

Going to College.

It is related of an old Scotchman, who, on being asked if he intended to send his boy to college, replied, God formd I should spend five thousand dollars on a ten cent boy!" That the boys who intend entering

college this fall are not ten-cent boys is to be taken for granted. But whether all of them are going to real-The Templar's Test.

ize the fond hopes of their parents and friends, and turn out something far superior to the ordinary boy or not, remains an unknown and untried factor." Some of them may, and per baps will, prove to become all that 'we are personally acquainted with their most sanguine friends could 'he author of the following story, who

have desired them to be. But, boys, how many of you realize it is thrilling. The narrative is full how much depends upon yourself in of suggestive thought, too, in regard this matter? It is not your gifts or to The Medical use of Alcohol.' talents which will make or mar your During the war of the Soudar future career. You are entering upon 1885, the army physicians advised a course of study which will help de the British government to supply the velop your special cast of mind, no desert troops with a small quantity of er will take it away." doubt; but in every department of rum daily, as it was absolutely necthought there is plenty of room for essary to maintain health in such a all to succeed. Your future will not, bot and trying climate; and when we therefore, lie altogether in the special consider that the stipulated daily altalent you may be gifted with And lowance of water was only one pint, jet it will doubless be difficult to we can bardly wonder at the allowance convince you that it will not. It will of rum being gladly received by al-

be so easy in after years to point to most the entire army. one and another of your class mates, However, there were a few excepwho have done good work in life, and tions; hotable among these were two say, Yes; but then he always was a comrades who were good Templars, gifted tellow.' Oh, X - why he dis and consequently, from principle, played his powers in college from the scorned, even in the tace of such direvery first; of course he has been a extremities, to bow to that against success? And so on of one and which they had vowed eternal hosanother. Yes, probably there will tiluty. be failures, which on the same grounds | During the summer months when will prove mexplicable. 'Poor Y, be the heat was absolutely prostrating,

ought to have shone in the world and hundreds of men died from fever, He was really one of the most talent- sunstroke and disentery, the comrades ed fellows in the class,' etc. Now, we opine success in life dees not to continue always. One morning

not depend so much upon talent as one of them (whom for present parposes upon will power 'Whosoever will' is we s' all call 'Will') was stricken by one of the strongest of scriptural sunstroke. He was carried to his will, can be equally applied to all who and lay as one dead for some time. would gain intellectual truth and pre- On regaining consciousness, he openeminence. It is the will that must ed his eyes and beheld the well known be depended upon throughout you form of a captain bending over him. college course, my young friends, it holding in his hand a large tin cup you are bound to succeed. Do not containing brandy and extract of meat. trust to brightness of intellect or a Will thanked him in tones which were faoile pen or ready speech. Trust scarcely audible, and motioned to him rather to a strong and invincible will to put it down beside him on the sand. which shall enable you to overcome The captain did so, and departed. every obstacle. It is this, and this Will was alone with his old enemy alone, which shall surely carry you only a canvas sheet protecting him

They would see un in their own lives sorrowful they may

A STORY OF THE SOUDAN.

et. Her heart ached for the little fellow undergoing such heroic treatment, and she used to steal softly upstairs

with bed-room candle, and stand just outside her brother's door. The edito of the Better Day says 'Are you there sister?' 'Yes, Willie.'

'Can I have the light?' 'No, Willie; mother says no.' 'Do bring it.' 'No: but I'll let it stay right here.'

'Yes, all across the floor, don't you ee? You must go to sleep, or moth-

oice asking: 'Are you there sister?'

'Will you surely stay?' 'Surely.'

'Till I'm all-every bit asleep? You 'No, Willie."

'No, brother, never.'

possible, and if the mother heard she

Years passed, and the lovely boyhood and the brilliant youth were had the best of health. But this was edge, but not in goodness or faith. Life parted them early, and their lives went separate ways. Her love and her letters and her prayers followed phrases in regard to the gaining of tent, and there he lay prostrate; his matters spiritual. And whosever brain whirled; he lost consciousness to him than these, and little by little may swing wide open the door of en-he became the victim of drink. It did he may swing wide open the door of en-he became the victim of drink. It did accert hefore it an insurmountable

cided to send him to bed alone, and us to submit to his absolute decrees. cases has been caused by giving way standing, correct the error or right of brave old George H. Staart as he

sorrowlal they may and cheerful work, finance conservation is the sorrowlat they may and cheerful work, finance conservation is the sorrowlat they may will and love and con-sorrowlat they would be conservation is of all to the boy's sister, a girl of they would be conservation is of and in and of terror of looking under the bed, in glity love and tenderness, holding mighty love and tenderness, holding in glity love and tenderness holding in tent the first in glity love and tenderness holding in glity love and tend ness, are destroyed, but only because Darkness shows us worlds of light

the all-wise Ruler perceives what we We never saw by day.' cannot discover-that our hopes

would but yield us fruits of hitterness, Let us think, alone with Jesus, what and that pre-ent happiness would he is in whom is all the fulness of taken to heart as they never should

How many little misunderstandlife, and blending in subtle meshes was the answer, 'you cannot , strip me all our acts and relations in the world, of him.' Christ is yours, friend, yours ings stick, like a splinter in one's finappears dark to us, simply because, through the darkest shadow-Christ, ger, until they make mischief and while we are finite, it is wrought out who is Rest and Refuge, the King of trouble that cannot easily be remeby an infiante Intelligence. Now, be kings, the great Paysician. Money died; and in how many cases five ing men, we cannot escape the fears cannot purchase rest, but it comes to and anxiet es and sorrows that by the you with Jesus; there is no pillow so laws of our being are necessarily in comforting as the Redeemer's love, of silence at such times is a very dan-cident to such a providence. They and on this you may trastfully reare necessary, moreover, to our moral pose. Some one asked a poor infirm bled and suffered when a word would education in the development and old man, 'Do you thick you can rest a have healed them .- Anon.

exercise of the principle of faith. But little now?' 'It is all rest, he said, if we be wise we shall find a sufficient 'because God's arms are beneath me" -Quiver.

Death, to the Christian, so far from being the ending of life, is rather life beginning. It is not losing, but gaining, not par, ing, but rather arriving. The Church should address herself the training of round, partial, but the revelations and that they are held to be respectable. Promises of God, death, to one who Mrs. Browning spoke truly when, has the grace of God in his heart, and with epigrammatic force, she said, he wen in immediate prospect, is a half decade will give to nine in every glorio is hour. The Christian in dying does not go forth into a world of mystery and darkness, of which he has no knowledge, but he does go to be where Christ is, and to dwell with

Regular Church Going.

him forever.

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churchless Sunday.

Like anything else of the same kind, church going is a great deal a matter of habit. Some of us have been brought up in the habit, and find it perfectly natural to go to church at least twice on Sunday, and to receive the communion at least once a week, think such dishouest practices are Those who have formed such a habit would find it hard to give it up.

On the other hand, some of us have made it a habit to stay at home and the sin so bitterly that she almost in- should everywhere result in wise loat on Sundays, and to read through cluded the sinner. She hardened un- plans, thorough organization, large fa- the Sunday newspaper. Of course, over deeds which are in themselves specimens of it? They may even beder the shame of it, and lost faith in cilities, and effective administration this entails a good deal of hard work, his efforts and promises; and while in this most important department now that the Sunday newspaper has

What Charity Means.

yet know nothing of the scriptural

charity. Charity means love. It is

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Misunderstandings.

greedy fingers into a purse that once words harsh which were kindly meant; had been marked with the name of that light and tripping phrases which Christ. The Christian professor were carefully thrown off, have been moves, by slow and easy stages, over the dividing line, until he is pretty eventuate in fature misery. In other God, '1 will strip thee of all earthly have been; and that we have made ourselves and others miserable when its mysterious network over all our Christian martyr. 'Christ is mine,' there was no need of it whatever. the dividing line, until he is pretty well reconformed to the world. He gets to liging his new surroundings. His conscience loses its keen edge. He gets used to neglecting Bible study; used to shirking religious duties; he gets used to singing! Instead of giv-ing his Saviour the 'casting vote' in every decision, he gives it to self inminutes' frank honest talk would have terest. Instead of growing in grace, settled the whole matter. The policy he dwarfs every day. Cold or hot? who are constantly with him feel a single ray of warmth. Having a name

to live, he is dying slowly at the root. I know of scores of such Christians who are gasping away like a poor bird under an exhausted glass-receiver of an air pump.

that any sin, however garishly array-Put a score of such church members ed or socially dignified, is in itself into a prayer meeting, and it becomes like the cave of the 'seven sleepers.' respectable, but that some sins are Put a church full of such professors into a community, and they yield about as much fruit as some peach orchards that I saw this season; nothing The devil is most develish when resbut leaves. I would not exchange the pectable,' because he is then most piety, the prayers and the powers of dangerous. His seeming respectabilan humble seamstress that I wot of, ity throws unwary souls off their tor an hundred of these petrified proguard, and beguiles them by begetting fessors who still keep up a solemn the thought that their objections to mockery of coming regularly to the communion table! Lukewarm even certain profitable or delightful courses of conduct are based, not on Scripture there in full view of their crucified rationally interpreted, but on squeam-Lord! O it is terrible to think how ish or morbid consciousness. Hence, low a Christian's religion may sink, and for example, when young men see vet some breath of life is still left in social honors paid to rich financiers him. It is terrible also to contemwhose overflowing coffers were filled by means of transactions which in plate the mischief which these lukewarm representatives of Christianity volved lying, deception, and speculative trickery, they are disposed to work in the Church, and in the community. The accumulated snow flakes of their inconsistent words and deeds not so bad as they are taught to believe. So, when members of churches block the trains of all Christian proindulge in some questionable, or per- gress. Such members inside of a church haps even ungodly, practices, they keep the impenitent outside. Who throw the cloak of their respectability is attracted to a Christian life by such injurious both to the moral and spirit come stumbling blocks, over whom the ual life. Thus they enable the devil children of this world tall into skepticism, and contempt for the name of godliness. Truly do the terse words of the old liturgy describe them as 'doing those things which they ought not to do, and leaving undone those things which they ought to do. and there is no spiritual health in them.' Cold or hot, my friend? Feel your spiritual pulse and see. Put the Bible thermometer under your tongue. Search your heart; and find out how much love for Christ is left there. If after such an honest examination you find that the tempreture has run low -what then? Should you quit the Church, and throw up your Christian profession? No! a thousand times nol-The Holy Spirit's message to you is 'be zealous' therefore and repent.' The only way to repent of sin is to quit it. The only way to warm a chilled frame is not to throw yourself into a snow-bank, but to hasten to the fire. Come back to a deserted Saviour! Instead of erasing your blurred name from the church register, seek a reconversion; Simon Peter's best work was done after he was reconverted. Do not stop with lamenting your neglect of the place of pray-Open again the door of devotion er. and go in, and throw yourself down at the Master's feet, and cry out, 'I have sinned! I am no more worthy to be thy servant.' Set up again your alter; and on it lay the sacrifice of a contrite heart. At the earliest moment, lay hold of some blood-stirring Uhristian work; it will warm you up. It may take some time to get the blood into free circulation again, and to recover your lost ground, and lost one of health. But when you do get a fresh tide of Christ's love pouring into your heart, and a fresh glow of his likeness on your countenance, you will feel as Lazarus must have felt when he shook off the grave-clothes and leaped into life again .- Evan-

relates in it an experience as real as Will it shine in?' During the war of the Soudan in

Then a pause, and soon the sleepy

'Yes, Willie'

on't let the light go out till I'm gone?" 'Nor leave me alone?'

And all this in the softest whisper

did not heed, for the children were not forbidden to comfort each other in their own fashion, until by and by the boy outgrew his tear.

to the training of young people in the formation of character, with intelligent conviction that the next ten a moral and spiritual bias that will remain unaltered Nor is this left behind. Will had outgrown his all, for much less than a half decade sister in size and strength and knowl- of neglect will place young people beyond the reach of the church forever. There is no time lease of op

portunity with any of these souls. One year, one week, or one day may him, but evil temptations crept closer turn the scale. One act or one word not conquer al' the good in him at erect before it an insurmountable once, but at intervals he yielded, and harrier of prejudice. It is high time slowly and surely went down. She for the whole church to be astir upon had been so proud of his talen s, of this subject. The situation is most bis power to win all the world could critical. With many young people offer and now he made her so pitiful it is now or never. Therefore fervent ly ashamed. When he repented she prayer, careful study, intelligent counsel, liberal giving and earnest work found it hard to relent. She hated

through the manifold temptations of from the scorening sur college life. Be strong of will in carrying out of the heavens. A mental struggle

your plans and purposes. You make was going on in his mind. Not a drop high resolves. But without an invin- of intoxicating liquor had ever crossed cible will to study you may fail to his lips; but now it seemed inevitakeep them. There is no gift-talent ble. If he retused to take it, the capor power of body or mind, which for tain might think him stubborn or unone moment can be compared to an grateful. educated will in accomplishing one's purpose and desire in life.

Be strong in will-power, then, boys. It will prove your best aliy all through your college course.-Christian at Work.

Never Knew Him.

A touching story is told of the child of a well known French painter. The lutie girl lost her sight in infancy, and her blindness was supposed he incurshle. Three years ago, however, a famous oculist in Paris performed an operation on her eyes,

and restored her sight. Her mother had long been dead, would uphold him in this his hour of trial. Then, brushing a tear from his and her father had been her only support check, he emptied the contents friend and companion. When she was told that her blindness could be of the cup in the sand, covering over cured, her one thought was that she the wet surface, and, exhausted, he could see him, and when the cure was sank into a retreshing sleep. That evening, paradoxical as it may seem, complete and the bandages were re Will was able to walk about. He moved, she ran to him, and, trembwent through the city of tents to the ling, pored over his features, shutting her eyes now and then, and passing captain's quarters to thank him for his kindness; and, on entering, the her fingers over his face as if to make sure it was he.

The father had a noble head and totallers." Will merely thanked him presence, and his every look and for his kindness and retired. That motion were watched by his daughter night the captain dined with the comwith the keenes: delight. For the mander-in chief and staff, and in the first time his constant tenderness and care seemed real to her. If he hearing of Will boasted of having caressed her, or even looked upon saved a man's life by a glass of branber kindly, it brought the tears to her dy. Two months passed away. The

eyes. To think,' she cried, holding his war was over; the troops were welcomhand close in hers, 'that I had this ed back to the homes of 'me ie Engfather so many years and never knew land.' Will was promoted and enjoying the blessing of home service, when him!

How many of us are like the little one day he met the captain who when speaking of campaigning days, menblind child! tioned the brandy incident,

How many young men just enter-'Sir,' said Will, 'you have labored ing life have made no close friendships under that delusion long enough. at school or elsewhere because some bodily defect or poverty has soured I upset the brandy in the sand, feeling sure that that was the best place 1 their tempers, and made them cynical could put it; respect for your kindand suspicious! It is their lot, they ness prevented me from telling you on think, to go alone through the world, the spot."

to find women shallow and men shams. 'Why didn't you drink it, Will?" Luck is against them. They will have nothing to do with friends; they asked the captain. Well, you see, sir,' answered Will.

will fight their own way and ask I am a Good Templar, and to be a help of none! Women, who know themselves to true Good Templar it requires good principle and steadfasthess unto

be plain and unattractive, often feel death.'-A. F. I. this morbid jealousy and bitterness; they case themselves in a pride and reserve that keeps their lives more solitary than could any prison walls,

The eyes of these souls are shut, If they would open them, they would see that the world is full of true and helpful friends waiting to work and be happy with them.

and hiding she did not give him up, she made of Christian activity .- New York Ac from his gaze the bright blue canopy him feel ashamed to come with his be- vocate.

mother unmothered beneath the dam-

nable spell of the drink fiend, the

blood rushed to his temples, and, fee-

bly lifting his hand heavenward, he

sweep through the pearly gates with

Then he prayed long and earnestly

that God who had piloted him through

so many seas of sorrow and adversity.

Holding the Light.

a brain uncontaminated."

moanings to her, when she knew before the next temptation his resolves would go down like dead leaves in the wind. And so the distance widened, and she suffered much, and he went down, and down. At last

his health broke, and life drew near While thus meditating, there flitted its close. Then she found him and through his mental vision sceres of drew near to him, nearer and nearer domestic strife, a blighted home, brothtill the day he died. Lying with his ers and sisters reared in ignorance, hand in hers, he looked up at her, as beauty clothed in rags and shame. a child might to his mother, and said and manhood and womanhood shorn

of their glory; and as he thought of a faintly; 'Do you remember, sister?' 'Remember what, Willie?' 'The light, the light; how I was a

fraid, and you used to stand by the said: 'No! If I have to die, I shall door and hold the light.' 'Yes, yes, I remember; it was s long ago,' and she turned her face a

way to hide her tears. 'Never mind, sister, it's all right now. I feel like a little child again. and 1'm not afraid.' 'Not afraid of the dark? No, you

know who goes with us, Willie, when we come to the dark-.' She could not go on. 'The dark valley.' he finished for

'Yes, I know. I see Him, sister;

and you hold the light, but, but-' 'But what, brother?' 'But you didn't keep holding it al captain said, What, you here, Willi That brandy works wonders with tee-the dark. I would have been good. sister, if you had-held it- very time-but,' suddenly seeming to real ize that he was troubling her, he drew her face down as she bent over him. and whispered, 'but now I'll be still.

I'm tired- you will stay till I go to sleen? 'Yes, Willie, yes; I will never leave you again.'

'And-and you will hold the lightfor-'As long as you need it, dear.'

'No, no, not for me- not for mefor all the other-the other-' and the old smile lit up his face-'the other little boys in the dark.'

There was no answer in words.. He been, for with his pleading for the boys in the dark his life went out. and he was in the dark. Such lessons need not to be repeat-

ed to and heart on which such bitter scourging has fallen once. But the boys in the dark are many, and many the sisters and mothers and wives that ought to be 'holding the light.'-American Reformer.

Gladness That the Lord Reigneth.

There is no doubt a Power faulting

A dear little boy of five years, who our judgments, reversing the decisions, had an old-fashioned Spartan mother frustrating the designs which we have was brave enough ordinarily, but was reached by the light of our wisdom, afraid to be left in the dark. To making us to tollow his plans and

consolation in this-that, although

we cannot rule, the Lord reigneth .--

Rev Wm. Rudder, D. D.

What is Christianity?

Christianity is the revelation of the Divine power, outside ourselves, which is able and willing to do for us, in us, and by us, things which otherwise are impossible with minthe power of God unto our salvation." It answers the question, 'How can man be just with God?' It answers the question, 'Who can

bring a clean thing out of an unclean? It answers the question, 'Who shall deliver us from this body of death?' It answers the question, 'If a man die shall he live again?'

It answers the question, in the presence of the Lord's last command, Go ve into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature'-'Whe is sufficient for these thin gs?' It answers the quest on, 'How is guilty and fallen man to b - presented faultless, in the presence of the Divine glory, with exceeding joy?' And no other religion in the world

even attempts to point to any solution of these questions-human 'upossibilities,'--Sel the word used by the Master in the

I Can't Feel I'm Saved.

man; it is the word used by inspira-And what better would you be it tion to express the love of the redeemyou could? O., you say, 'much bet ed for their Redeemer-the love that ter, I should think; that's just what I've heen wanting to feel this long earth and the eternal ascriptions of time.' No doubt you have, and heavanly praise. We illustrate the thousands more are doing the same, true measing of scriptural charity but you could not make a greater only when we feed the hungry, clothe mistake. If you owed your landlord the naked, minister to the wants of \$25, and could not pay it, and he was the suffering, and do good to all men threatening to put the sheriff in, would as we have an opportunity, because you say, 'I can't feel as if my rent we love them with the same kind of was paid. I've been trying to feel love felt for us by the exalted Master like it a long time, but I can't.' No, when He died for our redemption and to be sure you wouldn't, or, if you salvation. As the charity or love did anything so toolish, should 1 not felt by Him for us covers our many be right to answer you as I have sins, so our charity for others should done about feeling you are saved? cover theirs .- Interior. Now, God compares our sins to a

great debt which we would never pay, would not have heard it if there had and the Gospel is the mossage of his love, and that tells us how he gave his own Son to take the whole terrible load upon himself, and pay it all with his precious blood. Now do you believe what God says about the Lord Jesus, and are you willing to trust him who died for you? Don't talk about not feeling, for that has nothing to do with it. Do you believe "that Jesus has paid it all, and This is the record that God hath log meant nothing of the kind that quickens a slow ongue to eloquence. given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.'

Remedy for Restlessness.

A great many remedies are suggest- often the only ones who know the helper of poor News-boys and street cure him of this fear his mother de- subserve his purposes, and compelling ed for restlessness, which in many truth, who can explain the misunder- waifs; it irradiated the countenance

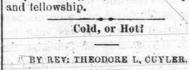
rown into a volume. But a resolute o do his most develish work of luring nan can, if he will, break up an old young and feeble souls into the pit of bad habit, and . establish a new good destruction. How needful, then, is the precaution, 'Beware of respectable Why not set yourself to work till

ins.' regular church going, which you Be True to Your Own Church. know is a habit you ought to cultivate, has become second nature to

Respectable Sins.

Beware of respectable sins. Not

you? Y u will find it the best disci-Don't run down either its pastor or pline you ever set for yourself, and its members; either its doctrine or its we venture to say that, when once policy; either its ordinances or its the habic is formed, you will wonder usages. Give it a hearty and loyal how men can endure such a despersupport by word and deed, Rememrately dull piece of business as a ber that it belongs to you; that it is a part of your religious life; that in it and by it you are being trained for 3. usefulness here and immortality hereafter; that its honor is much in your We often use the word charity while keeping; that its growth and purity failing to catch and appreciate the are effected to the extent of your infuliness and beauty of its meaning; fluence by what you say and do; that use it as a synonymn for beneficence. people who have faith in you will when its meaning arises higher and look upon it largely according to has a far wider sweep. Acts of a no your representation; that you have ble and praise-worthy beneficence may promised to advance its interests: not be acts of charity. One may feed and that with its good name and pros he hungry and clothe the naked; he perity are bound up the glory of the may build and endow hospitals and blessed Jesus. Then do nothing to nstitutions of learning, and may injure its reputation, or to weaken largely relieve human suffering, and its power for good, or to mar its peace



Cold or hot? They are neither; they are lukewarm. Such was the verdict of the Divine Spirit upon certain church members in the olden times; and the race of lukewarm professors is not extinct. In our modern churches are two many Laodiceans yet; they are not frozen stone dead, neither does any warm current pulsate through their veins, and make their countenances to glow. Once they were warm -perhaps up to fever heat; but that was when they were converted, and first united with the Church. Now they are backsliders. They have

gradually lost their first love, and have swung away from Christ into a chilling and benumbing atmosphere. Jesus Christ no longer sits supreme on the heart throne. The moment

How many griefs and troubles he is dislodged spiritual declension which come to us in this world are begins. For obedient love to Christ purely the result of misunderstand- is essential Christianity; it is the very We think people say what they marrow of Bible religion. It is that never did say, or mean what they which slone can subdue selfishness; it never did mean. We count men un- is that which keeps the bad passions reasonable and harsh; we tume and down and the graces up; which vanfret about matters which do not go to quishes temptation; which puts the our liking; we complain about what world under our feet, and which turns men have said or done; and all this a hard duty into a delight. Love to will you have him for your Saviour? while the persons whom we are blam- Jesus makes a dull brain active and

we surmise, and know nothing what- Love to Jesus sent John Paton to the cannibals of New Hebrides and David

This is one reason why persons Livingstone to the savages of Mid who have grievances should go at Africa; it moved the cultured Charles once to those concerned. They are L. Brace to become the companion tioned in the second state of 1 and

'Our judgments are inspired by our acts, more than our acts by our judgment,' says a witty French writer. If our conduct grows lax in one matter or another, our opinions as to the evil of such a course are pretty sure to weaken, but if we are led to contess the right of an opposite course, we are not so sure to change our conduct accordingly. Our own judgments in matters aff cting our personal conduct are not to be depended on, in comparison with the judgments of a wise and disinterested counselor,-H. Clay Trumbull.

gelist.

Whenever we admit a doubt the bank of heaven immediately closes.

No man can get religion encugh to keep him pure in bad company,

