

promise. And certainly he will do it. God never disappoints those who put their trust in Him. The earlier children can be taught to remember their Creator, the better for them.

We once knew a most excellent young man at college. One day, in talking upon religious matters, we asked him when he became a Christian. His reply was: "Ever since I can remember I have loved God, and loved the Lord Jesus Christ."

So it will be seen that children from their earliest years may be Christians. — They can have all the faith that is required of them. As they live in this world, and by degrees learn how to live and act, so by degrees they come to know more and more about religious matters. At first their faith may be small, but, like the mustard seed it will grow and expand until it fills all their life.—*Parish Visitor.*

PERSEVERANCE IN WELL DOING.

We have all heard of the old clergyman who worked so hard in preaching the Gospel and attending to the sick and to those who were in sorrow that his friends begged him to stop and rest awhile; and we remember his answer: "Have I not all Eternity to rest in?"

Very different was the reply of the young Sunday school teacher, who, when he was asked why he had given up his class, said: "Oh! I have taught for six or seven years, and I think I have done about my share of work!"

We are very apt to feel surprised and to express our feeling, when we find people going on with their

Christian duties year after year. It seems to be thought that the same rule ought to prevail in the army of Christ, as exists in certain European countries, where the government calls on every man to do military service for a specified time — perhaps two or three years. After that, his obligations are over, and he may go about his own affairs.

But the pledge given by any one who enters the army of the King of kings, is that he will "continue Christ's faithful soldier and servants *unto his life's end*" (see the Baptismal Service); he goes into a war from which there is no discharge (Eccl. 8: 8); the great Enemy will never make a final retreat while the world remains in its present state, and therefore there will never be peace declared until the coming of the new heaven and the new earth, wherein shall dwell righteousness (2 Peter 3:13.)

THE CHURCH SYSTEM.

"What people fail to realize is, that Christianity if it is true at all, must be all true. It cannot be designed for cutting up into little pieces for distribution; still less for locking up all the pieces save one or two, and trying to work with the remainder. It is like taking a watch asunder and expecting it to go and to keep correct time after a wheel here and a spring there, have been left out in the putting together again. The simple fact that in every great town of England there are people by the ten thousand who never enter a place of worship of any kind, is the plainest proof that none of these places gives them what they are