

### Good Things in the Church

The choir that sings from the heart.  
The folks who are sunny and sweet.  
The "shut-in" saint who prays at home.  
The minute-men who fill awkward gaps.  
The sexton who watches the thermometer.

The parent who believes in the conversion of his children.  
The young people who gladly help in house-to-house visitation.

The young man who pleads with his impenitent chums.  
The treasurer who keeps plenty of meal in the parsonage flour barrel.  
The brother who is willing to do small jobs out of view of the crowd.

The Sabbath School superintendent who long for the salvation of his pupils.  
—The Christian Evangelist.

### The Sun Will Shine Again

A newsboy, thinly clad and drenched to the skin by the soaking rain, stood shivering in a doorway on a cold day in November. First one bare foot and then the other was lifted from the pavement for a moment and placed against his leg to get a little warmth. Every few minutes his shrill cry could be heard as he shouted, "Morning papers! Morning papers!"

A gentleman, well protected by oil-cloth and umbrella, in passing, stopped to buy a paper, and, noticing the boy's plight, said: "This kind of weather is pretty hard on you, my lad."  
Looking up with a cheery smile, he replied, "I don't mind this much, Mister. The sun will shine again."

What a philosopher the boy was! How much better would it be if we all could learn to look at things from this standpoint. When tasks come and the path of life is difficult, cheer up. Keep a bright face and a brave heart. "The sun will shine again."—EX.

### Adam Clarke and Methodism

Dr. Adam Clarke was among learned men and a leader in Methodism. His piety, learning and sound sense admirably fitted him for the position of leader. One month before his death he wrote the following: "I have lived more than three-score years and ten; I have travelled a good deal, both on sea and land; I have conversed with and seen many people in and from different countries; I have studied the principal religious systems in the world; I have read much, thought much and reasoned much; and the result is, I am persuaded of the simple, unadorned truth of no book but the Bible, and of the true excellence of no system of religion but that contained in the Holy Scriptures; and especially Christianity, which is referred to in the Old Testament and fully revealed in the New. And while I think well and wish well to all religious sects and parties, and especially to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity, yet from a long and thorough knowledge of the subject I am led most conscientiously to conclude that Christianity itself as existing among those called Wesleyan Methodists is the purest, the safest, that which is most to God's glory and the benefit of man; and that both as to the creed there pressed, form of discipline there established and the consequent moral practice there vindicated. And I believe that among them is to be found the best form and body of divinity that has ever existed in the church of Christ from the promulgation of Christianity to the present day. To him who would say, 'Dr. Clarke, are you not a bigot?' without hesitation I would answer, 'No, I am not; for by the grace of God I am a Methodist, amen.'"

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