

fault with, they have no more benefit from two hours spent within the sacred edifice than if they remained at home. Indeed, they have incurred blame, for they have not made use of the House of God as a house of prayer.

They have not accompanied the minister "with a humble voice to the throne of grace," saying after him the confession: nor can they feel the meaning of the concluding prayer of the service as belonging to them, where the minister prays, that "the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears may be inwardly grafted in our hearts;" those words from Scripture which have, perhaps, not been heard.

### HUMILITY.

Often meditate upon the effects of pride on one side, and humility on the other.

First, that pride is like a canker, and destroys the beauty of the fairest flowers, the most excellent gifts and graces, but humility crowns them all.

Secondly, that pride is a great hindrance to the perceiving the 'hings of God; and humility is an excellent preparative and instrument of spiritual wisdom. . . .

"God resisteth the proud," professing open defiance and hostility against such persons; but "giveth grace to the humble."

#### SIGNS OF HUMILITY.

1. The humble man trusts not to his own discretion, but in matters of concernment relies rather upon the judgment of his friends, counsellors, or spiritual guides.

2. He does not pertinaciously pursue the choice of his own will, but in all things lets God choose for him, and his superiors, in those things which concern him.

3. He does not murmur against commands.

4. He is not inquisitive into the reasonableness of indifferent and innocent commands, but believes their command to be reason enough, in such cases, to exact his obedience.

5. He lives according to a rule, and with compliance to public customs, without any affectation of singularity.

6. He is meek and indifferent in all accidents and chances.

7. He patiently bears injuries.

8. He is always unsatisfied with his own conduct, resolutions, and counsels.

9. He is a great lover of good men, and a praiser of wise men, and a censurer of no man.

10. He is modest in his speech, and reserved in his laughter.

11. He fears when he hears himself commended, lest God makes another judgment concerning his actions than men do.

12. He gives no pert or saucy answers when he is reproved, whether justly or unjustly.

13. He loves to sit down in private, and if he may, he refuses the temptation of offices and new honours.

14. He is ingenuous, free, and open in his actions and discourses.

15. He mends his faults, and gives thanks when he is admonished.

16. He is ready to do good offices to the murderers of his fame, to his slanderers, backbiters, and detractors, as Christ washed the feet of Judas.

17. He is contented to be suspected of indiscretion, so before God he may be really innocent, and not offensive to his neighbours, nor wanting to his just and prudent interests."

## SUNDAY SCHOOL INTELLIGENCE.

### ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, TORONTO.

The annually recurring festival of the children attending the Sunday School connected with the above-mentioned Church, took place on Friday the 12th September. At twelve o'clock, the children in number about 350, assembled at the Church, where prayers were said by the Incumbent, the Rev. Dr. Lett, whose untiring exertions among his congregation have increased the average attendance at the School within the last three years from about seventy-five to its present large amount. Service being concluded, the examination followed in which the answering was most satisfactory and alike creditable to the children and to their instructors. At three o'clock, the examination being over, the children were marshalled in procession and accompanied by their teachers and friends, altogether about 500, proceeded to the residence of Dr. Lett, where tables were laid out which groaned under the weight of an excellent repast to which the little ones did ample justice. Among the company present were the Chief Justice, Mrs. Strachan, Mrs. D. Boulton, Col. Duggan, E. T. Dartnell, Esq., Wm. Bright, Esq., R. R. McMullen, Esq., Mrs. Esten, Mrs. Cosens, the Misses Arnolds, &c. &c.—The repast ended the young folk proceeded to the grounds of Mrs. D. Boulton at the Grange, which were kindly opened by that lady for the occasion. Here rather a novel treat was prepared in the shape of a large Montgolfier balloon fifteen feet in height, twenty-four feet in circumference, and upwards of 500 feet in dimensions, made by the Hon. Sec. of the Sunday School, Mr. Dartnell, jun.—After several ineffectual attempts at inflation, owing to the weight of the balloon breaking the cords, success at length crowned the efforts, and the huge machine slowly but majestically rose amid the joyous shouts of a large crowd of spectators who had assembled to witness the ascent. The balloon passed over St. George's Church, and soon reached an elevation of about a mile. It was seen by hundreds in the city with amazement, and at a late hour at night had passed the island, and was far out in the lake. The young people then re-assembled in front of Dr. Lett's residence, and after giving three cheers for the Queen and one cheer more, three cheers for Dr. Lett, and three cheers for Mr. Dartnell, jun., dispersed to their several homes, highly gratified with the proceedings of the day.

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