

THE YOUNG IN GREAT CITIES.

The world learns its lesson slowly. Much of the world does not learn its lesson at all. The young are everywhere growing up amid the ruins of other lives, apparently without inquiring or caring for the reasons of the disasters to life, fortune and reputation that are happening, or have happened, everywhere around them. One man, with great trusts of money in his hands, betrays the confidence of the public, becomes a hopeless defaulter, and blows his brains out. Another, led on by love of power and place, is degraded at last to a poor demagogue, without character or influence. Another, through a surrender of himself to sensuality, becomes a disgusting beast, with heart and brain more foul than the nests of unclean birds. Another, by tasting and tasting of the wine-cup, becomes a drunkard at last, and dies with a horrible delirium, or lives to be a curse to wife, children and friends. There is an army of these poor wretches in every large city in the land dying daily and daily re-inforced. A young girl, loving "not wisely but too well," yields herself to a seducer who ruins and then forsakes her to a life of shame and a death of despair. Not one girl, but thousands of girls yearly, so that, though a great company of those whose robes are soiled beyond cleansing hide themselves in the grave during every twelve months, another great company of the pure drop to their places, and keep filled to repletion the ranks of prostitution. Again and again, in instances beyond counting, are these tragedies repeated in the full presence of the rising generation, and yet it seems to grow no wiser. Nothing has been more fully demonstrated than that the first steps of folly and sin are fraught with peril. Nothing has been better proved than that temperate drinking is always dangerous and that excessive drinking is always ruinous. Nothing is better known than that a man cannot consort with lewd women for an hour without receiving a taint that a whole life of repentance cannot wholly eradicate. Since time began have women been led astray by the same promises, the same pledges, the same empty rewards. If young men and young women could possibly learn wisdom, it would seem as if they might win it in a single day, by simply using their eyes and thinking upon what they see. Yet in this great city of New York, and in all the great cities of the country, young men and young women are all the time repeating the mistakes of those around them who are wrecked in character and in fortune. The young man keeps his wine bottle, and seeks resorts where deceived and ruined women lie in wait for prey, knowing perfectly well, if he knows anything, or has ever used fairly the reason with which Heaven has endowed him, that he is in the broad road to perdition—that there is before him a life of disgust and a death of horror.

When the result of certain courses of conduct and certain indulgences are so well known as these to which we allude, it seems strange that any can enter upon them. Every young man knows that if he never tastes a glass of alcoholic drink he will never become, or stand in danger of becoming, a drunkard. Every young man knows that if he preserves a chaste youth and shuns the society of the lewd, he can carry to the woman whom he loves a self-respect which is invaluable, a past freely open to her questioning gaze, and the pure physical vitality which shall be the wealth of another generation. He knows that the rewards of chastity are ten thousand times greater than those of criminal indulgences. He knows that nothing is lost and everything is gained by a life of manly sobriety and self-denial. He knows all this, if he has had his eyes open, and has exercised his reason in even a small degree; and yet he joins the infatuated multitude and goes straight to the devil. We know that we do not exaggerate when we say that New York has thousands of young men, with good mothers and pure sisters, who, if their lives should be uncovered, could never look those mothers and sisters in the face again. They are full of fears of exposure and conscious of irreparable loss. Their lives are mashed in a thousand ways. They live a daily lie. They are the victims and slaves of vices which are just as certain to cripple or kill them unless at once and forever forsaken as they live. There are thousands of others who, now pure and good, will follow evil example unwarned by what they see, and within a year will be walking in the road that leads evermore downward.

One tires of talking to fools, and falls back in sorrow that hell and destruction are never full—in sorrow that men can-

not nor will not learn that there is but one path to an honorable, peaceful, prosperous, and successful life and that all others lead more or less directly to ruin. —*New York Paper.*

EXCITING SCENE AT A RAILWAY DEPOT.—An exciting spectacle was recently witnessed at the Yorkshire station of the Metropolitan Railway, near London, during a thunder-storm. The station is in a deep cutting, and the fall of rain was so heavy that a large amount of water had accumulated, extending for a considerable distance. As soon as the 6:18 train from Barnet, which was filled with passengers, emerged from the tunnel, the water had reached such a height that it put the engine fires out, and the train was consequently brought to a stand-still. It was found that the points would not work, and that owing to the storm the wires of the electric telegraph could not be used. The latter misfortune was all the more important, inasmuch as the express at the time was overdue. Another engine was procured by the officials, and chains were attached to the train. Every effort, however, in this direction, was unsuccessful, owing probably to the sleepers floating about in all directions. The excitement at this period was painful in the extreme. The majority of the passengers were unable to leave the carriages, owing to the depth of the water which was making down the line in a perfect torrent; women were fainting, and even the servants of the company seemed paralyzed with fear, being totally unable to prevent what threatened to be a terrible disaster. A few of the passengers, by dint of the greatest exertions, had been removed from the train, when suddenly a shout announced that the express was coming, and a huge wave was seen issuing from the tunnel as the train approached. The same cause, however, which had placed the Barnet train in its terrible position, proved its salvation, for water was so put out the fires in the other engine and stopped the train just in time to prevent a terrible accident. —*Ex.*

DECEASED.
Sep. 14th in the 7th Ward, of this city, GEORGE F. W., infant son of John W. and Eveline W. Andrew, aged 9 months and 18 days.

In this city, Sep. 16th, JOSEPHINE, daughter of Edward and Eliza Martin, aged 2 months and 1 day.

At Fillmore City, on the 3rd of September, after 19 days' illness of cramp and bilious colic, HYRAM FRANKLIN, fourth son of Gabriel and Eunice E. Huntsman, aged 8 years, 7 months and 0 days.

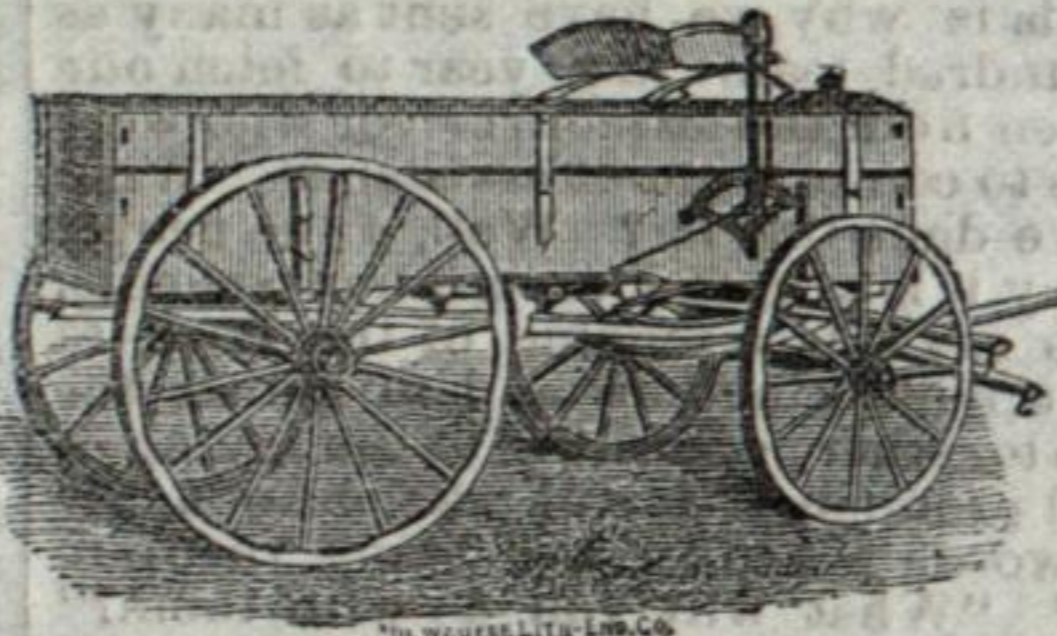
Deceased was an intellectual and promising boy, and his death is deeply mourned by parents and friends. —[COM.]

At Coventry, England, August 8th, of inflammation of the brain, MAUD ALICE, infant daughter of Thomas and Eliza Smith. —*Mill Star.*

At Nephi, August 26th, 1872, of inflammation of the bowels, JAMES SINCLAIR, aged 16 years and 24 days. The saints of Nephi sympathize much with Bro. Mathew Sinclair, in the loss of his only son, who was a promising and obedient boy. —[COM.]

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