

DUTY OF A MOTHER.

The heathen mother takes her babe to the idol temple, and teaches it to clasp its little hands before its forehead, in the attitude of prayer, long before it can utter a word.

Thus in the period of life when the mind and heart are most impressible, have the heathen mothers learned to engraft upon their children, the system of religion in which they believe.

How suggestive is this to christian mothers! What a lesson of wisdom may be gathered from the methods of their heathen sisters.

Does not this accord with the teaching of God's word? "Train up a child in the way in which he ought to go."

Who is responsible for this work? Christian parents, evidently; both father and mother.

But the mother first of all can and ought to do this work. Motherhood is the most important office of womanhood.

With this last sentence occurs a thought of that class of children whose interests it is our special work to advocate—the fatherless and motherless.

or influence be ultimately brought right? By the work of the Church under the grace of God they may be saved. But the Church is not in the place of parents.

"PECK'S BAD BOY."

This book was conceived, composed and written by the Devil, one Peck acting as penholder. Its first object seems to be to undermine all religion.

Though not intended for publication we print the following pleasant letter from the Superintendent of the Albany Orphan Asylum.

Mr. J. H. MILLS—Your letter of the 12th inst has been received, also printed slips of prayers used at your Institution.

We have at the present time 245 Our children turn out about the same as yours.

I intend if possible to attend the Conference of Charities at Louisville, if so, hope to make your acquaintance there.

THE TENDENCY TO SLANDER.

Surely among the weaknesses of the human heart there is none so utterly despicable as the disposition to depreciate the character of our acquaintances.

I met a Mason at my railroad station the other day, who wore a Masonic emblem. I spoke to him as a Mason, and he responded in an appropriate manner.

But when I asked him relative to a particular friend of mine among those Masons, I was amazed at the acrimony of his reply.

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So much was I excited over this matter, that I felt constrained to write a confidential letter to another brother living in the same place—a minister in the church to which I belong.

After reading this letter, I fell into a fit of musing. Is it possible, thought I, that my character is at the hazard of such men?

and falling into casual conversation with a stranger at a railroad station, have it in his power to blacken me and spread abroad such false, cruel and calumnious statements? It is so.

What language can I use too severe for such evil-minded men? Let me turn again to the sacred pages, and, as I copy, the reader shall say if the description does not fit them.

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The success of the St. Louis school has caused some stir in the Northwest, and Chicago has raised a hundred thousand dollars for a similar one in that city.

We hope the experiment will be followed up in other States, and that hereafter, among the graduates turned

out upon the country every year, may be found scores of young men who, instead of going into law offices, doctors' shops or stores, will be competent to take charge of machine shops and manufactories, and thus add to the productive wealth of the country while securing for themselves immediate independence and prospective fortunes.

A New England manufacturer kept his mills running at a time when trade was depressed and the demand for his goods was intermitted. A neighbor, who knew this he was not running his mills at a daily loss.

Slowly he raised his patient eyes, with homely truth inspired: "No, man, it isn't the foot that kicks, 'The one that stands gets tired."

'That's it! If you want to save your strength, keep using it. If you want to get tired, do nothing. As a matter of fact we all know that the last man in the world to go to for a helping hand in any new undertaking, is one who has plenty of time on his hands.

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