Little Folks.

GOD HELP THE BOY.

God help the boy who never sees The butterflies, the birds, the bees, Nor hears the music of the breeze When zephys soft are blowing. Who cannot in sweet comfort lie Where clover blooms are thick and high And hear the gentle murmers nigh Of brooklets sofily flowing.

God help the boy who does not know Where all the woodland berries grow, Who never sees the forests glow When leaves are red and yellow. Whose childish feet can never stray, For such a helpless boy, I say, When nature does her charms display,

God help the little fellow. -Nixon Waterman.

A BOY'S RELIGION.

Not Grandmotherly, But Boyish. It was the late Henry Drummond who once said to a great company of boys: "Boys, if you are going to be Christians, be Christians as boys and not as your grandmothers. A grand mother has to be a Christian as a grandmother, and that is the right and beautiul thing for her; but it you can not read your Bible by the hour as your grandmother can, don't think that you are necessarily a bad boy. When you are your grandmothers's up to these facts: Worry is wrong!

mother's religion." some boys have the idea that they will the better for the world. Worry cer-This is a mistake. No one expects, no wrote thus of the sin of fretting:

boys I know is also the merriest. No one would think of calling him "grand motherly." He reads his Bible, too, and goes regularly to church, to Sun day school, and to prayer meeting. He is at the same time such a good ball probably every one in the room or in player that he is aiways chosen first the car or on the street corner, it may when the boys are choosing sides for a be, knew before, and probably nobody game. And no boy of his age can ex cel him at football or at tennis. And it? It is cold, it is hot, it is dry, some they always say of him: "Harry plays | body has broken an appointment, illfair; he does!

he attends, and his reputation for There are plenty of things to fret absolute truthfulness is such that the teacher of the school he attends told me not long ago, that on one occasion, course of every day's living, even of vious calendar year, as prescribed by when the boys on the playground were the simplest, if one keeps a sharp eye law, and shall exhibit the receipt there hotly discussing a certain matter and on that side of things." This is certhere had been charges of falsehood | tainly true; and it is no less certain made and still more hotly refuted, one | that a cheerful disposition may be cul of the boys said: "Let Harry Mtell the straight of the story. He knows | may be trained in harmony or the all about it, and he'il tell the exact mind in various learning. truth." It is a fine thing for a boy to have a reputation like that in the community in which he lives.

At another time the pupils in Harry's room had met to select some one of their number to present a certain re quest to the principal of the school, and Harry was immediately chosen, "because he is so sort of gentlemanly," as one of the boys said. This was a tribute to the unfailing power and influence of real courtesy, and true courtesy is a marked trait of Christian have repented of evil, and ask our character.

way, which is quite as charming and it have no place in our minds. Let the of being a Christian. All Christianity busy with that which is new and living. decade of life has its own particular lives. God will help us to forget the joys in the Caristian life. They are all God given, and none are sweeter than the joys of true Christian boy hood. - Reformed Church Messenger.

CIGARETTES

Suppose a boy has a lot of cigarettes and smokes a few of them every day. Is there any injury in this? I can tell things for him:

hundred or more per minute.

the healthy standard.

general vitality, as will appear in his section detect or win back the vanished pale complexion and his diminished soul? Is the higher Biblical criticism appetite.

Cigarette smoking is one of the worst habits physically that a boy can | man heart? - Ex form. It injures the heart and diges tion, and it tends to check the growth It gives a lad false and silly notions, and does not bring him into good com pany.-Harper's Young People.

Teacher .- "Tommy, how dare you waste your drawing paper-covering it with ridiculous pictures?"

Tommy, -"I didn't need the paper to imagination."-Ex

Christian Life Column.

THE WORD SHE REMEMBERED.

'You remember the sermon you heard, my dear? The little one blushed and dropped her eyes,

Then lifted them bravely with a look of cheer-Eyes that were blue as the summer

'I'm afraid I forgot what the minister said.

He said so much to grown up men, And the pulpit was 'way up over my

But I told mamma that he said 'Amen.'

'And 'Amen,' you know, means "Let it be. What ever our Lord may please to do, And that is sermon enough for me, If I mind and feel so, the whole week

through." took the little one's word to heart, I wish I could carry it all day long, The "Amen" spirit, which hides the

To meet each cross with a happy -Philadelphia Call.

INCESSANT WORRY.

Paul Tyner, in one of his essays, says: "People everywhere are waking age, you will have have your grand Worry is unnecessary! Worry must go!" So mote it be! The sooner this Now, there is a great deal in the unnecessary, wrongful demon of fretunless it rises above its usual mono-One of the truest hearted Christian | tone, we do not even observe it. Watch any ordinary coming together of peo ple, and see how many minutes it will prescribed by law. be before somebody frets-that is, makes a more or less complaining state ment of something or other, which can help. Why say anything about cooked a meal; stupidity or bad faith He is the life of the social gatherings somewhere has resulted in discomfort. about. It is simply astonishing how much annoyance may be found in the

> If to hope overmuch is an error, 'l'is one that the wise have preferred; For how often have nearts been in ter

> tivated in the same way that the voice

Over evils that never occurred!

sins. We should try to forget them. velop goodness. It rather has the op dampens our ardor, makes us simid and distrustful of ourselves When we Father to forgive us, we should dis wrong we once did, if we live with Him. We must work with him to produce that blessed oblivion to the past both by refusing absolutely to harbor the thought of old sins and by filling our lives wish all that pleases Him. Blessed is the man who cultivates the forgetting of avil.-Ex.

What singular factors in the prog you, for I have had such boys for pa | ress of science are the twin methods tients. Such smoking, even in so of this advanced age, postmortem dis called moderation (as if there was any section, and the higher Biblical critisuch thing as moderation in stimu cism. The one seeking by t' mutilalants for the young!) will do three tion and examination of the dead body to understand and cure physical ills; 1. It will run his pulse up to one the other seeking by mutilation and dissection of the naked text of the 2. It will reduce his weight below Bible to understand its spirit and im part to mankind the inspiration of its 3. It will reduce his strength and heavenly fire. Can mutilation and dis any more potent to reveal the spirit of the Bible or transfuse it into the hu

> There is scarcely a crime which man | under judgment suspended, of any commits, or a sin of which he is guilty which does not originate in selfishness. It is a vice that is never satisfied. It has the utmost tenacity of life, and | becoming a citizen of the United States, never dies a natural death. It exists of corruption and malpractice in office, under a thousand different forms, and unless such person shall have been re in every state of society. It is sapping the life blood of Christianity, and can scribed by law. be destroyed only by the consuming

THE PROPOSED CONSTITU-TIONAL AMENDMENT.

Believing that no more important the next general election. measure has been before the people of North Carolina for a score of years, we give in full herewith the proposed Con stitutional amendment, which we ex carefully considered and that the voter should not allow prejudice to influence him in deciding whether or not he will support it. The amendment reads as follows:

That article VI of the Constitution of North Carolina be, and the same is hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof shall be substituted the following article of said Constitution:

ARTICLE VI.

in the United States and every male person who has been naturalized, 21 years of age and possessing the qualifi entitled to vote at any election by the people in the State, except as herein otherwise provided.

Section 2 He shall have resided in the State of North Carolina for two years, in the county six months, and in the precinct, ward or other district in which he offers to vote, four months next preceding the election: Provided, above for a boy to take to heart; for fulness is given his "walking papers," That removal from one precinct, ward or other election district, to another in be expected to put aside most of their | tainly has no place in the life of a be- | the same county, shall not operate to propensities, if they take upon them | liever-a worrying Christian, is indeed, | deprive any person of the right to vote selves the duties of Christian boys. a solecism. Helen Hunt Jackson in the precinct, ward or other election district, from which he has removed one wants them to give up their "There is one sin which, it seems to until four months after such removal. natural rights and feelings of boyhood. | me, is everywhere and by everybody | No person who has been convicted or They are not to be in the least grand | underestimated, and quite too much | who has confessed his guilt in open motherly or grandfatherly, but they overlooked in valuation of character. | court upon indictment, of any crime, are to be happy in the way in which It is the sin of fretting. It is common the punishment of which now is or God intended that all youth should be as air, as speech-so common that, may hereafter be, imprisonment in the State prison, shall be permitted to vote That Will Interest You unless the said person shall be first restored to citizenship in the manner

vote shall be at the time a legally regis tered voter as herein prescribed and in the manner hereafter provided by law, and the General Assembly of North Carolina shall enact general registration laws to carry into effect the pro visions of this article.

Section 4. Any person presenting himself for registration or voting shall be able to read and write any part of the Constitution in the English lan guage, and shall have paid by the first day of March the poll tax for the pre for when he offers vote. Poll taxes shall be a lien only on assessed property, and no process shall issue to en force the collection of the same except against assessed property.

Section 5. No male person, who was on January 1, 1867, or at any time prior thereto, entitled to vote under the laws of any State in the United States wherein he then resided, and no lineal descendant of any such person, shall It is unwise to brood over our past | be denied the right to register and vote at any election in this State by reason To recall them certainly does not de of his failure to possess the educational qualification prescribed in section 4 of posite effect. The thought of them this Article: Provided, He shall have registered in accordance with the terms of this Article prior to December 1 1908. The General Assembly shall provide for a permanet record of all Harry is a Christian boy in a boyish miss the thought of it, shut it out, let persons who register under this secin on or before November 1, 1908, and | nair Wright, is equally instructive and impressing as the grandmotherly way dead past bury its dead. We must be all such persons shall be entitled to entertaining, and should be in the register and vote at all elections by the hands of every lady reader of THE PRO is based on right thinking and right By pure thoughts, noble purposes, good people in this State unless disqualified living, without regard to age. E.ch works, we must cowd evil out of our under section 2 of this article: Provided such persons shall have paid their poll tax as required by law."

Section 6. A.l elections by the people shall be by ballot, and all elections by the General Assembly shall be viva

Section 7 Every voter in North Caro lina, except as in this Article disquali fied, shall be elgible to office, but be fore entering upon the duties of the office he shall take and subscribe the following oath; "I, ---, do solemply swear or affirm, that I will support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States and the Constitution and laws of North Carolina. not inconsistent therewith, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as ----. So help me

God." Section 8 The following classes of persons shall be disqualified for office: First, all persons who deny the being of Almighty God. Second, all persons who shall have been convicted, or con fessed their guilt on indictment pend ing, and whether sentenced or not, or treason or felony, or any other crime for which the punishment may be im prisonment in the penitentiary, since stored to citizenship in a manner pre-

draw on, 'cause I was drawing on my fire of the Holy Gaost.-Rev. C. H. of the Constitution relating to suffrage, Section 9 That all of the provisions

in this act, amending the Constitution, shall go into effect on the first day of July, 1902, if a majority of the qualified voters of the State so declare at

Section 10. Tais amendment shall be submitted at the next general election to the qualified voters of the State, in the same manner and under the same rules and regulations as is provided in pect to keep standing until the election | the law regulating general elections in August of next year. It is not nec- in this State, and in force May 1 st, essary for us to say that it should be desiring to vote for such amendment shall cast a written or printed ballot with the words "For Suffrage Amend ment" thereon: and those with a con trary opinion shall cast a written or printed ballot with the words "Against Suffrage Amendment" thereon.

Section 11. The said election shall be held and the votes returned, compared, counted and canvassed, and the result announced, under the same rules and regulations as are in force for return ing, comparing, counting and canvass ing the votes for members of the Gen eral Assembly, May 1st, 1899, and if a Section 1 Every male person born | majority of the votes cast are in favor of the said amendment, it shall be the duty of the Governor of the State to certify said amendment under the seal of the State to the Secretary of State, cations set out in this article, shall be who shall enroll the said amendment so certified among the permanent records of his office.

Section 12 This act shall be in force from and after it ratification.



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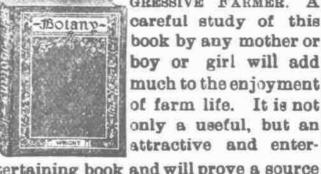
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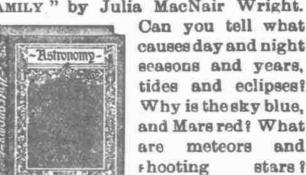
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