

## THE PRAYER CORNER

### JESUS CHRIST AND CHILDREN

Read over again The Prayer Corner for last week, on the same subject. Do not fail to read it. Then read this week's.

Several lessons were needed by the Twelve before they could appreciate the Dignity of Childhood and the reverence due it. "Take heed," said Christ, "that ye despise not one of these little ones, for I say unto you that in Heaven, their angels do always behold the face of my Father" (St. Matt. 18:10) "and whosoever shall offend (scandalize) one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea" (St. Matt. 18:6).

"Whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward" (Matt. 10:42).

"Whoso shall receive this little child in my name receiveth me, and whosoever receiveth me, receiveth Him that sent me" (St. Luke 9:48).

We can imagine the tender Saviour, watching the children at their games in the Market Place in Jerusalem. He took an interest in the antics of these little mimics as they played at weddings and funerals. (St. Matt. 11:17 and Luke 7:32). No wonder they loved and followed one who could sympathize with them even in their play. Consequently we find that when 5,000 men followed Jesus Christ round to the other side of the Lake of Galilee, and remained with Him for three days, there were little children there too. The evangelist did not trouble to count them, because he regarded them as of little importance, but he mentions their presence: "There were 5,000 men," he says, "besides the children" (Matt. 14:21). Children counted in the estimate of the Saviour, however. "It is not the will of your Father which is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish" (Matt. 18:14).

"Whosoever shall not receive the Kingdom of God as a little child he shall not enter therein" (St. Mark 10:15).

Yes, children were His most worthy pupils. After lamenting over the unbelief of Corazin and Bethsaida, where most of His mighty works had been done, He lifted up His face to heaven and cried, "I thank Thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because Thou has hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes, even so Father for so it seemed good in Thy sight" (St. Matt. 11:25).

And so to the very end of His min-

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istry, it was the children who responded to His teaching. On Palm Sunday, when the grey-bearded theologians from the Sacred City came up with shocked and annoyed faces, and drew His attention to the fact that the children were crying out before Him "Hosanna to the Son of David," He replied, "Have ye never read this Scripture: 'Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings hast Thou perfected praise?' (St. Matt. 21:16).

The lesson which Jesus Christ taught the disciples of old is one of the first that teachers should learn, if they would obey the Master's command: "Suffer the little children to come unto me." We must believe in these little ones, who impose such confidence in us, their parents and instructors. It is only when we realize what wonders can be wrought with this most promising of materials (the soul of a child) that we are able to achieve marvels.

### A PRAYER

Be sure and say the Prayer for last week and then this Prayer:

Our Father who art in Heaven, Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory. Blessed be Thy Name, that by Thine almighty power, Thy kingdom, the kingdom of heaven, hath come to this earth and will come until the whole earth is filled with Thy glory. Blessed be Thy name, that we and our little ones are the children of Thy kingdom. O Father, we look to Thy Father love to give us, who are fathers and mothers and teachers, grace to realize how sacred our calling and our home is, because we are training children of the Kingdom for Thee.

Teach us, we pray Thee, never to put asunder what the words of our Lord have joined together—the children and the kingdom. May all our love and intercourse and influence help to link them inseparably with the kingdom. May they never know that they are not living and growing up in it.

Blessed Lord Jesus who didst say of the little ones, "Of such is the kingdom," we do beseech Thee reveal to us, what Thy kingdom is in its spiritual reality and glory, what it is even here on earth, as the rule of God by the Holy Spirit in the hearts and lives of His people. May the kingdom of God be within us in such power, and we within it in such truth that our children may not only have the name, but that the very atmosphere they breathe in our home be such as will really make them Children of the Kingdom. Amen.

—C. D. C.

### Pleasant Grove News

W. W. Orr was the Sunday guest of E. Hamilton.

N. C. Henry and O. S. Gray butchered a nice beef last week and sold it out.

J. H. Drake made a business trip to Hendersonville one day last week. Paul Orr was Sunday dinner guest of Earl Gray.

Mrs. Jemimah Shipman of Asheville, was week-end guest of her sister, Mrs. O. S. Gray.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. McCall of Little River, spent Friday with the latter's brother, J. H. Drake.

R. J. R. Fletcher of Big Willow, was in our section Friday searching for two stray calves, which he found after a long hunt.

A number of people of this place attended the Indian Fair Friday.

Making molasses seems to be the order of the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox of Hendersonville, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. Hamilton, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Banks, returning home one night last week from visiting a neighbor, heard something near the roadside. Having no light, Mr. Banks said he struck a match—and there was a big bear right near his rig. The bear, Mr. Banks said, gave an ugly growl and was gone, but not before it had given him and his mule a scare.

### HARVESTING A BIG CROP OF LESPEDEZA AT WOODFIN'S

Many men were employed last week, cutting and threshing the four-acre tract of Lespedeza grown on the farm of C. F. Woodfin. The yield was said to be unusually large, and Mr. Woodfin expressed complete satisfaction with the results obtained. Julian Glazener, of the vocational agriculture class, took the Young Tar Heel Farmers on a trip of inspection over the hay field and to the threshing machine, where the seed was being taken from the hay.

## FRIENDSHIP IS ONE PART OF SCOUT LIFE

(Scout Reporter)

True friends are rare things. They are gems to be coveted and well protected. They will stick by you through thick and thin. Trouble loses some of its horrors, when they are near to help you; to place an encouraging hand upon your shoulder and give you a cheerful smile. Things somehow seem brighter with them and when they are gone, life is not worth living.

Fair weather friends are plentiful. You know them well. The fellow who enjoys climbing upon your band wagon and glorying in your good luck. Imposing upon your generosity and willing to be your friend as long as it is easy for him to do so. However the first sign of hard luck sends him scurrying away. Once you are on your feet again, he creeps back to take his old parasitic place.

The fourth Scout law reads: "A Scout is friendly. He is a friend to all and a brother to every other Scout."

Scout training develops in the boy a deep feeling and appreciation for another's friendship. For the Boy Scout organization is based fundamentally upon this word. Without it, Scouts are as nothing, for they lose the very principle upon which their organization was founded.

"He is a friend to all." He offers his friendship to everyone and it hurts him to see it scorned and cast aside. The Scout does not often lose a friend once he gains him; they stick.

"He is a brother to every other Scout." Whether he be black or yellow, brown or white. Universally friends. Over 40 different countries have Scout troops and they are all fundamentally the same. Based upon the same laws and principles of true, clean living.

The Scout is willing to lay down his life, if it be necessary to save the life of his friend. Many Scouts have died in the act of saving their friends from serious injury or certain death.

This poem, "The Scouting Trail," is just what the Scout tries to make his friendship mean to others:

The Scouting Trail  
This is the trail that the Scout shall know

Where knightly qualities thrive and grow;

The trail of honor and truth and worth

And the strength that springs from the good brown earth;

The trail that the Scouts, in their seeking, blaze

Through the toughest tangle, the deepest maze,

Till out of Boyhood the Scout comes straight

To Manhood's splendid and high estate!

From the Boy Scout Handbook

## HANDFORGED PLOW FOUND IN RIVER

An old, handforged plow which might be anywhere from seventy-five to one hundred years old was brought to The News office Monday by D. C. Hall, who said that he found the queer farm implement near Long Shoals on French Broad river. The plow had apparently been washed for some distance, since it was found lodged firmly under the roots of an old tree. Hall reported that he found the plow quite by accident on the third day of August.

The unusual contrivance was forged into the shape of an arrowhead by its originators and it will weigh approximately 20 pounds. An iron bar extends nearly two feet in front with a large tap rusted firmly to the end of it. The top of the plow has an iron band around it. It is thought that a wooden handle which has long since rotted away was inserted there in order to control its course in the ground.

Theories as to the operation of the plow vary greatly. Some are of the opinion that the work of using it would require two men—one to hold the plow and another to drive the horse. Or perhaps, if were able to speak the plow might be able to tell of being pulled by an ox.

All told, the peculiar farm instrument is one of the oldest and most unusual plows ever found and exhibited in this section.

### WAYNESVILLE MEETING IS HELD BY REV. ALEXANDER

Rev. R. L. Alexander, pastor of the Brevard Presbyterian church, conducted a week's revival services at the Waynesville Presbyterian church beginning Sunday October 4 and ending Sunday October 11.

Mr. Alexander preached each night during the week at seven-thirty in the Waynesville church. Large crowds from the surrounding towns and communities attended the services, it is reported.

He preached both at the Sunday school hour and the regular preaching hour Sunday, observing the Rally Day Program in that church.

Dr. Wall, pastor of the Waynesville Presbyterian church preached at the Brevard church Sunday morning. The Presbyterians were well pleased with his sermon and many remarks have been made concerning it.

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