

sure," she said. "Do let me take them to Polly."

She sat demurely, with the shoes slung on her arm, for some time after she obtained her parents' consent.

"What are you thinking about?" asked her father. "Do you want to keep the shoes?"

"I am trying to think what Polly will say. How delighted she will be!"

"That's right, little woman! You have found the secret of true happiness—making others happy. Let us not be weary in well doing; for, in due season, we shall reap, if we faint not."—*The Children's Friend.*

THE TRUE GLORY OF YOUNG MEN.

The greatest glory of young men is their spiritual strength.

It is an undoubted fact that the world does not take due account of the religion of a young man. It is often said that he is all very well, but that he is weak, or narrow-minded, and so on. But he need not be any of these. There is nothing more beautiful than a Christian young man. We are beset with trials. There is surrounding us on all sides, a state of sin and crime like that which brought down destruction upon the cities of the plain; a condition of things of which it is to be hoped may have no conception. How, then, are we to obtain spiritual glory? Only by being one with Christ. Of course it is a mystery; but is not our life a mystery? And God has promised that He will give us strength.

Then, how are we to preserve this spiritual strength? We must take plenty of nourishment. We must put aside the books that are hurtful or useless; we must diligently study the Bible, and we must "inwardly digest it." We must seek fresh air; the atmosphere we breathe must be as wholesome as possible. Our bodily strength requires for its continuance rest, and perhaps a visit to sea or mountain, that our lungs may be invigorated. It is the same if we wish to preserve our spiritual strength. We must take all the opportunities we have of communing with God. And we must take plenty of exercise. We ought to do something for Christ every day. It is impossible to tell what effect for good a word or a look may have at a critical moment.—*Select-ed.*

"GIVE HIM A CHEER."—Many a man fails in a good but difficult effort because he receives criticism when he needs and ought to have encouragement. It is better to help than to hinder, but the latter is easier; a child may throw a railroad train off the track.

A fireman was trying to reach from the top of a ladder a poor woman who was imploring help at the window of a burning house. One among the crowd below cried: "You can't do it, come down." He was already sufficiently dis-

couraged by the difficulty, was somewhat burned and almost choked by the smoke. He began to descend, and was leaving the woman to her fate, when a man shouted: "Give him a cheer."

The vast crowd made the air ring with their encouragement, whereupon the fireman stopped, again ascended towards the window, and, aided by the cheering of the multitude, wrought a seeming miracle and brought the woman safely to the ground. "Give him a cheer" is a good motto.—*Christ Church Quarterly.*

CONFIRMATION.

"The requirements for confirmation are two-fold: of the head and of the heart." In admitting anyone to the highest and holiest privileges of the covenant, the Church, in the name of her Great Head, rightfully makes certain demands. She requires, first of all, that he shall "Believe all the Articles of the Christian Faith, as contained in the Apostles' Creed." Then she demands at least a certain amount of knowledge as to duty towards God and duty towards our neighbor. And so "the Church hath thought good to order that none shall be confirmed but such as can say the Creed, the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments; and can also answer to such other questions as in the short catechism are contained."

And the Church demands a certain attitude toward God; and that is, a sincere, steadfast will and purpose, by God's grace, to love and serve Him. No, one, therefore, should be confirmed unless he be already devout, and as regular as possible in the worship of God; nor should anyone be confirmed who does not hope and intend to be regular attendants upon the Holy Communion. Confirmation is the door to communion; you had better not go through the door, unless you expect to partake of the feast. Communion is the sacrament to supply you with renewed strength; make a right use of that holy sacrament after your confirmation, and then you will be sure to go from spiritual strength to strength.

While the rector would be glad to present a large class for confirmation, he would rather present none than to find, afterward, that they did not become regular and devout communicants.—*Rev. E. W. Colloque in Church Life.*

"Christ has a visible Church, and it is essential that we should be members of it. Churchmen are unhappily divided into sects; it becomes, of course, our duty to inquire, and know, as far as we can do it, which of them is most conformed, in its doctrines and government and worship, to the primitive Church. And with that Church we ought conscientiously to unite, without regard to worldly motives."—*Bishop Griswold.*

"Churchmen cannot adopt the phraseology of the day, and rank their distinctive principles among

the non-essentials of religion, without treachery to their Church and to their Master."—*Bp Hobart.*

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