

# OUR YOUNG FOLKS

TEN BRAVE MEN.

BY ALBRO COLLINGWOOD.

"Oh, when do you think it will stop raining?" whined John Henry, who for a whole hour had stood by the window watching the drops. "Whoever heard of it's raining nearly a week without stopping?" He stood drumming with his fingers on the glass, tired of having teased poor pussy, tired of having been the cause of a quarrel with the cook, besides hosts of other mischievous actions which brought him the name of being a young reprobate, by all in the culinary department, at least.

He threw himself into a large easy chair and tried to sleep, but even there "the spirit was willing, but the flesh was weak," and he sprang up again to discover some new object to torment.

At last his mamma heard him, and feeling sorry to see John Henry so miserable, called him to sit by her while she told him a story of a brave king and his army, and the foes they conquered.

"Once there was a king who fell heir to Norman's land, but he was not as rich as kings are generally supposed to be; in fact he was quite the contrary, so that many times he did not know at dinner how he could raise money enough to buy that evening's tea.

He was also a very little king; there was nothing commanding in his voice when he spoke to his army, neither was he clothed in royal purple which every one knows is a dress befitting kings, but alas! many a time he was obliged to wear the meanest apparel because his old clothes were quite worn out. He was short and rather stout, with a jolly-looking face and the windows of his soul, which means his eyes, were large and a deep brown with the least little mischievous twinkle in their corners seeming to proclaim that he was only a very poor king and not very large, but he was a very determined one for all that, and what he made up his mind to do he always accomplished.

This little king of Norman's land had been very much tried by some wild hordes of people who inhabited a territory bordering on his domains, and they frequently invaded his kingdom, carrying away his clothing and food so that he became very poor. Clearly something must be done or he would very soon lose his throne altogether, and every day he was becoming fainter and weaker for want of food.

So one day he called his army together, explaining what difficulties they were in and how the many insurrections had reduced them to poverty, and only in name was he a king now and he wanted each one to assist in restoring the kingdom. If you only could have heard that army shout "long live the king;" but I must not omit telling you that the army consisted of only ten men. "Not much of an army," I can hear you say, but they were so brave they accomplished more than legions of others who were less brave and noble. The king stood upon the portico of his palace while he addressed them, looking down upon their glittering swords and shields, for they

were all encased in the truest steel, and when he had finished his speech the leader of the army stepping before his comrades, exclaimed, "long live the king, let us all pledge ourselves to fight for him until the kingdom is regained." Instantly ten voices struck the air, each proclaiming what he would do to help until the king found himself with an army very few can boast of. There were Industry, Courage, Action, Ingenuity and Determination, with five others equally as good.

"Who conquered?" asked John Henry wide awake.

"The king regained his lost possessions, but only with the help of his ten brave men who helped him through his many difficulties and disappointments."

"But then he was a noble leader," said John Henry.

"Indeed there are many more like him," answered his mother, "but it is because he was brave and true-hearted that he succeeded, and so can every one if they will only employ their ten men as assistants, that their time may not pass idly away."

John Henry rubbed his chin and went to find something to do, for he felt quite ashamed of himself until he tried to do better. I am not sure that he succeeded right away, but the army was of great use to him and he tried to be a noble leader.—*Selected.*

## A LITTLE CHILD'S FAITH.

We have heard a pleasant story of a sweet little girl between three and four years of age. She was all ready to go to bed at night, when she came to her mother, who was washing her hands, and asked her to hear her say her prayer.

"Yes, dear, in a minute, when I have finished washing my hands," said her mother.

"Jesus will have to wait a minute or two, won't he?" said the little girl. "No, I dess I will say it alone."

She began to repeat her little prayer, and said a line or two, when she stopped and said,—

"I dess you will have to wait a minute or two; for I've forgot." She spoke just as though she believed and felt that Jesus was right there, and heard what she said.

And the dear Savior is always so near, that he hears the simplest words a lisping child speaks; and he loves to have the little ones speak to him, and tell him all their wants, just as they do their parents.—*Kind Words.*

## "TRUE TO THE LAST."

### A LITTLE TEMPERANCE HERO.

In these times of pecuniary depression, when situations in stores are so hard to obtain, as well as hard to retain in the dull season of the year, it requires a firm resolve to enable a boy to promptly relinquish his clerkship merely on account of what many men sneeringly call "fanaticism."

A lad, in Alabama, although but thirteen years old, is a member of the temperance organization known as the Good Templars. His employer, a merchant in that place, recently ordered a barrel of whisky, to accommodate his regular customers. As soon as it arrived, however, Master Pennington informed his employer that he would be compelled to resign his place in the store, as he had obligated himself in the Lodge not to touch, taste, or handle intoxicating liquors. Neither

the persuasions of the merchant, nor the earnest appeals of the boy's parents, with the influence of friends added, could move this little hero of principle, and he remained then, as he, no doubt, will continue through life, "TRUE TO THE LAST."—*Frank Leslie's Sunday Magazine.*

ROOM IN HEAVEN.—A little child was dying, and called her mother to her bedside. She had a cross and unsympathetic parent. 'Mother,' said the child "is there room for me in heaven? You always said I was in the way here. Will I be in the way there?" And the poor mother wept bitter tears as she said, "Yes, there will be room for you there."—*Leslie's Sunday Magazine.*

### A STRANGE PLANT.

A plant, supposed to be new, has been found in Nicaragua, which, if what is said of it is true, is a great curiosity. It has been named "Phytolacca Electrica." It is said to possess very pronounced electro-magnetic properties. The hand is sensibly benumbed upon touching the shrub, and the magnetic influence is felt at a distance of seven or eight feet. The magnetic needle is sensibly perturbed, becoming more and more so until it reaches the centre of the shrub, when the disturbance is transformed into a very rapid gyratory movement. The intensity of the phenomenon varies with the hours of the day, and at night it is hardly perceptible. It attains its maximum about 2 P. M. In stormy weather the energy of the action is augmented. No insects or birds have been seen on the shrub.—*Ex.*

A Sunday School teacher was giving a lesson in Ruth. She wanted to bring out the kindness of Boaz in commanding the reapers to drop large handfuls of wheat. 'Now children,' said she 'Boaz did another nice thing for Ruth; can you tell me what it was?' 'Married her!' said one of the boys.

An ingenious girl up on North Hill, who has never a "feller" in the world, goads the other girls in that neighborhood to madness by lighting up the parlor brilliantly and then setting her father's hat where its shadow will be boldly marked against the curtain.

—Man is naturally deluded by temptation, and in many cases he is not undeceived until he finds himself completely entangled in the net of trouble.

### FORM OF APPLICATION FOR A BOY.

My residence is in.....  
..... County, and my occupation is.....  
My family consists of.....  
..... I wish to employ a boy..... years of age, and (Here give description and qualities desired.)  
He will be required to..... and allowed to..... I will furnish..... and pay him..... a month.  
A. B.  
Recommended by.....

### FORM OF APPLICATION FOR THE ADMISSION OF HALF ORPHANS.

..... N. C., }  
....., 1877. }  
This is to certify that.....  
..... is a half orphan,  
sound in body and mind, and without any estate. II.... father died in 18.... I being h.... mother, hereby make application for h.... admission to the Orphan Asylum at Oxford, and I also relinquish and convey to the officers thereof the entire management and control of said orphan till the.... day of.....  
..... (that being the day on which..... will be fourteen years of age,) in order that.... may be trained and educated according to the regulations prescribed by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. I also promise not to annoy the Orphan Asylum, and not to encourage the said orphan to leave without the approval of the Superintendent.  
Approved by.....  
W. M. of.....

### FORM OF APPLICATION FOR THE ADMISSION OF ORPHANS.

..... N. C., }  
....., 1877. }  
This is to certify that.....  
..... is an orphan, sound in body and mind, and without estate. II.... father died 18...., h.... mother died in 18.... I, being h...., hereby make application for h.... admission into the Orphan Asylum at Oxford, and I also relinquish and convey to the officers thereof, the entire management and control of said orphan till the.... day of....., 18.... (that being the day on which..... will be fourteen years of age,) in order that.... may be trained and educated according to the regulations prescribed by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

Approved by.....  
W. M. of..... Lodge.

### FORM OF APPLICATION FOR A GIRL.

Our residence is in.....  
..... County, and our occupation.....  
..... Our family consists of..... We wish to employ a girl..... years of age, and (Here give description and qualities desired). She will be required to..... and allowed to..... She will spend her evenings in..... and will sleep in..... We will furnish..... and will pay..... a month.  
A. B.,  
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