

## THE TRAINING OF THE CHILDREN

The Sabbath training of the child for eternity can not be all wrought in God's house. The home ought to be made to seem as much God's house to the child as the church edifice is, and so make the Lord's day a desirable time to the children by the joy in the faces of the older members of the home circle as it draws near. Let praiseful music from mother's or father's lips awake the child on that day, and every chamber call a challenge of joy to the others in the morning. Let the Christian parenthood enforce by precept and example the sacredness and meaning of God's house, to go there regularly from infant years, and to be reverent and attentive. To this end, let no irrelevant attitude in the church be seen on the part of the parents let no criticism of the pastor, choir or Sabbath school teachers be allowed in the presence of the child.

Then at all times teach the child that he is a soul dwelling in a body, as in a house, not that he is a body and has a soul. Teach much on that day, "day of all days," concerning God as a spirit and that we are made in his image and must live to the Spirit. It is a good plan for the entire family to rehearse the points of the sermon from the father down to the wee listener, who will often astonish you that he has listened so well. Let music at home be an essential feature of the holy day. We live in a restless age, the child will be away before you know it, but a line of the hymns once sung at home will be a link to bind him to his mother and possibly to the cross of our Redeemer, long after the rest of the family await him on the other shore.

Some day our sons and daughters must be leaving home, not as fugitives pursued by a righteous resentment as was Jacob, but as the lightes of the home followed by the solicitudes of love. They must go out and adventure life for themselves, out across the desert among strangers, where they are likely to grow homesick and lonely. Sometimes the pillow on which they lay their heads may seem as hard as Jacob's stone-rest at Bethel, and sometimes there will seem nothing kinder for their good-night sleep than the shining stars of the silent sky.

Well for them if some hallowed training from their childhood's days shall follow them and overtake them in the night-time; well for them if a Voice shall speak to them out of the great mystery of existence and certify the fact of divine love and care by saying, "I am the God of your father and mother." Let me ask the question, "What is the religious life of my home?" Do they ever hear me speak of my God? Do they know I have a Saviour? Do they know I have an immortal hope and an eternal home? Is it possible for God to make me his strongest surety to my children? Could he certify himself to them in time of trouble and need, of loneliness and temptation by saying, "I am the Lord God of your father and will never forsake you."

We are pleased to be able to state that Rev. Alfred Gandier, D.D., of St. James' Square Church, Toronto, has accepted the office of Principal of Knox College in succession to Dr. MacLaren.

Dr. Gandier is a son of the manse, a graduate of Queen's University, and has occupied successively the pastorates of St. Mark's, Toronto; Brampton; Fort Massey, Halifax; and St. James' Square, Toronto. He is a man of high nobility of character, of excellent scholarship, and good executive ability. He has a proved capacity for leadership and enjoys in an unusual degree the confidence of the whole Church. His appointment will meet with general approbation.

## CAMPAIGN HUMORS.

No one desires to see general elections conducted in too rancorous a spirit; so the speaker who adds to "the gaiety of nations" by a little good-natured fun may be rendering public service. Hon. Mr. Fielding recently told the tale of the man who went to a grocery store to buy flour. "It's \$6.00," said the grocer. "But I went to Jones and asked him what his price was, and he said \$5.50." "Then why don't you buy from Jones?" "Well," confessed the customer, "you see Jones is out of flour." He also told the charge of spending too much public money, a tunnel story. In this particular tunnel was a train, as trains have a habit of being, and in the train was a young couple, as young couples have a habit of being. As the train emerged and the girl was adjusting her veil, "George," she remarked, "do you know that this tunnel cost millions of dollars?" "Hum," he said, smacking his lips, "I don't care if it did; it was worth it all, and more too."

At one of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's recent meetings the Premier caused a laugh by recalling the remark of a warm-hearted Irish supporter from the Province of Quebec. "May heaven be your bed, and may you be long kept out of it."

But about as good a piece of unintended humor as any was the reference, by an enthusiastic but mixed admirer of Mr. W. H. Maclean, M.P., who said Mr. Maclean was "a regular John the Baptist, of whom the Good Book says he moves in a mysterious way his wonders to perform."

## MAGAZINE MADE CORNERS.

A report of Lord Desart, who was until recently the Director of Public Prosecutions in England, states that in several cases of counterfeit coining it was suggested as a defence that the offender had been induced to commence his manufacture of counterfeit coin by reading articles in monthly magazines in which the process was fully described and illustrated, and one of the offenders had in consequence commenced the manufacture of counterfeit sovereigns on a wholesale scale. Several judges have commented severely upon the impropriety and danger of publishing such articles. Lest it should be assumed that the making of counterfeit coin as a profession is dying out, it should be noted that of 36 persons convicted in England of this felony no fewer than 24 were arrested and dealt with for the first time. What our young people read is surely important!

## TEA TOGETHER.

There has been some hot talk in the present general election campaign, but so far perhaps not more than might be expected from beings minus wings. But there are those who adopt a more excellent way, as witness the fact that Mr. William Lyon Mackenzie King, who is a candidate in one of the Waterloos, instead of reviling his opponent this old Sunday School teacher, by the way, is reported to have gone over to the house of his opponent and taken tea with him. This seems to us to mark out a record of relationship as between rival candi-

dates worthy of imitation. Mr. King, as a worthy member of Dr. Herridge's congregation at Ottawa, would hardly be expected to be either narrow-minded or rancorous. In Great Britain candidates and statesmen on opposite sides are frequently warm personal friends; and evidently Mr. King can see no reason why it should be different in Canada.

## PROGRAMME OF QUEEN'S CONFERENCE.

Monday, November 2.—4.00 p.m., address by Rev. Charles A. Sykes, "Religious Education." 8.00 p.m., Opening of Theological Faculty. Lecture by Rev. Professor Kilpatrick, Knox College, Toronto, "Christian Theology, the Interpretation of Christian Experience."

Tuesday, November 3.—10.00 a.m. 11.10 a.m.—The Chancellor's Lectureship. Prof. S. W. Dyde, I. "What is a Work of Art?" Ruskin's Lectures on Art. 11.10 a.m. 12.00—The Book of Jeremiah, Mr. H. T. Wallace, Queen's University. 12.00 1.00 p.m.—Recent Developments in Philosophy, Dr. Watson. 1.00 p.m.—Lunch in the Museum. 3.00 p.m.—5.00 p.m.—The Book of Acts. Rev. John Hay, Renfrew; Rev. A. MacKenzie, Douglas; Rev. J. MacDougall, Spenceville. 8.00 p.m.—Address by Dr. James Bonar, Master of the Mint, Ottawa, "The World One City."

Wednesday, November 4.—10 a.m.—The Chancellor's Lectureship. Prof. S. W. Dyde. "Immigration, or the Appreciation of the Beautiful." Ruskin Modern Painters, Book II, Section II, Chaps. 14; also Puffer, The Psychology of the Beautiful. 11.00 a.m. 12.00—The Book of Jeremiah (continued). Rev. N. P. Keith, Prescott. 12.00 1.00 p.m.—Recent Developments in Philosophy, Dr. Wilson. 1.00 p.m.—Lunch in the Museum. 2.30 p.m.—4.00 p.m.—The Book of Ezekiel, Rev. C. E. A. Pocock, Lyn; Rev. I. N. Beckstedt, Athens; Rev. D. Strachan, Brockville. 4.00 p.m.—Lecture by Dean Capper, "The Interpretation of Life by Modern Poets." 8.00 p.m.—Addresses by Professor Adam Shortt, Commissioner of the Civil Service, Ottawa, "The Settlement of Labor Disputes."

Thursday, November 5.—10.00 a.m. 11.10 a.m.—The Chancellor's Lectureship. Prof. S. W. Dyde. "Ruskin's Pathetic Fallacy." Modern Painters, Book III, Chaps. 12-16. 10.10 a.m. 1.00 p.m.—The Book of Daniel. Rev. Harper Gray, Dundas; Rev. James Anthony, Waterloo; Rev. F. D. Roxburgh, Smithville. 1.00 p.m.—Lunch in the Museum. 3.00 p.m.—The Book of Revelation. Rev. James Binnie, Tweed; Rev. A. E. Cameron, Melrose; Rev. J. R. Conn, Napanee. 8.00 p.m.—Address by Dean Lavell, Faculty of Education, "Ideals in Education."

Friday, November 6.—9.30 a.m. 11.00 a.m.—The Chancellor's Lectureship. Prof. S. W. Dyde. "Tragedy, Comedy, Humor." 11.00 a.m. 12.00—Annual Meeting of Alumni. The Programme for 1909. 8.00 p.m.—Address by Rev. E. F. Scott, Professor of Church History.

Entertainment is provided for members of the Conference, also a lunch is provided every day in the Museum. The annual membership fee is fifty cents. Tickets good for all the evening popular lectures may be obtained from the Registrar, or at the door of the Convocation Hall, for twenty-five cents. Rev. James Wallace, Lindsay, President; Rev. Alexander Laird, Kingston, Secretary.

The church has not cast anchor over an uncertain Bible or an uncertain creed. If it has, then it has no message to deliver and no authority to lift up its voice in the name of God and His Christ.—Dr. H. Bonar.

An effective way to present Jesus Christ to others is to represent him faithfully in your own life and character.