



YOUTH'S CORNER

EDUCATION
Is
The First Step
to

Being Somebody
Doing Something
Helping Someone
Getting Somewhere

DECEIVED

Alma came home from Sunday School thoroughly disgusted. She threw her Bible down on the table, and fell into a chair as if she had suddenly lost all of her strength.

"There she spoke decidedly, 'I'm through. I will never try to influence another girl to be good. I've been miserably deceived, just led around by the nose, for a lot of heartless girls to laugh at.'"

Grandmother Goodnow looked up from her big-print open Bible, which she had been reading while the others went away to church. "Would you just as soon tell me what happened?" she asked.

"Oh, I'll tell you grammie. I feel as if I should burst if I don't tell somebody. It's that thankless Etta Grafton. She's the one I've been trying to get for our Win One drive. Thought I was succeeding too. Etta seemed grateful to me for wanting to help her, and enjoyed being in my class. And then, this morning, what should I see but Etta riding away on a motor truck to a Sunday excursion and picnic, with a crowd that makes fun of Sunday School and everything else good. They waved to me, and laughed at me, and called out, 'Come on, Alma; there's plenty of room for one more, and Etta was laughing with the rest of them. Oh, I'm through. I don't want any more experiences like that. It's humiliating. Do you blame me grammie?'"

Grammie slowly closed her Bible, but kept her finger between the leaves. "I was wondering," she said after a pause, "whether we ought to stop trying to help others because we have been deceived, or have failed once or twice."

"Oh, grammie,"—Alma was half laughing—"you do cut so sharp! Never mind; go ahead."

"Well thinking of some of those who have been so wonderfully successful in the Win One business—say, the missionaries, and those who go down into the dark places of the multitudes of the city—do you suppose they never are deceived, as you call it; that they stopped work after their first failure?"

Alma shook her head, but said nothing. "And then," grammie went on tenderly, "there's Etta herself, I don't know her, but I suspect one or two things. One is that she really did enjoy coming to the class, just as you thought she did. But she hadn't quite the strength to resist the old influences when the girls got after her, and ridiculed her, perhaps, for going to Sunday school. I shouldn't wonder a bit if she was unhappy this very minute. The kind of enjoyment for which those girls are seeking almost always turns to ashes when it is tasted. Now if Etta feels that way, and you should forget what has happened, and try once more—"

"Oh, grammie, you good, good grammie! You make me ashamed of myself. I'll try. Let's see, it's seventy times seven, isn't it?"

Grammie smiled. "You are getting your quotations a little mixed," she said, "but here is a good one for you: 'And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.'—The Girl's World."

COMMENT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON—MAY 8, 1921.

REST AND RECREATION.

By Editor J. Francis Lee, A. M.

In all nature there is a constitutional need of Rest, and for moments of Recreation. From March until

September nature is ever spreading itself into a thousand variegated forms and hues—from variety to species—from species to genus—from genus to families—from family to clan. But all worn and exhausted in the autumn, nature sinks to rest, to re-create itself, so as to return in early spring, rejuvenated, mirthful and gay. To the great universal need of nature, man is no exception. Man needs days of rest, seasons of rest and long periods of rest, and our lesson of to-day emphasizes this very thought in its relation to mankind. In recognition of this thought, God gave the Hebrews a day of rest—one day out of seven, weeks of rest—the celebration of the feasts of the weeks, and periods of rest—once in fifty years, when the people had rest, the land had rest and the bondsman found rest from his master. In dealing with our lesson for today, there are three angles of vision from which we may make our approach:

I. From the thought as expressed in Lev. 23:39-43. Here the Hebrews are called to a rest of meditation and thanksgiving. The nation or people are called upon to meditate on the goodness of God, as expressed in the abundance of the harvest which had been given them and which they had just gathered into their barns. Of course they had co-operated with God in preparing the soil and sowing the seed, and were now exhausted. And therefore God gives them an opportunity to rest and meditate. And out of their meditation should grow a real spirit of thanksgiving. They were to dwell in tabernacles, in booths; and their tabernacling had a wider significance than they themselves ever dreamed; for it represented the Son of God who would come upon the earth and tabernacle here in human flesh. John 1:14. Booths also represented their temporary abode on the earth, and they were on their journey to a permanent home. Heb. 4:9; Isa. 11:60:19.

II. Let us now view the lesson from just another angle; an angle as expressed in Deuteronomy 5:12-15. This phase of the lesson emphasizes the fact that there should be a day of rest—a day on which mankind everywhere should refrain from labor, rest and build again the wasted part of his nature; and there are several reasons for this necessity; (1) God commands it. (2) Man needs it; statistics show that the men who make the proper use of the Sabbath, are the men who return to their jobs on Monday, fit in every sense of the word. Because both the beasts and the agencies with which man works need it; machinery and other equipment. Deut. 5:12-14. Ex. 20:8. Let men therefore divorce themselves from all worldly amusements, labor and world thoughts and for one day out of seven, concentrate their whole thoughtful souls upon him who is worthy of their best, their all.

III. Let us approach our lesson from just one more angle of vision; the angle of vision as expressed in Mark 6:31-32. Jesus enters into the feelings of these busy and exhausted disciples, and bids them come away into a quiet place where they might have opportunity to rest; for they had just returned from a long and taxing missionary tour. In this request, Jesus recognizes two things; man's claim to rest, both by God's expressed command and also from the constitutional nature of his being. A suspension of work does not always mean recreation. A change of work may oftentimes bring to us a required rest. From digging to hunting, or boating, from writing to swimming, from sitting to gardening; indeed all such may help us on to recreation.

CONCLUSION.

The extent to which our lesson has been learned finds expression in the world's new attitude toward rest and play, towards parks and playgrounds. Time spent in rest and recreation is a mighty fine investment."

"All work and no rest takes the spring and bound out of the most vigorous life.—Time spent in judicious resting is not time wasted, but time gained."

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

By Aaron Brown.

1. Song Service.
2. Scripture reading. (Responsive.)
3. Prayer. (Sentence Prayers.)
4. Song.
5. Brief Talks.
6. Song.

VERSE SUGGESTIONS.

"My little children." Verse 18—Fathers are proud of the children that resemble them. "You are the image of your father" makes any father proud, and takes away the reproach of the mother. Does the world recognize our Father in us?

"And this is His commandment." Verse 23—When we believe on the name of Jesus and love one another, we have kept the whole law.

"If ye abide in Me." Verse 15:7—Would you abide in Jesus? Then judge and confess every known sin, make Him partner to your interests, and master of your life; and go to Him with your burdens and for all your wisdom. "And my words abide in you." Here it is—a wheel-in-the-middle-of-a-wheel. You abide in Him, His word in you, and a third mystery—watch it now—and the Word becomes flesh. Miracle! The Word has but one request: "Prepare me a body," obey, and the functioning begins. May He, (the Word) have your body? "It shall be done unto you." Do you really believe that an abiding, Bible filled believer can have his way, or rather God has His way in such an one?

THOUGHTS TO PONDER.

What are some of the steps that will help us live close to Christ?—II Pet. 1:5-8.

What will Christ grant unto us if we live close to Him?—John 15:7. If we walk in the light as Christ is the light, what shall we have?—I John 1:7.

In order to live close to Christ, what kind of a mind should we possess.—Phil. 2:5.

How does the Bible draw us to Christ?—John 5:39.

HEART TO HEART TALKS.

The world's need is our challenge, our call, if we can do anything at all to help. Just as a sick man's need is a call for aid.

We cannot live close to Christ except as He is in us. We must yield ourselves to Him before He can yield Himself to us.

Christ's abiding in us is balanced by our abiding in Christ. It is the mutual indwelling of two dear friends.

If men will submit themselves to Christ, He will manifest Himself in them and their life-work in a way passing all their thoughts.

IN SECRET OF HIS PRESENCE.

John 15:7; John 1:9; Phil 2:5.

SONG, PASTOR'S WORD. ANNOUNCEMENTS. OFFERTORY. MIZPAH.

NEWS FROM LOWELL, N. C.

Dr. Simmons is the man who can do things. He is practical in his speech, but Christian hearted. He held his second quarterly conference at Wright's chapel, Lowell, N. C., April 9-10.

The quarterly conference was opened at the appointed time. The Rev. L. A. Barber conducted devotions, after which the Presiding Elder took charge of the conference. After making some remarks concerning the work, all reports were made which were round.

At the Sunday morning services at 11:15 o'clock A. M., Dr. Simmons preached a wonderful sermon, subject, "I am the door," from which subject he made a great impression on the audience, and sat down amidst shouts and amens. Great is Dr. Simmons. We pray that he may live long to preach the gospel.

He preached two other great sermons which were enjoyed by all. Seventy participated in the Holy Sacrament, \$55.00 was raised. This work is pastored by one of our young men, Rev. L. A. Barber, who has his work well in hand and the people are co-operating with him. They are striving to build a new church. The Lord blessed us in our effort, Sunday April 17. We had on a brick drive. We raised \$148.

Captains reported as follows:

F. M. Morris, \$20.00; B. L. Morris, \$14.97; Mrs. Vienna Davis, \$18.27; Mrs. Juanita McRinley, \$7.35; Mrs. Sallie Davis, \$5.00; Mrs. Mary Crawford, \$13.15; Mrs. Lula Hood, \$2.90; Mrs. Pearl Reid, \$2.90; Mrs. Nannie Barber, \$14.20.



REVERENCE
Planted in Childhood
will
Bear Fruit in Manhood
in
BETTER LIVES
HAPPIER HOMES
NOBLER CITIZENS

SPIRITUAL FORCES.

The world is waiting for spiritual forces to save it from material defeat. Greed, race feeling, political intrigue, national jealousy, misunderstanding, injustice, hate, ill-will, and selfish passion are powerful forces to destroy material happiness. The Allies and Germany are struggling over the matter of indemnity. Great Britain and Ireland are engaged in a war so bitter and irreconcilable that the term "civil" war is necessary to describe the actual conditions. Russia is an enigma of all human passions let loose against herself and the rest of mankind. Austria presents the spectacle of a nation holding a Belshazzar feast in a graveyard. China starves to death in the north, and exports ship loads of rare merchandise in the south. The United States spends annually 22 times as much for luxuries as for higher education. Labor and Capital face each other as foes instead of friends. While people of all countries stagger under war debts that will require 3 generations to pay, 800,000,000 persons crowd the theatres annually in this country, and churches of 1,000 membership count less than 100 regular attendants once a week at a prayer meeting. Ten million farmers, it is estimated, have abandoned their farms during the last ten years, and thousands of unemployed walk the streets of overcrowded cities and refuse to till the soil at any price.

And over all this stirring of the human passions and weaknesses and frailties of human kind, the average economist, legislator, senator, politician, editor and professional reformer stands bewildered, or at least with no uniform or positive program for betterment or enlightenment. The material world is living in a tremendous crisis and the material has no salvation to hold out better than material forces blundering along their stupid, ever-defeated course.

It is a good time in the history of this world for the Christian to test his Master's teaching. Jesus said: "Whatsoever ye ask in prayer believing, ye shall receive." He said, "Be of good cheer! I have overcome the world!" If the material forces cannot save the material world of politics and industry and international adjustment from material defeat, let spiritual forces perform the miracle.

It looks like an impossible task to settle happily the troubles between Great Britain and Ireland. It looks like a wild dream to think of ill-will disappearing from the Balkans. There are any number of pessimists to tell us that the bitterness between Germany and France can never pass away and that the German mind will never change or improve. And even members of churches will openly express their doubt as to the possibility of a world brotherhood.

But now is the testing time of the Christian faith. Did we believe in myth or an impossible ideal all these years? Did Jesus speak a lie when He said He would draw all men to Himself? Is it true that love is going down to defeat before hate? Is it a fact that material forces are superior to spiritual forces?

Pastors and church members of America, the time has come to test the power of the spiritual forces! The material forces have failed.

FAMILY ALTAR

Bring up the spiritual!
Pray without ceasing!
Exalt Jesus!
Ang give spiritual forces the right of way!

Let there be less preaching and more praying!

Less oratory and more heart faith! Break down the formal program of ecclesiasticism!

Lift up the Cross of the Redeemer! Hold out the hand of Brotherhood! Level the false distinctions of race! And give spiritual forces the right of way to straighten out a crooked and distracted world.—The Christian Herald.

SHOOTING STARS OF THE STATESVILLE DISTRICT.

By Rev. S. T. Hawkins, D. D., P. E.

Rev. D. L. White is another good great man, who has turned things on Siloan circuit as no man has. These people think there is no one like Rev. White and for loyalty no where can you find a better people than these. At Little Hill where one of his churches stands, he has to his support Brother Patterson and his sons; Brother Chick is at his other church. There are only a few of the noble men that help to make up his number. Rev. White loves to stand by his church, and his chief pastor. He is kind and friendly.

Rev. A. D. Pharr holds Hollywood chapel and Elmwood churches in charge. These two churches are now starting off well under the leadership of this good man. For some time they have stood still, but Rev. Pharr has pushed the old things out of the way and the church is taking on new life.

Just on the southern end of the central star, you will find Rev. J. R. Glenn, Rev. R. B. Taylor, A. B. These two noble sons of Zion, are moving things at these two churches as never before. Rev. Glenn is a great trash moving preacher. He is loved by all his people, and they do all they can for him and the church.

When he gets through singing and preaching nobody around him sits still. He has with him the great workers of his church, Brother C. Ried at Troutman, Brothers Sadler and others who never fail when he calls on them to carry on the work of the church. At Belmont church he has Brother Gaston Kimbrough, and others standing by him in every move of the church.

Rev. Taylor, A. B. at Mooresville and Sills Creek churches is moving things like a mighty storm. This work was never better, in its history. Great success has attended this circuit the two years Rev. Taylor has been in charge. The people love him. Sunday after Sunday the Holy Spirit follows his sermons.

On the Eastern end of the district comes the Rev. L. L. Boyd, pastor of Moores chapel station, Rev. R. L. Jones pastor of the Second Creek circuit, Rev. J. F. Torrence, pastor of Moores chapel circuit. These shooting stars, rise in the Eastern part of the district, shining with the splendor that can be given men of God.

Rev. L. L. Boyd holds Moores chapel station well in hand. This church is in good condition. Rev. Boyd has the help in this church of our great and good Dr. W. H. Goler, who stands ready to do anything he can for the advancement of the church. Melton is chairman of the Trustee Board, and none better in any church. Prof. Fobbs is another polished church leader. Brothed A. D. Pharr is a strong layman and god man, Brother Penney, a man who knows how to do business, Prof. Hall who looks after the interest of the church's account. With these men and many others Rev. Boyd cannot fail.

On the Second Creek circuit, Rev. R. L. Jones is a kind friend and a good Christian man and is destined to be one of our great men in Zion. Cleveland circuit, the Rev. C. V. Ramseur is holding the fort for his third year, and grows better with his people than ever. He is here in this work some of the greatest churchmen in

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