

think of your assuming the responsibility and consequent accountability of such grave action. The favor I wish is your promise that, since you will not help either your teacher or your classmates in the way of life, at least you will try not to hinder them. Is that more than fair?"

"No, I suppose not," said the lad thoughtfully.

"Deal fairly by me in your answer then," said Mrs. Linn. "If you will not or cannot grant my favor, that ends the matter, of course. I don't wish you to make a promise that you are certain not to perform. But if you think that you can cordially grant it, I shall be grateful indeed for your promise not to hinder by any word or deed, those of your companions who but for you, might strive to enter in at the strait gate. It is of the nature of a negative service, and as I said, perhaps it is an impossible thing. I only ask you to promise to try it."

Harry's hat had remained in his teacher's while she stood and made known her wishes to him. He did not withdraw it as he stood a moment and thought—only a moment. Then he gave her hand a quick, decided grasp, and said, "All right, I know what you mean. I'll try it. You can depend on me."

"Thank you, Harry," said Mrs. Linn. "I thought I could depend on you if only I could get you enlisted." And with a bright smile she bade him "good morning" and went her way.

Weeks passed. Harry stood manfully to his promise. No sly, irreverent word or gesture was suffered to escape him. No ridicule or scoffing remark fell from his lips. When Jasper Burns, who for a long time had been shyly and tremblingly seeking the way of salvation, at length announced his new found hope, Harry so far controlled himself as to repress both word and grimace, though he was itching to whisper "Correct! Go up head! Clear up into holiness corner, brother Burns," in the old teasing fashion. Only he had promised Mrs. Linn not to hinder. One Sunday it came Harry's turn to ask Mrs. Linn to remain a few moments with him. Without preface or apology he blurted out the matter. "It's all up, Mrs. Linn. It can't be done. You've got to help, or you've got to hinder."

"Yes?" gently said Mrs. Linn in an enquiring tone.

"I don't believe there is such a thing as negative service," said Harry, with a scornful tone. "Any way, I can't render it. I'm not one of the negative sort. I'm positive, whether I mean to be or not. Just think! Charley Harris whispered to me this morning that he wished he was a Christian." "Well," said I "what hinders?" And what do you suppose he said? "You hinder," says he. "If you were only a good boy, I'd be one quick enough." You see how it is?" added Harry to Mrs. Linn.

"Yes," she answered sadly. "It is the old, old sorrow that pierced the heart of the Master when here on earth. 'He that is not for me is against me.' There was a moment's silence. Then Mrs. Linn said tenderly and earnestly,

"I think the Lord has spoken to you, Harry, in this matter. I don't see but that He has laid it upon you to choose what you are willing to do—help, or hinder; which?"

And Harry's brave and manly answer, as

he arose and gave his hand to his teacher, caused her happy heart to sing for joy.

"I've thought a good deal about this since that Sunday, you know. I will not hinder. I told you you could depend on me for that. Consequently I must help." Then, with a bright smile, though the tears were in his eyes as he spoke, he added, "You have got me enlisted."—Mrs. Wyeth, in *S. S. Classmate*.

MAKING SUNSHINE.

"Oh, dear, it always does rain when I want to go anywhere!" cried little Jennie Moore. "It's too bad! Now I've got to stay indoors, and I know I shall have a wretched day."

"Perhaps so," said Uncle Jack; "but you need not have a wretched day unless you choose."

"How can I help it? I wanted to go to the park, and play on the grass, and pull wild flowers; and now there is not going to be any sunshine at all, and I shall have to stand here and see it rain all day long."

"Well, let's make a little sunshine," said Uncle Jack. This made Jennie smile through her tears, showing that Uncle Jack had manufactured a few rays already. So Jennie agreed to be his partner in his new business, and went to work according to these three rules:

First. Don't think of what might have been if the day had been better.

Second. See how many things there are left to enjoy.

And lastly. Do all you can to make other people happy.

Jennie began by amusing her little brother, who was crying. By the time she had him riding a chair and laughing, she was laughing too. After that she found many a pleasant amusement, and when bed time came she kissed her uncle good-night, and was even far more happy than if she had spent the day in playing on the grass and gathering wild flowers. But that was not all. She dreamed that night that Uncle Jack had built a great house, and put a sign over the door which read:

SUNSHINE FACTORY.

She made her uncle laugh when she told her dream; but she never forgot what you must remember: A cheerful heart makes its own sunshine. A cheerful heart is one in which the Saviour dwells. If you follow Him you will not walk in darkness; all days, and all duties will be bright and beautiful.—*Selected*.

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ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.

Baptists (reported since last month).—*Boston, Ont.*, 3; *Bristol, Que.*, 14; *Collingwood*, 3; *East Nissouri*, 5; *Elera*, 1; *Fairfax*, 1; *Fitzroy*, 7; *Georgetown*, 2; *Grimsby*, 2; *Millbrook*, 2; *Malahide and Bayham*, 3; *Montreal, St. Catharines*, 4; *Amushko*, 12; *Pulmerston*, 4; *Sherbrooke, Que.*, 4; *Smith*, 3; *Sullivan*, 8; *Toronto*, *Jarvis* St., 1; *Uxbridge*, 2; *Wingham*, 2.

Pastoral Changes.—Rev. T. G. DENCHFIELD from Elera to *Brampton*.

Rev. H. COCKS, late pastor at Villa Nova, has gone to England. His successor is Rev. H. Woodward, formerly of Stayner.

Rev. N. WOOLVERTON, B.A., has resigned the pastorate of Onondaga churches, and accepted an appointment on the teaching staff of the Canadian Literary Institute.

Rev. W. H. CLINE has vacated the pastorate of Newry church, to take a course of study at the Institute.

Rev. GEO. BURNS, late of New Brunswick, has accepted the pastoral charge of the church in *Poseydon*, Ont., in place of Rev. T. Williamson, resigned.

Churches Recognized.—The *Fitzroy* Regular Baptist Church, on the 5th of August; 26 constituent members.

The *Bristol* (Que.) Regular Baptist Church, on the 28th of August; 12 constituent members.

The *Clarendon* (Que.) Regular Baptist Church, on the 28th of August; 12 constituent members.

Chapel Dedicated.—*Collingwood* Baptist Chapel, on Lord's day, August 12th, with appropriate services.

MARITIME PROVINCES.

Baptists (reported since last month).—*Berwick, N. S.*, 1; *Blackville, N. B.*, 13; *Cape Wolf, P. E. I.*, 48 (a blessed revival); *De Bort, N. S.*, 2; *Mild Village, N. S.*, 1; *Munquash, N. B.*, 13.

Ministers Ordained.—Rev. C. C. BURGESS, as pastor of the *North River* Church, P. E. I., on the 17th of July.

Rev. CHARLES HENDERSON, as pastor of the church at *Jacktown*, N. B., on the 15th of August.

Pastoral Settlements.—Rev. A. J. WILCOX, late of Ticonderoga, N. Y., has accepted the call to the Brussels St. Baptist Church, St. John, N. B.

Rev. JOHN BROWN, late of Milton, N. S., has accepted the call of the Baptist church at *Paradise*, N. S.

Miscellaneous.—Rev. JOHN H. HUGHES has been appointed delegate from the Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces to the Baptist Missionary Convention of Ontario, meeting at Jarvis St. Church, Toronto, next month.

Fourth Quarterly Meeting of the Executive Board of the Baptist Missionary Convention of Ontario.

The Fourth Quarterly Meeting of the Executive Board of the Baptist Missionary Convention of Ontario for the current year, will be held in the Baptist Church, Jarvis Street, Toronto, on Tuesday, the 16th day of October, 1877, at 7 p. m.

Reports of Missionaries must be forwarded to me by the 1st day of October, at the latest; so that the Annual Report may be prepared in time for the Annual Meeting on the 17th of October. Missionaries are requested to write their "remarks on the state of the cause" on their respective fields on the third page of blank forms, that is, on one side of the fly leaf, and to give such a concise and comprehensive statement as can be incorporated in full in the Report.

Applications for aid for the ensuing year will be received up to the 13th day of October, and any church desiring to apply, and requiring a blank form, can be supplied by notifying me.

By order of the Convention,
THOS. L. DAVIDSON,
Secretary.
Guelph, Sept., 1877.