

he said: "I am highly pleased to see so many children at church this morning. We are all aware that Children's Day is fast becoming a very popular day in the Presbyterian Church in Canada; but I see no reason why every Sabbath should not be called a Children's Day here, if this is the usual attendance of children, as I have good reason to suppose it is. To whom shall I give the credit that all these little tots are in their places? No doubt the mothers deserve much praise for getting them all ready; I'm sure there can be very few children left at home this morning."

One mother's face reddened a little, as she thought of a little boy who had persuaded her to allow him to remain at home for such a trivial reason, but she had not thought of the importance of his being in church.

The mothers do deserve a great deal of the credit when the little ones are at church. It is no easy matter to get four or five little children tidied up by half-past ten and kept tidy till eleven. The minister also should get a share of the praise, who never forgets when preparing for the morning service the number of little folks who will be listening and who always takes care to have one or two little messages just for them; and who, besides, is continually encouraging the parents to bring them, and frequently remarks about their regular attendance and good behavior.

The Primary Teacher, too, should come in for a share of the glory, if it may be termed such, who keeps a careful record of the attendance of her scholars at the morning church service, and reads this to the class each Sabbath afternoon.

Alas! for poor Freddie, the very Sabbath he stayed away the teacher said as soon as the class met, "Hands up! all who were at church this morning. Commencing with to-day, I purpose giving every child an extra reward card, who attends church." How encouraged they all felt, and even straggling Freddie soon overcame his disappointment, for, afterwards, illness was the only cause that could prevent him going to church when Sabbath morning came.

Never mind, children, if you do get sleepy, or if you are not big enough to understand

all that the minister says. You can sing—especially the children's hymn—which the minister never forgets to give out, and you can close your eyes and keep very still during the prayers and join in them so far as you understand.

Besides, has not your teacher told you that Jesus loves to see little children in church? Of course Jesus is everywhere; but is he not specially present there?

You remember what we learned about the lion catchers and the lions in our Temperance Lesson. The men have two ways of catching lions, getting them after they are grown up and taking them when they are tiny cubs. You know, we all decided it was much easier to catch the little cubs and train them. It is much the same with little boys and girls; if they go to church when they are small, they learn to love going, and they are not so apt to wander away from church when they grow big. No child is too small to be taught that the church is God's house, and that we go there to worship Him; and if little tots can behave well enough to visit at their friends' homes, it only requires a little care and a little encouragement to lead them to behave well in God's house also. Who minds if the wee things do shift about a little now and then? They would no longer be the dear little morsels they are if they did not. But who can reckon how much is left out of the life of a child—and where the consequences of it shall end—whose parents do not take it early and always to the public worship in church?

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PRAYER WITH MOTIONS

"Dear Father, touch these *eyes* of mine,
That they may look to thee;
And make my *ears* to hear thy voice,
Whene'er it speaks to me;
And make my *lips* to speak thy truth,
My *feet* to walk thy ways,
My *hands* to work thy holy will,
My *life* to show thy praise."

Shew me thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths. Lead me in thy truth, and teach me.