

gave to all who were in doubt about the way. You know he said that if a man would do the will of his Father he would then be able to prove whether his doctrine was from God or not. It seems to me that this saying of our Lord just covers your case. You may not know the peace and joy of resting in God; you may not be able to understand fully what the life of a Christian is; but there is one thing you can do. You can begin from this night forward to do all that God required of a servant of his. I think, then, that you will see this sacred mystery gradually unfolding itself to you."

"Please tell me, Emily, all that a Christian must do," said Lizzie.

"Take it for granted that he believes in God, and that Christ, the Son of God, lived and died for the whole world, I should think the next thing for him to do would be to seek Christ in his daily devotions, and to endeavor to imitate so far as possible the example of his Master's life. It seems to me that Christ's chiefest thought was to do the will of his Father, to follow the path of duty, no matter where it lay nor to what it led. That was his underlying motion in all his work. His actual life work was one grand, noble sacrifice for others. He went about doing good. His whole life of sorrow and suffering was lived and endured not for himself, but for the world that rejected him. I think if you will try to see where your path of duty lies and strive to follow it, letting your actual labor be to minister to others, you will soon discover the happy secret. You know, dear Lizzie, he is not far from any of us."

Lizzie arose, and putting her arms around Emily's neck, kissed her affectionately.

"Emily," she said softly, "I will try your plan." Then the two girls parted.

Some time passed away; Emily's time was much occupied. She saw but little of Lizzie, and then only from time to time, and Lizzie did not mention the subject again to her. Then came the summer vacation, and the two girls went to their homes. In the fall both returned to finish their school work, and it was not until the January week-day prayer meetings were begun again that Emily was to know what had sprung from such sowing. One night when the students were all gathered in the chapel, and the interest was more than usually manifest, and a profound, serious impression was evident in most of the faces present, Emily felt her heart almost springing up in her throat as she saw Lizzie rise in her seat for the first time and express her devotion to her Master, Christ.

"For a long time I have wished to be a Christian," she said. "When I was in doubt about the way, I went to a friend who told me that if I would take upon myself all the duties of a real Christian, seek Christ in my daily devotions, and in all things strive to imitate his blessed example, she thought then I would gradually come to understand and experience something of that blessed peace and happiness which I longed for, and which I saw was possessed by all his followers. I tried this plan, and tonight I am happier than I ever was before. I now love the Master, whom I have endeavored to serve. I thank him for drawing me to him, and my friend for the helpful words which she spoke to me on the night I asked her for counsel."

As Lizzie spoke, her cheeks flushed and her winsome face shone brightly with the light of her new and joyful experience, and before she finished large tears welled up into her beautiful eyes, overflowed the tender lids, and dropped from the long lashes on her cheeks and rested there. Emily could with difficulty restrain her own tears. She felt almost like exclaiming:

"Now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace."

As Lizzie was a great favorite in the school, her testimony made no small impression on those present. One and another, encouraged by this beautiful young girl's example, arose and made their first confession.

And this was not all. As the meetings continued, the interest increased and spread throughout the whole school, and Emily had the joy of speaking with many more, who were blessed with the helpful words, and thus influenced to follow the call of the Master.—Observer.

A Band-of-Mercy Dog.

When the gray cat had five kittens, nobody supposed that rough old Major, the black dog, took any interest in the fact, but we don't know everything there is to know.

Thinking five too large a family, the cook drowned all but one kitten; and Mrs. Cat decided that she would have all or none, and so she went away and left the little, helpless ball of fur.

All the afternoon a man heard it crying, but he thought that puss would return. The next morning when Della, the cook, was busy getting breakfast, in came Major from the stable, carrying carefully between his teeth the little gray kitten, which he placed gently on the floor at Della's feet, and then he stood wagging his tail and looking up with pleading, friendly eyes, which said as plainly as words:

"Do, please, take care of this poor wail and feed her." Della understood and cared for the poor little motherless kitten, for the cook could not be less kind than a dog.

Don't you agree with me that Major is a Band-of-Mercy dog? Anyway he wears a beautiful white star on his breast, and that, as you know, is the Band-of-Mercy badge.—[Our Animal Friends.

Prayer Meeting Topic.—March 18.

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Prayer Meeting Topic.

B. Y. P. U. Topic.—The story of Judson and the mission to the Burmans.

Alternate Topic.—The glory of obedience. Matt. 21: 28-32.

Daily Bible Readings.

Monday, March 26.—Deuteronomy 27: 1-10. (11-26); 28: 1-14 Effects of obedience on the nations (28: 10). Compare Isa. 61: 9.

Tuesday March 27.—Deuteronomy 28: (15-44), 45-68. The horrors of curses for disobedience. Compare Deut. 28: 20.

Wednesday, March 28.—Deuteronomy 29. Disobedience is gall and wormwood (vs. 18). Compare Heb. 12: 15.

Thursday, March 29.—Deuteronomy 30. "Set before thee good and evil" (vs. 15). Compare Josh. 24: 15.

Friday, March 30.—Deuteronomy 31. Be strong and of good courage (vs. 6). Compare Josh. 1: 6, 7.

Saturday, March 31.—Deuteronomy 32: 1-27. Punishment followed rebellion. Compare Ezek. 20: 21, 22.

Prayer Meeting Topic.—March 25th.

"The glory of obedience." Matt. 21: 28-32.

The Scripture portion is one of the "Three parables of warning" spoken by our Saviour on Tuesday of Passion Week. Our Lord's earthly ministry is nearly completed. The time has come for plain words, and Jesus on this occasion speaks, unreservedly to his Jewish hearers, in language which they cannot misunderstand. This parable is very brief and pointed in its application. The Jewish rulers and those who lived outwardly correct lives were extremely self-confident and self-righteous. They held themselves aloof in haughty pride, from publicans and harlots, and other sinners of their class, and even considered them as being beyond the reach of religious influence. The phrase "publicans and harlots," was proverbial to denote all that was vile, loathsome and alien to the feelings of the pure, the respectable, and the patriotic. By this parable our Lord plainly tells these self-satisfied, self-righteous Jewish religious leaders, that many of the moral sum of society were nearer than they to the kingdom of heaven. The son who professed to obey his father's command and yet went not into the vineyard to work, represented the Jewish leaders and teachers, who were zealous for the forms of religion but who were abominable at heart. While the son who first refused to obey but afterwards repented and obeyed his father, was an illustration of what had actually occurred continually during the earthly ministry of Jesus. This son truly represented the morally evil, and socially dispirited class, who had repented of sin in large numbers, and found forgiveness and peace by believing in Christ.

There is no substitute which our Master will accept for the true spirit of obedience to God. True, there will be of necessity, mistakes, imperfections, and, it may be, temporary failure, but the prime necessity in every Christian life is a sincere desire, and an earnest endeavor, trusting in divine help, to obey implicitly the will of Christ. Our motto "Loyalty to Christ" includes this idea, for there is true loyalty only when there is a true spirit of obedience to the commands of Christ. "If ye love me keep my commandments." Obedience to Christ is the glory of a true Christian life, the crowning proof of our love for him and the most vital test of our loyalty to our divine Master.

Endeavor in the meeting to make a personal application of these teachings. This parable is a picture of our Heavenly Father's call to service. There is work for all. To every one he says, "Son, go work in my vineyard." He means "today," he means now. What is your answer, "I will," or "I will not?" If you have ever answered "I will not," repent while you may and give yourself to the service of Christ even now.

FOR CONSIDERATION.

1. Speech is often shown to be insincere by our deeds.
2. What is the relative value of words and deeds.
3. It is right to profess if we also possess.
4. It is wrong to profess if we do not intend to practice.

5. Do not bring the profession down to the practice, but bring the practice up to the profession.

6. Even the very wicked who repent and believe in Christ will be saved. Study also the story of the "Prodigal Son," of "Zaccheus," and of "The thief on the cross."

Suggested hymns: "Oh the Bitter pain and Sorrow," "My Jesus as thou wilt," "Onward Christian Soldiers," "To God be the glory," "Work today," "Something for Jesus."

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Charlottetown, P. E. I.

The Junior Union of the Charlottetown Baptist church is still in existence, under the leadership of Mr. Yeo and has a membership of 44. A missionary concert was held on March 2nd, in the school room of the church. When an interesting programme was furnished, Rev. Mr. McLeod of the Zion church addressed the Juniors. The collection amounted to \$5.51. B. T. S. Sec'y.

Isaac's Harbor.

Since our last report we have made a special effort to get our Union in better running order. Accordingly on Jan. 30th, we met in business meeting. The pledge and constitution recommended by the B. Y. P. U. of America was again adopted. We started with a membership of fifteen active and six associate. Five active and two associate have since been added. Our officers are Ira G.

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Pride, president; Myra Giffin, vice-president; Lillian McMillan, treasurer; F. K. Bezanon, secretary and co-secretary. Our meetings are quite largely attended, yet we often painfully realize that they are wanting in spiritual power. Organization is all right but it will not take the place of the Spirit. May all who read these lines pray that we may feel the power of his spirit quickening us for more active service. During our pastor's illness the Sacred Literature class continued the study, the lessons being led in turn by different members of the class. Since the pastor has recovered, in order to lighten his work and also feeling that it would be more helpful at least to some of us, the study has been continued in the same way. The task of preparing the lesson so as to lead the class is more difficult and also seems to stimulate to a more thorough study of each lesson so as to keep in touch. So far we have had only one Conquest meeting of the course. We are looking forward to having an interesting meeting the last of March and are taking for the subject, "Baptist Beginnings in America."

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Things the Young People Should Know About Acadia.

BY PRESIDENT TROTTER.

"Acadia" is a broadly inclusive term. There is Acadia College, a co-educational college for young men and women, supported on the one hand by Acadia Ladies' Seminary, and on the other by a corresponding Boys' and Young Men's school, called Horton Collegiate Academy. "Acadia" is a term often used as including the group of institutions. However, since Principal McDonald of the Seminary, and Principal Britain of the Academy are sure to be heard from in this column, with reference to their respective institutions, I shall use "Acadia" in its restricted sense as signifying Acadia College. At the request of the Young Peoples' editor, I am to write on "Things that our Young People ought to know about Acadia."

1. They ought to know something about the history of Acadia.

It has had a long history. It is no child, making its first uncertain steps, and with no assurance of reaching maturity. It has accomplished sixty-two years of history and is everywhere spoken of with that respect which honorable age commands. And that suggests that it has had a very honorable history. It was born of prayer, self-sacrifice, and high resolve, when Baptists were denied their rights in other quarters. Throughout the years it has aimed at sound learning and genuine Christian character as the true end of education. It has sent forth hundreds of young men and women into the various walks of life who have served their generation with vastly greater efficiency because of the training they received within its walls. The index of what the college has been in its intellectual and spiritual ideals is found in the succession of truly great men who have been at its head. On my study wall hangs a group of three portraits in a single frame—Dr. Crawley, Dr. Cramp Dr. Sawyer. What individuality, what strength, what dignity, what nobleness in those faces! The history accomplished under three such men—how could it be any other than a noble and honorable one? Knowing the history of the college, the older people have loved it; having the same knowledge, the young people will cherish the same love.

2. The young people should know what the college offers to do for them.

Let me remind the young people that the college exists for them. There are many old people who call the college Alma Mater, dear mother, but those ministrations of the mother, which they cherish with such gratitude, they received when they were young. It is to the young people that the college reaches out her hands.

And what does the college offer to do for them? It offers the service of its teachers, its buildings, its appliances, its varied and organized life, for the higher education of the young people. There is a preparatory education furnished by the public schools and the home life; the college carries the process on to an advanced degree.

It does not aim directly to produce farmers, doctors, lawyers, engineers, ministers. The professional schools do that. The college aims to produce educated men and women, who may become merchants, bankers, farmers, ministers, doctors, home-makers, or what not, but who, whatever they become, will carry into their life-service broad-mindedness, the power of patient thinking, sound judgment, disciplined reasoning powers, ability to mould the thinking of others, imagination, taste, ability to express themselves clearly and forcibly, and who above all else, will have discovered what are the true ends of life, and how to concentrate all their gifts and acquisitions upon those ends. If the college does this even in a measurable degree for a young man or woman what a great thing it has done.

3. The young people should know how those who desire to may get into college.

As to the educational qualifications let me say, that one who wishes to enter upon the regular course for the degree of Bachelor of Arts, is required to have reached a particular standard called the matriculation. This standard can be reached by attendance at any county Academy or High School, or at Acadia Seminary, or Horton Collegiate Academy, Wolfville. One who is not contemplating a regular course, but is anxious to get a year or two at college, is just as welcome as the regular student; the qualifications required in that case being such previous attainments as shall fit the student intelligently to take up the special studies he may select.

As to expense, it is really so light that most young people of grit and resolution can find some way to meet it, if they only have the will.

The calendar tells all about the matriculation, the courses of study, the expenses, and indeed almost everything that the enquiring young person needs to know.

A copy will be sent to any one who will drop a postcard to the President, at Wolfville. Should correspondence be desired, the President will also be very glad to write to any young man or woman or to the parents of such. The numbers at the college are steadily increasing, and it is our desire to make the work of the college more wide-reaching still.