOUTH.
—Eccles. 12:1.

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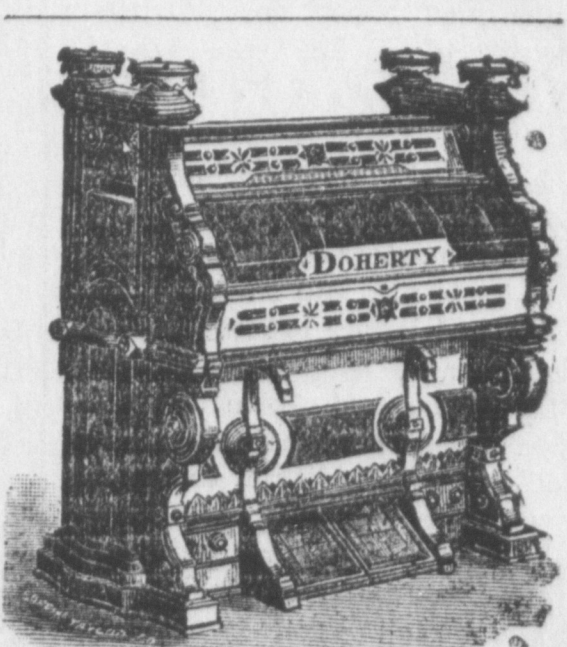
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