

dent churches. First of such, were the Secession bodies, who were forced out by opposition to their evangelical faith and their assertion of the principle that the call of the church to a minister lies in the free choice and election of the people. This body of Christians became strong and numerous, and were among the earliest to send missionaries to Canada; so that a church bearing their name and faithful to their traditions existed by the side of the other Presbyterian body.

But the most serious division in the Church of Scotland was in 1843, when over 400 ministers and an immense number of the people came out rather than submit to the authority of the civil power in spiritual things. They founded the Free Church of Scotland, and at once in Canada a Free Church arose in sympathy with those who were contending for a great principle.

But the conditions that made divisions possible, perhaps desirable, in Scotland, did not, and could not, exist here. The population was comparatively sparse. The fact that churches holding the same doctrines and adhering to the same modes of organization were not united made them ineffective. It soon became evident that union was a duty. In 1861, two branches of the Presbyterian family united, and finally in 1875 a union took place that embraced, with a very few exceptions, all who bore the Presbyterian name. The history of our church since that day has been a constant testimony to the wisdom and foresight of those who led the various churches in the direction of union.

Knox College, Toronto

### A Ship That Will Stand Rough Weather

In some ways character-building is like ship-building. What would you wish to build into your ship that will bear you across the ocean of life? Surely, some of the things will be strong, thick timbers for the bottoms and sides—we want self-dependence; good engines—to give us energy; guns in case of attack—to make us fighters for the right; ballast—to give steadiness; Marconi wireless apparatus—to say the truth; the flag—to

show reverence; a name—for self-respect; a figure-head—for good reputation; a life-boat—for prudence; a life-belt—for helpfulness; a compass—for religious faith; lights—for hope; a captain's bell—for conscientiousness; an anchor—for religion; a rudder—for determination. And so we might pass in review all the other useful and necessary qualities of character.

The ship of character needs so much fitting out, for it has to encounter the peaceful, sunny calm days, the breezy, stirring ones, and the tempestuous dangerous ones—and then the weak spots are found out. The waves of temptation can be very fierce and strong, and they have a way of bursting over the deck just when they are least expected. If you could only shout to them, "Stop there! Think what you are doing!" the horrid temptation would disappear, as the surface of the ocean calms down when oil is poured on it. Only get a moment's time, and then conscience and reason get a word in, and they are such strong allies.

Let us see if we can make a list of the qualities that are in the character we really admire. They are: Truth, honesty, justice, conscientiousness, self-respect, reverence, chivalry, obedience, patience, hopefulness, faithfulness, kindness, generosity, unselfishness, bravery, firmness, energy, perseverance, self-control, industry, independence, affection, punctuality, amiability, politeness, humility, loyalty, reasonableness, sincerity, honor, frankness, gratitude, benevolence, trustworthiness, reliability, considerateness, cheerfulness, forgiveness, tactfulness, dutifulness, thriftiness, wit, fun, agreeableness.

Perhaps you will think of some more before long.

### Rest

Rest is not quitting  
The busy career;  
Rest is the fitting  
Of self to its sphere.

'Tis the brook's motion,  
Clear without strife,  
Fleeing to ocean  
After its life.