

find the cause mainly in the disregard of moral training which obtained in the public schools of the country.

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This is not by any means the first instance of a Canadian judge protesting, from the bench or in the press, against the injustice with which less enlightened and less impartial individuals have assailed the characters of the Home boys; and it is a source of intense gratification to us to know that our voluntary defenders are among those whose opinions and utterances are most entitled to the respect and consideration of the people of Canada.

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UPS AND DOWNS is late in making its appearance this month, and we must crave the indulgence of our subscribers. When Mr. Owen sailed for England he hoped to be able to send us an account of the Thirtieth Annual Meeting held in the Royal Albert Hall on June 23rd, by the quick mail steamer leaving for New York on the 25th, so that by delaying publication for a few days we would be able to give our boys a more or less comprehensive report of all that occurred on that auspicious occasion within two weeks of its taking place. We are doomed to disappointment however. Up to the present hour, several days after our usual time for going to press, no report of the meeting is to hand, so we must ask our friends to possess their souls in patience and next month we shall doubtless have much to tell that will be full of interest.

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Our reproduction this month presents to us a scene in which most of us would not object to make a part. The sea always appeals powerfully to an Englishman. In the vast watery domain of which his country is mistress he recognizes a friend. It is the sea that renders it unnecessary to maintain gigantic and costly armies to defend his country's borders. Much of that which is most stirring in the history of his native land relates to victory-bringing battles, against human foes and against the dangers of the Unknown, whereby new lands have been discovered and new truths learned.

In the lap of the waves there is that which speaks to an Englishman of home no matter in what far-off corner of the world he may be, but the waves to which he loves most to listen are those which break on the shores of his own sea-girt island

Those who have read Charles Dickens' "Dombey and Son" will remember that it was on the sands of Brighton that little Paul used to sit with his sister listening by the hour to the voices which he detected in the waves rising and falling at his feet; and how he was filled with a great yearning to know what the waves were saying. It was this powerful picture of Dickens' of a dying child trying to read the future in the rhythm of the incoming tide that prompted the production of one of the most widely known songs—"What are the wild waves saying."

THOUGHTS ON A TEXT.

"Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord."—Romans xii: 11.

THESE things among others did St. Paul enjoin of the Romans, to whom he was pointing the way of salvation through faith in Christ. A faith which amounted to nothing more than a mere belief that Christ could save, was not sufficient in those days nor is it sufficient to-day, although, unfortunately, too many who call themselves Christians are content with this "faith in theory." "Faith in practice" is the key-note of the true Christian's life, as it is of the writings and preachings of all

the Apostles. Yet this "faith in practice," a bringing of our faith into the doings of our daily life, is the rock over which so many Christians stumble. They take their faith with them to the church; to the prayer meeting; and, perhaps, in their private life it leads them; but how often and how readily is it abandoned in the pursuits of business; and by business pursuits, we mean all vocations, whether of man or boy, by which it is sought to advance one's worldly position and riches.

"We cannot serve God here" they seem to think. "If we attempted to do so we should damage our business or insult Him." Of course, if business means trying to deceive our fellow men; trying to sell by misrepresentation, either a house, a cow, or a bill of goods at a price double what it is worth, we cannot serve the Lord therein; but such transactions are *not* business, no matter how often, to ease their conscience, their perpetrators may so term them. They are lies and robbery, and from such the soul of the Christian revolts with horror. But in the pursuit of honest labour or business, whatever it may be—that of the merchant, or the farmer, or the hired man—in that can Christians, not only serve the Lord, but, we are told by Paul in the same breath in which he requires us to serve the Lord, to be "not slothful in business." It must be a characteristic of Christ's followers that they do not shirk the duties of business; and it must also be a characteristic of Christians that they do not include in the duties of business, falsehood, deception, acts of dishonesty.

There can be no half and half measures in such matters: a little lie here, a small piece of deceit there, just that some threatened trouble may be staved off, or some material advantage gained. God desires us, nay, requires us, to be active, industrious and energetic in our daily duties that we derive benefit therefrom, but He also requires us in this, as in all things, to serve Him; and with a lie on his tongue, greed or dishonesty in his heart, no man can serve Him.

So active and so prevalent are these forces of evil in the world to-day, that in his own strength, the Christian, old man or youth, would find the temptation too strong for him; but God knows our temptation and our weakness, and has said, "My grace is sufficient for thee, for my strength is made perfect in weakness."

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OUR MEDAL WINNERS.

ABOUT the time we go to press a number of boys will be receiving the bronze or silver medal awarded by Dr. Barnardo to those lads who retain their first situations for a certain number of years, and whose conduct and industry during that period have been such as to merit some token of recognition. These medals are always highly prized by those who obtain them; they are certificates of good character wherever their owners may go. We know of more than one case of a boy placing a barrier between himself and the medal by changing about from one situation to another, without any justifiable cause, during the first year or so; although he has afterwards settled down and remained a number of years in one place, and made an excellent reputation for himself for perseverance and ability. Many expressions of regret have we read and listened to that the first year was so foolishly spent in "chopping and changing," thus removing all chance of securing the much coveted medal. We of course feel very sorry for a boy under such circumstances, but the medal is given for good conduct and continued service *in the first situation*, unless there be good cause for a change. Below we give a list of those whose agreements have recently expired and who are

about to become recipients of Dr. Barnardo's medal; some have held their first situations for a period of six years, others for five and four years, and none for less than three years, while all have good reputations as trustworthy and industrious members of society. Owing to the fact that many of the medal winners have already been referred to at length in our journal, we shall not now give a personal sketch of each; but confine ourselves to extending to them, one and all, our very hearty congratulations, and



Obverse of long service and good conduct medal presented by Dr. Barnardo.

wishing them for the future no less a measure of success than has attended them through this first stage in the battle of life.

Name.	Party.
Adams, Ernest W.	June, 1889.
Bowles, James F.	April, 1890.
Blake, Richard	June, 1890.
Bell, Harry	March, 1892.
Bur in, James	June, 1893.
Collins, Harry	March, 1892.
Canning, Frederick	July, 1892.
Dixon, George H.	June, 1891.
Evans, Frederick	March, 1893.
Ellis, William	March, 1892.
Edwards, Henry	March, 1892.
Folley, Charles	April, 1891.
Gray, John A.	April, 1891.
Graystone, Herbert	Aug., 1891.
Hill, Charles E.	April, 1891.
Hazel, Thomas A.	April, 1891.
Head, Sidney	March, 1892.
Harding, Alfred	Sept., 1892.
Harris, Frederick James	Aug., 1893.
Jackson, Duncan	Aug., 1891.
Knight, Frank	March, 1892.
Kirchey, Arthur	March, 1892.
Ling, Samuel M.	March, 1893.
Mills, John	March, 1892.
Maynard, John C.	March, 1892.
Nunn, Henry George	June, 1890.
Nixon, Joseph	April, 1891.
Nash, Alexander	Aug., 1891.
Nowlen, Henry J.	Aug., 1891.
Osborne, Lionel	June, 1891.
Outtridge, James	March, 1892.
Odd, Harry	March, 1892.
Page, Charles Edward	April, 1891.
Proctor, Arthur	April, 1891.
Rolfe, Thomas	March, 1893.
Rogers, Lionel	March, 1893.
Sparkes, Christopher J.	Aug., 1891.
Smith, Frederick	April, 1890.
Sessions, Thomas	March, 1893.
Styles, Edward	March, 1892.
Sanderson, John	June, 1893.
Thomas, William E.	April, 1889.
Taylor, Frederick Frank	April, 1891.
Thring, James William	Aug., 1891.
Taylor, Albert E.	March, 1892.
Tovey, Albert	March, 1892.
Vale, Alfred	March, 1893.
Weston, John	April, 1891.