

shew the remarkable progress of Church Work in California, and the manner in which souls are being gathered into Christ's fold, and fed by systematic effort on the part of His clergy, assisted as they are by organized lay co-operation.—[ED. CHURCH WORK.]

TRAINING CHILDREN IN BENEVOLENCE.

The training of children to be good givers is a great work. Parents have a mighty responsibility in this direction.

The work cannot be done by making a child merely the bearer of a contribution to the Sabbath school treasury; nor yet by teaching the child that if he will do a certain thing or yield a certain privilege, he can give a certain sum to a certain object.

Children should be taught the duty and privilege of giving, and the responsibility should be on them early of denying themselves for the performance of this duty and the attainment of this privilege, that out of their allowance or possessions of gifts or earnings they may give unto the Lord that which they before counted their own, and for the use of which they must finally be answerable.—*S. S. World.*

THE SEVEN CANONICAL HOURS.

THEIR MEANING AND ORIGIN, AS GIVEN BY DURANDUS.

At MATINS bound, at PRIME reviled;
 Condemned to death at TIERCE,
 Nailed to the Cross at SEXT; at NONES
 His bleeding side they pierce;
 They take Him down at VESPER-tide,
 In grave at COMPLINE lay,
 Who henceforth bids His Church observe
 Her sevenfold hours away.

READ THE BIBLE.

Most Christian people think it a right and proper thing to spend from twenty to thirty minutes of each day in reading the daily papers, in fact, they are not quite satisfied with themselves if they do not keep up with the news of the day, yet many are quite satisfied to journey rapidly toward the Celestial City and never try to find out much about the news from thence. In fact, Bible reading seems to be irksome to many Christians. The traveler who is going to Europe is pretty diligent with his guide books for weeks and months, especially if it is his first trip across the water. The traveler to the city of God is often less careful to learn about the city to which, he says, he is certainly journeying. The daily reading about any subject serves to keep up the interest in that subject; it has precisely the same effect in the daily study of the Bible. The interest grows as one advances in knowledge.—*Selected.*

A godly home-life is one of the best proofs of a true hope in Christ. Let us, then, foster "home religion." Let the family altar be built and the fire of the daily offering be kindled upon it. Let our home be like the home in Bethany, where Jesus loved to be a guest; still better, like the home above. Let kindness, gentleness, and forbearing love make home more dear and precious; make the atmosphere one of prayer and love. Do not reserve your best looks and kindest words for strangers, but make home brighter by them. We plead then, for "home religion," for a piety, not like a militiaman's uniform, to be worn only on parade, but as a working-dress, to be worn at home.