

sistance, when there is a willingness to accept the invitation, much is gained by courtesy and fellowship if the inviter goes after the invited, and brings him in as a companion, and not merely as a stranger. This is true for all classes. When the primary teacher gets on the track of possible new members, and gives the cordial invitation, she must often wisely arrange so that she, or her assistants, or some of the young people, shall call for the new children, and for their mothers, perhaps, to escort them to the school. The reality and the earnestness of the invitation are made plain in this way, and the relations of teacher, scholar, and parent are made closer from the first. Without this escorting, many will not come at all.

SONGS OF WELCOME.

"In the mountains of Tyrol, it is said to be the custom of the women and children to come out when it is bed-time, and sing their national songs until they hear their husbands, fathers and brothers answer them from the hills on their return home. On the shores of the Adriatic a similar custom prevails. There the wives of the fishermen come down about sunset, and singing the first stanza of a familiar song, they will listen awhile for an answering melody from off the water; and continue to sing and listen till the well-known voice comes borne on the waters telling that the loved one is almost home. How sweet to the weary fisherman, as the shadows gather around him, must be the songs of the loved ones at home, that sing to cheer him; and how they strengthen and tighten the links that bind those humble dwellers by the sea." And how sweet also for Christian voyagers, "tossed on time's rude, relentless surges," to know that there is for them a quiet harbor and a heavenly home not far away, and that songs of welcome are awaiting them there; and that there shall be still sweeter songs of triumph there in which they ere long shall

join. Even now their voices and their hearts are becoming tuned to heavenly strains, and even here in the house of their pilgrimage they make glad earth's desert wastes with thanksgiving and the voice of melody; but, though God their Maker now giveth them "songs in the night," their souls wait and watch, "more than they that watch for the morning," for that coming day-dawn when all the song birds of creation shall burst forth in praises, and even the saints who dwell in dust shall awake and sing to hail the coming of eternal day.

"Dark is the night and the desert is drear;
Thorny our path and our pilgrimage long;
But the day breaketh, the morning is near;
Morning of sunshine, and gladness, and song!"

—*Christian.*

FOUR LIVES CHANGED.

A young man who had lately been converted to Christ resolved to try and lead others to Him. How was he to do this? There were several ways which seemed open to him. He tried all as far as he could. I am now, however, only going to tell of the results of one method, and that during a visit with which I am myself acquainted. He felt that he ought to speak personally and individually with some young acquaintances. In one brief month four of these had taken their stand for Christ. One of these was a young man; he became a Sunday-school teacher. Three of them were young women. One is now the mother of four children, whom she is seeking to train for Christ; one is a devoted and earnest Sunday-school teacher; one is the wife of a Christian minister. How greatly all the lives have been changed by the simple words of that young man! How many other lives will be changed through them! How grand would be the results if every Christian would do as that young man did! Reader, ought you to do this? Will you?

ECHOES.

The following are a few of the rules of life laid down for himself by the Rev. William Law, a well-known divine who lived in the early part of last century:

1. To think nothing great or desirable because the world thinks it so; but to form all my judgments of things from the infallible word of God, and to direct my life according to it.
2. To remember frequently, and impress it on my mind deeply, that no condition of this life is for enjoyment, but for trial; and that every power, ability, or advantage we have are all so many talents to be accounted for to the Judge of all the world.
3. To avoid all excess in eating and drinking.
4. To be always fearful of letting my time slip away without some fruit.
5. To avoid all idleness.
6. To call to mind the presence of God, whenever I find myself under any temptation to sin, and to have immediate recourse to prayer.
7. To think humbly of myself, and with great charity of all others.
8. To forbear from all evil speaking.
9. To think often of the life of Christ, and propose it as a pattern for myself.—*Our Paper.*

A TRUE MOTHER.

Dr. Parkhurst, of New York, says: "A true mother lives for her children, and knows no other ambition but to live in her children. She aims at nothing more than unrecognized survival in their manhood and womanhood, and asks to be monumented only by the activities and fidelities of those to whom she has given life, and who are her own life prolonged and perpetuated. It is one of the pleasant features of our generation that increased attention is being given to the discipline of the female mind. It makes for progress that woman is coming to regard herself less in the light of artistic bric-a-brac