

HOW TO CONQUER.

THE POWER OF EVIL HABITS.

Damage Tells of a Campaign to Recover Lost Ground.

When shall I awake? I will seek it again. Prov. xxiii, 35. With an insight into human nature such as other men ever reached, Solomon, in my sketches the mental operations of one who, having drifted aside from the path of duty, desires to return. With a wish for something better, he said: "When shall I awake? When shall I come out of this horrid state? When shall I come out of this horrid state? When shall I come out of this horrid state?"

will shake off my old associates, and I will find Christian companionship. And it appears at the church door some Sabbath day, and the usher greets him with a look, as much as to say: "Welcome, my brother! Come, take this seat right down by the door." Instead of saying: "Good morning, I am glad you are here. Come; I will give you a first-hand, right up by the pulpit." Well, the prodigal, not yet discouraged, enters the prayer meeting, and some Christian man, with more zeal than common sense, says: "I will seek it again. Prov. xxiii, 35."

counsel. Gather up all the energies of body, mind and soul, and appealing to God for success, declare this day overleaving war against all drinking habits, all gambling, and all other evil habits. Halcyon-hall work will amount to nothing; and the work of Waterloo, Shrink back now and you are lost. Push on and you are saved. A Spartan general fell at the very moment of victory, but he tipped his finger in his own blood and wrote a rock tablet, which he had dying, "Sparta has conquered." Though your struggle to get rid of sin may seem to be almost a death struggle, you can dip your finger in your own blood and write on the Rock of Ages "Victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

SUBJECT FOR SUNDAY, AUG. 4.

"Saul Chosen of the Lord."—I Sam. 12: 15-27—Golden Text, Prov. 1: 1-7.

After a continued and persistent demand of the people for a king, that they might be like other nations, notwithstanding the description of the way their king would treat them, Samuel, released in the ears of the Lord all the words of the people and the Lord said: "Harkon unto their voice and make them a king" (viii, 21, 22). It would then seem that Samuel, having sent every one to his city, waited upon the Lord to know what next to do, and how to find the king.

RELIGIOUS.

LITTLE FIELD PREACHERS.

Only the grasses, Bl'aming grasses, Loading with incense and beauty the air. Each little preacher, A little teacher, Of the good God and his marvellous care.

Nature will always take the color of the spectacles we wear. They who choose to wear yellow ones are likely to die of the jaundice; they who prefer roses for make-up are glad to see the roses in the garden; and they who have no roses to put upon their cheeks are glad to see the roses in the garden.

Every revival of religion recorded in the Bible marks the Independent, seems to have been a revival of personal righteousness among God's own people. No amount of outward piety, no increase of numbers, no new and attractive forms of worship, can possibly make up for or take the place of the faithful conformity to the whole will of God on the part of those who are called by His name.

The living soul is not content to be spoken to by a book alone, but by a Person. The word is mighty when it is "made flesh." The necessities underlying the incarnation are imperative as ever. We can have no sympathy with the "stream of tendency" which distributes Christ as a religious pervading all things, or bury his personality in the fane of the universe.

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AFTER TASCOTT.



In the far West: First detective—"Did you watch the house all night? What did you find out?" Second detective—"Yes, I did, and it had twins!"

Polly, the Privateer.

The schooner Polly, of Bangor, Me., is probably the oldest vessel in service flying the flag, having been built in Amesbury, Mass., in 1804. She served as a privateer in 1812 and captured several prizes. She was taken by the British man-of-war Newcastle and started for Halifax, but the Americans left on board overpowered the prize crew and recaptured her.

Making the Best of It.



I. Hasty flight with the prize.



U. Stuck fast, but bound to get away with that watermelon.



The Latest and Largest Steam Engine.

The largest steam engine in the world is that constructed for the new Italian cruiser, Sardegna. It really consists of four triple expansion engines, which can be used together or separately as desired, the entire combination being capable of developing a force of 22,000 nominal, or 25,000 actual horsepower. The ship is driven by twin screws and two engines are connected to the shaft of each screw, but one screw can be stopped altogether if the vessel is to be turned around, or, for ordinary sailing, one engine only may be used for each screw; but, in case it should be necessary to increase the speed, the other engines can at once be come into use and the full power exerted. As usual with naval machinery, a large number of auxiliary engines are used. On the Sardegna there are no less than 20 compound auxiliary engines for feeding the boilers, keeping up the draught and so on, besides a great variety of single-cylinder machines.—American Architect.

Curious Music.



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