

often as I can on Sundays, without getting to much tired.

"You can go very often on Sunday mornings if you want to. They begin at eight o'clock, and go on till luncheon. There's a fresh band, and a fresh chaplain, and a fresh sermon, and a fresh congregation every time. Those are Parade Services. The others are Voluntary Services, and I thought that meant for the volunteers; but O'Reilly laughed, and said, "No, it only means that there's no occasion to go to them at all"—he means unless you like. But then I do like. There's no sermon on week days. Uncle Henry is very glad and so am I. I think it might make my back ache.

I am afraid dear mother, that you won't be able to understand all I write to you from the Camp; but if you don't you must ask me and I'll explain.

When I say *our quarters*, remember I mean our hut; and when I say *rations* it means bread and meat, and I'm not quite sure if it means coals and candles as well. But I think I'll make you a Dictionary if I can get a ruled book from the canteen. It would make this letter too much to go for a penny if I put all the words in I know. Cousin George tells me that when he comes in after mess. He told me the Camp name for Iron Church is Tin Tabernacle; but Aunt Adelaide says it's not, and I'm not to call it so, so I don't but that's what he says.

I like cousin George very much. I like his uniform. He is very thin, particularly round the waist. Uncle Henry is very stout, particularly round the waist. Last night George came in after mess, and two other officers out of his regiment came too. And then another came in. And they chaffed Uncle Henry, and Uncle Henry doesn't mind. And the other officer said, "Three times round a Subaltern—once round a Barrack Master." And so they got Uncle Henry's sword-belt out of his dressing-room, and George and his friends stood back to back, and held up their jackets out of the way, and the other officer put the belt right round them, all three and told them not to laugh. And Aunt Adelaide said, "Oh!" and "You'll hurt them." And he said, "Not a bit of it." And he buckled it. So that shows it was great fun.

I am, your loving and dutiful son,  
LEONARD.

P. S.—The other officer is an Irish officer—at least, I think so, but I can't be quite sure, because he won't speak the truth. I said "You talk rather like O'Reilly; are you an Irish soldier?" And he said, "I'd the misfortune to be quartered for six months in the County Cork, and it was the ruin of my French accent." So I said, "Are you a Frenchman?" and they all laughed, so I don't know.

P. S. No. 2.—My back has been very bad, but Aunt Adelaide says I have been very good. This is not meant for swagger, but to let you know.

(Swagger means, boasting. If you're a soldier, swagger is the next worst thing to running away.)

P. S. No. 3.—I know another officer now. I like him. He is a

D. A. Q. M. G. I would let you guess that if you could ever find it out, but you couldn't. It means Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General. He is not so grand as you would think; a plain General is really grander. Uncle Henry says so, and he knows.

(To be continued.)

#### THE CHILDREN IN CHURCH.

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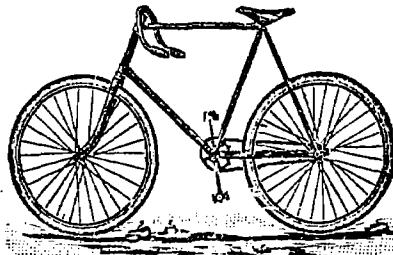
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