

that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus."

In addressing the congregation the Rev. D. M. Ramsay said in part:

Allow me to speak very plainly in regard to your relation to your new minister. It may be proper to call him your minister but you ought not to think of him as your servant. He is in truth a minister of Christ. As such he is a steward of divine mysteries. When he was first called to this work, God entrusted him with a message of his own. Since then he has had further experience of the power of God's word. He comes to you now with gifts which in your judgment are suitable to your needs. Do not then expect him simply to reproduce your notions of divine truth or those of any other man. Let your ears be open to receive the word which God will send to you through him. As he goes among you and gets more intimately acquainted with you, his preaching will probably fit you more closely and you will have no right to resent sermons that he could preach to no other congregation.

But do not imagine that your minister can be among you always for he must strive to enlarge his message till it comprehends all the truth revealed in Christ. He must not only prepare his sermons week by week but also make time to brood over the Word of God long and thoroughly, and therefore you must be very jealous of his precious hours of study. Only for very urgent reasons may you interrupt them. However you can lengthen them, do it by all means.

11. Again as Christ's servant, he is your leader in service. Every disciple of Christ should use his spiritual gifts in the Lord's service and it is your minister's part to guide you all. He is by no means an outcast; there are others e.g. the elders who also bear rule among you but not all are rulers. Generals and captains must carry out their plans through soldiers. Let your minister lead you not in the way to which you have become accustomed but in that which will give the freest scope to his powers. In all your organizations give great weight to his advice. Decline the part which he and your other leaders assign only after earnest consideration and with great reluctance. Remember that you are no more at liberty to leave your gifts unused than are they. There is more urgent need for division of labor in a large congregation.

Finally, let me urge you to pray for your minister. Christianity is a religion of faith. God waits to answer faithful prayer and accomplish His own work. Pray that his studies may be hallowed that God may reveal his word to him more and more fully, that wisdom may be conferred upon him, that the flame of his zeal may burn more and more brightly.

#### Bible Study—The Trinity in the Lord's Prayer.

No. 6. Luke 11: 1-13.

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Two Highland ministers were walking along the street, talking together like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, about the things of God.

"Did you ever notice," said the younger of the two, "the Trinity in the Lord's Prayer?"

"No," was the answer, "I never looked for it."

The first speaker slowly went over the first three petitions, "Hallowed be Thy name—that is Christ's own prayer to His Father—Glorify Thy name. Thy kingdom come.

Prayer for the kingdom certainly means prayer for the King. That is the Son. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. That asks that the will of Him who leads the sons of God may be done implicitly—and He is the Holy Ghost."

When John Duncan, in the desolation of his atheistical wanderings, caught sight again of the truth that there is a God, he "danced for joy on the brig o' Dee."

The effect upon the elder man was not unlike that, as he thus got from his young brother this fresh sight of the glory of the Lord's Prayer and of the glory of the glorious Trinity. He was glad as one who has suddenly fallen upon great spoil. And is it not the greatest spoil to get a fresh glimpse of the glory of God?

Together these two men went reverently over the remaining three petitions.

"Give us this day our daily bread," that is the child taking its place at the Father's table, and looking up for daily supply, expecting, not a stone, or a serpent or a scorpion, but the day's provision according to the day's need.

"Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors"—that is the sinner pressing close to the Savior.

"Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,"—that is the saint, who dreads sin, appealing to the Comforter, to lead him, not into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil, as He once led his Lord for him, but to make him more than conqueror over the world, the flesh and the devil, through Christ's finished and revealed work.

The Trinity in creation, the Trinity in redemption, the Trinity in sanctification, the Trinity in prayer—"which things the angels desire to look into."

#### Sun May 17. The Lad with the Loaves and Fishes.

JOHN 6: 9-13.

Working With Christ.

Christ often used human co-operation in working his miracles. In the feeding of the multitude he used not only the help of his chosen twelve, but the aid of a boy. Alone, the boy could not have satisfied the needs of one hungry man with the small provision he carried. Yet Jesus chose him out to help in the miracle.

All the little lad had to do was to come to Christ, bringing just what he had. Some boys think they must wait until they are older to do work for Christ. But Christ wants the boy just as he is, and where he is.

A boy's work for Christ can be done only by a boy. It is not a man's work—it is a boy's work. No boy can use the qualities he has in true, obedient service for Christ, and not make an impression upon every other boy that knows him.

A boy's work by itself may be valueless. But a boy's work with Christ has a value which he cannot measure. To wait for service till he is older is to miss opportunity and blessing. What we have is what Christ wants us to bring.

What Our Scripture Suggests.

Apart from Christ our little abilities are nothing.

In Christ's hands the smallest gifts may bless thousands.

God is always using children to carry good to others.

## Our Young People

### Failure Without God.

BY C. H. WETHELBE.

It is difficult to convince some people of the truth that no great moral reform can be effected without the direct help of God. They have attempted to accomplish moral resolutions without dependence upon God, and of course they failed. Infidels have boasted that they could effect radical changes in society without recognizing a Supreme Being, but they failed. An instance of this kind is related by Rev. A. E. Thomson in the Union Gospel News, as follows: "In a certain town, a few years ago, the battle with the saloon was on. A company of irreligious men in the town hated liquor, but wanted nothing to do with churches or religion.

They would not work in the lines which the godly chose. They formed a temperance society which should fight liquor and yet not involve them in any way with godliness. It went by the name of 'The Godless Temperance Society.' When they completed their permanent organization they elected as their president a man who had been a drunkard for years, and had lately reformed by his own will. A judge introduced him with these words: 'I introduce as your permanent chairman a man who is a living example of what moral principle can do without God or religion.' That was in the spring. In the autumn I saw that president of 'The Godless Temperance Society' in a railway car drunk and making a spectacle of himself to all in the car. From that time, so far as I am aware, that temperance society never held a meeting. It could not stand the downfall of the man who was a living example of what moral principle could do without God or religion." The man who boasts that he can accomplish any conspicuous work without God is a fool. Such a one needs to realize that he cannot breathe another moment without God's permission. The great truth is, it has been by the gracious power of God that all important reforms have been effected. Reader you need God for every work and victory.

### For Daily Reading.

- M., May 11.—Faithful in little. Luke 19: 12-19.  
T., " 12.—"Whatsoever He saith." John 2: 1-10.  
W., " 13.—The widow's cruse. Kings 17: 10-16.  
Th., " 14.—Everything possible. Mark 10: 23-27.  
F., " 15.—Thankful for daily blessings. Ps. 103: 1-5.  
S., " 16.—Wise economy. Prov. 19: 15, 16, 24.  
Sun., May 17.—Topic—The lad with the loaves and fishes John 6: 9-13. (A meeting with the Juniors.)

