

"N o, sir; I don't know as 'twas," answered little Bernard thoughtfully, looking his questioner in the eyes. "It was more this way: If I hadn't brought you back your money you would have thought I was deceivin' you. Then, s'posin' some one as was real honest and needin', and you, thinkin' of me and the mean trick I'd play ed on you, would say, 'No' to the other fellow; then I'd be 'sponsible. I'd be 'sponsible for somebody sufferin' fer want of food, and I'd be 'sponsible for makin' you mean and s'picious and onfeelin'—see?"

Mr. Throckton did not smile now. His fine, self-satisfied face flushed as he looked at the earnest little speaker before him. He was perhaps more surprised now than he had ever been in his life. He was touched, too. The idea of this crude, little common street boy considering himself responsible for the doings of John Throckton! The man felt his hardness ebbing away, and in its place there came a desire to do something good and worthy with his money, and what better thing could he do, he reasoned, than to care for the child that had been the means of saving him from his own selfishness?

Mr. Throckton's acquaintances were considerably amazed when they learned that the bright faced boy that appeared often in Mr. Throckton's company was an orphan whom the rich man had adopted. A friend said to him one day:

"I wonder you were not afraid to assume so great a responsibility Mr. Throckton, as the guardianship of a child!"

"My little boy was my guardian first," answered Mr. Throckton with a smile.—New York Observer.

### 'That's You Jim.'

A troop of young men who had blacked their faces and hands and dressed themselves in very strangely looking clothes, arranged themselves before a gentleman's store one day for a "performance." These people were Ethiopian Serenaders. After they had sung some comic songs, one of them a tall young man, stepped up to the door and held out his hat for a few pennies.

Mr. Carr, the owner of the store, took one of the Bibles from the case and going to the door said pleasantly, "See here young man, I will give you a shilling and this book besides, if you will read a few verses in it to your companions."

The young man laughed. "That's getting a shilling for an easy job," he said gayly. "Now listen boys, I'm going to give you a 'public reading.'"

Mr. Carr opened to the fifteenth chapter of Luke, and pointing to the eleventh verse, said to him to read:

"A certain man had two sons: a the younger of them said to his father, Father give me th' portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living."

Something in the reader's voice seemed to keep the gay company quiet. He read on—

"And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance in riotous living."

"That's you Jim," exclaimed one of the boys, "it's just like what you told me of your father."

Jim read on—"And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want."

"Why, that's you again, Jim," the same voice said. "Go on." "And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him."

"That's like us all," said the same voice again. "We're all beggars and we might be better than we are! Well, go on; let's hear what came of it."

Jim went on but his voice began to tremble—"And when he came to himself he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger? I will arise and go to my father."

At this point he broke down and could read no more. It was his own story told in the Bible; it made him think of his own home of his father, of the love and care that had been given him when he was a little boy, and he made up his mind that he would rise and go to his father.

Will the boys and girl who read this story, look for the fifteenth chapter of Luke and finish the Bible story? Then I want them to think whether there is any other Father who is waiting for his naughty children to come back to him, and whether he has promised to receive them.—Ex.

### My Mamma's Lap.

I like t' play wif dollies an' I like t' go t' sch'ol;  
I like t' jump my skippin' rope in mornings when its cool  
I like to play go-visitation while dolly takes her nap,  
But sometimes nuffin' else'll do but sit in mamma's lap.

I like t' climb th' pear tree an' I like t' make mud pies;  
I like t' play wif puppy an' I like t' airday s'prise;  
I like t' go out ridin' an' ist wear my little cap,  
But when I'm tired an' sleepy, w'y wa my mamma's lap.

I like t' tend my play th' finest place it town;  
I like t' play b'g lady, wif long skirts a hanging down;  
I like t' go t' Sunday-school an' wear my new silk wray—  
But when a lump gets in my throat I ist want mamma's lap.—Strickland W. Gillilan.

## \* The Young People \*

### Valedictory.

This issue will close up the editorial work of your present editor. We give below a list of the new officers appointed last Saturday at the Convention B. Y. P. U. in Truro. We heartily bespeak for the new editor, Rev. B. H. Thomas' the hearty sympathy, and united support of the pastors' and young people's societies. If our young people are going to make a success of their work they must put more effort and more prayer into it.

Let us say as we make our retiring bow, stand by Editor Thomas. Write him as often as possible. Keep him posted as to the doings of your society. You can be of great service to him.

In reference to our own work we have only this to say: it has not been satisfactory to your editor; and perhaps has not been to you, but it has been the willing work of a very busy pastor, for God and His cause. We leave the results with you, and God.

### Officers for Next Year.

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### Prayer Meeting Helps—Sept. 4.

New Courage for New Work. Psalm 144:1-15; Acts 28:15.

### HOME READINGS.

Monday—Moses Reassured. Exodus 5:22, 23; 6:1-8.

Tuesday—Joshua Encouraged. Joshua 1:1-9.

Wednesday—The Lord Encouraging his Prophet. I Kings 19:9-19.

Thursday—Gideon Made Ready. Judges 6:11-16; 36:40.

Friday—Nehemiah's Undertaking. Nehemiah 2:1-11.

Saturday—The Source of Strength. Acts 1:4-8.

Sunday—The Coming of Helpers. Acts 18:1-6.

We may well read and re-read the 144th Psalm for the inspiration and uplift in our work, but for suggestive thoughts for the meeting let us confine our attention to the passage from the Acts. Paul was drawing near to Rome. He was about to face new conditions, and take up a new work. And when the brethren met him "He thanked God and took courage."

### NEW WORK.

Paul was constantly seeking new work for Christ. New opportunities and new fields were continually presenting themselves to him.

We should be ready for new work, and constantly on the outlook for it. Many churches are dying for the lack of new departures and new undertakings. And young people's societies are frequently uninteresting and non-progressive because they have fallen into a monotonous routine. They need some new work. We ought to branch out and attempt larger things for God. But the matter may also be looked at from the individual point of view.

There is much new work for each one in study. Paul was a student of the Word of God and was doubtless finding new things all the while in the Word of revelation. Every young Christian and older one, too, for that matter, ought to be regularly planning new courses of study in the Bible.

It is an inexhaustible field. Thousands ought to be ready for new work this year in the Christian Culture Courses. The Christian life cannot remain wholesome and vigorous unless there is constant study.

Then there ought to be for each one new things in service. Our gifts have been very inadequately employed. "What new thing can I do?" ought to be asked by every one. There is opportunity in the Sunday School, in the prayer meeting, in giving, in personal work, in every department of the church—splendid opportunity for new work. Now is good time as the fall campaign opens for each one to decide upon new lines of service.

### NEW COURAGE.

Paul was a man of unflinching courage. No matter what the Lord had for him he was ready. He had long been wanting to go to Rome, but he had not planned to go as a prisoner, but he did not lose heart. It requires courage and determination to undertake a new work. It is comparatively easy to drift along in the old channels, but the testing time comes when new undertakings are demanded. The apostle took courage for his new work, how may we have courage for the new work demanded of us?

There seems to have been two things that gave Paul

courage. (1) The needs of Rome. He knew that there were thousands to whom he was going who were greatly in need of what he could do for them. He was a prisoner, but he could do something, and so he took courage. There is great need all about us. We may be handicapped in many ways, but we can do something to make Christ known and meet the needs of those about us. And so we may well take courage and push ahead to the new work. (2) Then, too, Paul must have been greatly encouraged by the manifest leadings of God. When he sent the brethren from Rome, "he thanked God and took courage." Their coming was evidence to him of God's purposes. The Lord was leading and all was well. When we are ready for new work, God graciously reveals himself and leads the way, and fills the heart with courage.

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### The S. L. Course.

The studies of the Course this year will be entitled "Great Christian Truths" and will be prepared by Professor Edward Judson, D. D., of University of Chicago. The following is the list of subjects:

- I. God the Father, Generic idea of God
- II. God the Father, Christian Idea of God.
- III. God the Son.
- IV. God the Holy Spirit.
- V. The Trinity.
- VI. The Bible.
- VII. The Atonement, Human Sinfulness.
- VIII. The Atonement, Divine Love.
- IX. The Atonement, The Incarnation.
- X. The Atonement, The Sinless Sufferer.
- XI. The Atonement, The Resurrection of Christ.
- XII. The Atonement, Repentance.
- XIII. The Atonement, Faith.
- XIV. The Atonement, Divine Forgiveness of Justification.
- XV. The Atonement, The Believer's Holiness or Sanctification.
- XVI. The Believer's Resurrection.
- XVII. The Judgment.
- XVIII. The Eternal Felicity of the Righteous.
- XIX. The Eternal Punishment of the Wicked.
- XX. The Church Universal.
- XXI. The Baptist Church.
- XXII. Baptism.
- XXIII. Communion.
- XXIV. Prayer.
- XXV. The Ministry.

### Our New Paper.

Its name will be SERVICE. It will take the place of "The Baptist Union." The change in form of publication will begin with October. It will be a monthly magazine and will contain 128 pages, printed on excellent paper and will be finely illustrated. Its price will be the same as the Baptist Union has been. Let all our young people subscribe for it at once.

The following hints may be helpful to our Bible readers:

1. The Bible is a guide to be used in the conduct of everyday life.
2. The best time for reading the Bible is in the morning; begin the day with God and his Word. A few verses, in the morning may change the complexion of the entire day.
3. It is always a good plan to note what you have read selecting some definite portion for thought throughout the day. It will be food to your spiritual life. Carefully memorize one verse or more, and mark those you have thus hidden in your heart.
4. Some students find "Bible marking" a most excellent plan. Do this wisely, and in such a way as to make it useful in meeting and helpful to you in an hour of especial need.
5. Gather up helpful thoughts for the prayer meetings from the readings of the week.
6. Remember it is the Spirit's work to guide you into all truth. We cannot know the truth without his help.

### Gems.

"I am glad I am not bound to make the world go right, but only to discover and to do with cheerful hand the work that God appoints."—Phillips Brooks.

"The world is a camp; we are all soldiers, under the command of a Supreme General, who expects us to be on drill every day except when actually disabled."—Orison Swett Marden.

Let your ideas be high, holy, unselfish; then press on to attain them.