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ALL HONOR TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF WILLIAMSTON.

When the solemn request was made to the young people of Williamston to abstain from participating in a dance at the Dixie warehouse Wednesday night, after being requested by Rev. William Stewart, evangelist at the Methodist church, not to hold a dance during his meeting.

Mr. Stewart, with a very large congregation went from the church Wednesday night after the regular service to the warehouse where songs were sung and prayers uttered. It was expected that it would have the effect to stop the dance, but behold the band played and the dance proceeded while the prayers were uttered.

"They said crucify Him, crucify Him" and He was nailed to the cross.

The service did not break up the dance, but it did great good. I showed many mothers the character of the new dance, and they say they are unwilling to see their daughter enter the embrace of men and engage in the wiggly hug of the present day dance; there are also several men who say they do not want their sisters to indulge in the vulgar steps of the dance.

Another thing some of the people learned was that young men and young women, too, (what a pity) drink liquor on such occasions, so it was good, if it arouses the people to abstain from such actions by the young folk.

One man told us he went to the corner of the floor, where he could observe the tighter hug women were put on by some of the dancing gentlemen as they wheeled around the dark side of the ring. He says he never wants to see his daughter thrown in so great temptations.

We are glad the dance was confined to people from other points. Most towns promptly arrest dancers who engage in the "raw stunts" Williamston should do the same.

IMPORTANCE OF PUTTING A NOZZLE ON THE HORN

The principal value of a talk or message is that it helps a child to see goodness clearly enough to recognize it. Children need to learn how to give things their right names. They need to have some definite ideas to choose from, and help in choosing. The atmosphere needs a clarifying flash of words once in a while, as a ray throws this light, it may give moral significance to acts of which they have not realized the meaning. It may expose some character as false.

Children are not in possession of the Ten Commandments. Few of them receive any religious teaching at home. If we are going to develop moral lives they must receive some moral "exposures." When a recruit goes forward to war we arm him and instruct him how to fight. When a young traveler is about to undertake a journey we warn him of the perils by the way and give him a guide book to his destination. When a pupil is in school we teach him the technique of commercial arithmetic, stenography and bookkeeping so that he may use them in business. It would seem to be at least equally sensible to teach him what are the moral perils he will have to meet in business, what are the pitfalls he ought to avoid, and those principles of business honor that govern the men.

Children do not object to be talked to. They like the direct way of going at things. They want to hear life explained. They are quite willing to be told what is right, and why it is right. We are so impressed with the fact that children are emotional that we do not always remember that they are intelligent. After Dr. Edgar J. Swift had interrogated over a hundred business and professional men as to the lawless acts of their boyhood, he asked them what was the best way of dealing with such infractions of right and justice. "The great majority of those who expressed an opinion believed that reasoning is the most effective." This conclusion seems to have been arrived at, partly because some of them had been embittered by unreasonable dealing from adults, and partly because it was their ignorance of right reason that had led them astray. A talk that showed convincingly the practical value of honesty would be epoch making to many a child who has never had it explained to him.

We notice that Chautauqua this summer is advancing the teaching of this old-fashioned virtue in the schools. We endorse the endeavor.

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL Sunday School Lesson

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LESSON FOR MAY 13
DAVID, THE POET-KING

LESSON TEXT—1 Sam. 16:1-12
 GOLDEN TEXT—Surely, goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.—Ps. 23:6
 REFERENCE MATERIAL—Ps. 18: 1-27; Jer. 23:18; Luke 1:2; Acts 22:24-28
 PRIMARY TOPIC—The Shepherd Boy Chosen King
 JUNIOR TOPIC—God Calls a Boy to Be King
 INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—David, as a Friend
 YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Lessons From the Life of David.

I. Samuel Mourns for Saul (v. 1).
 1. Why He Mourned. The death of Saul was no doubt a personal loss to Samuel, for Saul was a commanding and lovable personality. Then, too, the ruin of so promising a career would deeply affect a soul like Samuel. Finally the humiliation to God and God's people grieved his heart.
 2. Excessive Mourning. Rebuked. The fact that God had rejected Saul should have lifted Samuel out of his grief. Excessive grief over that which God does is a reflection upon Him and should be rebuked. In all God's acts we should submit although it may change our plans. When sorrow becomes a hindrance to the discharge of duty, it merits rebuke.

II. Samuel Sent to Anoint David (v. 1-3).
 1. Samuel's Fear (v. 2). Perhaps by this time Saul was becoming a desperate character. Samuel knew that if Saul should hear that he was taking steps to anoint a successor to his throne his own life would be in danger. Samuel was wise in submitting this difficult situation to the Lord. God's servants are to be brave. Not even when going on errands for God we should not count danger. We should exercise the greatest caution so that unnecessary dangers be avoided.

2. The Lord's Direction (v. 2, 3).
 The Lord smoothed the way for Samuel. He showed him how to perform his duty and create the dancer. Samuel was told to offer and announce that he was going to offer a sacrifice unto the Lord and to call Jesse to the sacrifice. The prophet was not told all that would happen. This is usually God's way with us. He gives us our work piece by piece and guides us step by step. Samuel's purpose was known only to Him. It was to be kept a secret so that the news would not reach Saul. This was a shrewd device but entirely legitimate. There is not necessity for us to reveal all our purposes.

III. Samuel's Obedience (v. 4-13).
 1. The Trembling Elders of Bethlehem (v. 4-7). It seems that the whole nation was shot through with fear because of Saul's sin. To the elders' alarming inquiry Samuel responded with the assurance of peace, inviting them to join him in worshipping the Lord.

2. Examination of Jesse's Sons (v. 6, 12).
 The Lord had revealed to Samuel that one of Jesse's sons was to be the new king, but not the particular one. The selection of the right one was a most important matter as destinies hung upon it. (1) Eliab rejected (v. 6, 7). Eliab was the eldest son and therefore he was the first presented as having first right to the place of honor. Further, he was a splendid specimen of a man, tall and ruddy. In his appearance, so that even Samuel was captivated by him as he had been by Saul (19, 24). Outward appearance was favorable but the realities seen by God were against him. God knows whom He can trust with great responsibilities. We frequently estimate men by their dress, culture, wealth, and position. These are only surface manifestations and frequently lead us astray, but God looks into the heart. (2) David chosen (v. 8-12). All but one of Jesse's sons had been looked upon but still the Lord's choice had not appeared. Jesse's reply to Samuel's question as to whether all his children had appeared seems to imply that David was not of much importance. He was considered good enough to watch the sheep but not important enough to be called to the feast. Because David was faithful as a shepherd but he was in line for promotion when God's given time arrived.

3. David Anointed (v. 13).
 When the shepherd lad appeared the Lord directed Samuel to anoint him. When the oil was applied the Spirit of the Lord came upon him. David was a gifted and attractive lad but this was of no avail without the Spirit of God. Power must come from God. Only as we are anointed by the Holy Ghost can we truly do the Lord's will and work.

Knowing When.
 Next to knowing when to seize an opportunity, the most important thing in life is to know when to forego an advantage.—Disraeli.

Indulgence.
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