

The royal Psalmist says, "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord." And again, "How amiable are Thy tabernacles, O Lord of Hosts. My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord, my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God." Surely, then, in this broader and better dispensation we should value our privileges, and show our attachment to the sanctuary by a regular attendance upon its worship. No little thing should ever keep us from the house of God, neither the presence of visiting friends in the home, slight indisposition, unfavorable weather, or anything else that we would not allow to keep us away from our week-day business. The same law that binds the minister to be in his pulpit binds you to be in your pew, viz., the law of duty.

If we be true men and women we shall find it a joy to assemble with God's people. A special blessing is promised unto those who thus meet together, and the admonition is, "Not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together as the manner of some is, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as ye see the day approaching."

Let us keep in touch with Christ. His indwelling presence will enable us to say, "Lord, I have loved the habitation of Thy house, and the place where Thine honor dwelleth." Your absence from church is always a disappointment to your pastor and a loss to yourself.

*Our Sunday School work.* When we look at the magnitude to which our Sunday School work has grown, we have much reason to be grateful to God. We have more scholars under our care than are to be found in all the other churches in Ontario. This, we say, not boastingly, but gratefully, and with the consciousness of the tremendous responsibility involved. The late Cardinal Manning said, "Let me have the training of the children up to twelve years of age, and England will soon become a nation of Catholics." The possibilities that are wrapped up in our Sunday School work are infinite. Let us endeavor to fit ourselves for the privilege thus afforded. Commentaries and lesson helps are within reach of the great majority of teachers. Use these freely at home, do not bring them before your class. Teach the Scriptures, not from a leaflet or fragment alone, but from the Book itself. Instil a love for the Bible in the mind and heart of the child. Keep your own hearts pure and peaceful by close contact with the truth. Seek not merely the entertaining or the instruction of the children, but endeavor to compass their salvation.

And now, beloved, we exhort you to know the verities of the things that cannot be shaken. Amid intellectual and spiritual unrest "hold fast that which is good." Keep your anchorage secure. Suffer not your faith to become a mere experiment. Follow not the false lights that hover over the marsh-land region of dishonest doubt, but, true to inner voices, and looking toward "The Sun of Righteousness," move ever forward in the upward faith that terminates close by the throne of God.

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