

associates with especially when away from home. Those who tell you that it is easy to get liquor where a prohibitory law is in force generally speak from personal experience. They have been there and have gone through all the crooked and shameful devices by which appetite is unlawfully ministered to. When travelling, or spending our holidays from home we should be careful to associate ourselves with those who go to church, Sunday school and prayer-meeting. We shall encourage them; form pleasant and worthy acquaintances; and honor our Master by our loyalty. Such associations will be a safeguard against temptation and a help in living aright.

They all brought us on our way—That was a very pleasant scene at Tyre where the little company of disciples, women and children among them, knelt upon the beach and, praying, bade farewell to Paul and his company. They were not ashamed to be seen kneeling down in public. It might be an affectation always to part from our friends with a word of mutual prayer—we should avoid everything that is unreal—but a brief prayer in the privacy of the home before parting would never be out of place, or in bad taste, and earnest Christians would value such a true mark of deep interest and affection.

With their wives and children—The home is an integral part of the church. Religion in the household is the basis of spiritual life in the church. The chief reason why so many of our young people are absent from the Sabbath school and the church, or give such an intermittent attendance upon them is that they have not been trained to reverence divine things. If parents were present at every diet of worship, and brought their children with

them, insisting quietly, but firmly, upon their occupying the same pew, and never absent themselves, such church-going habits would be formed in ten years as would create a genuine revival in all our congregations. If family worship were observed night and morning and the Bible and Shorter Catechism taught faithfully our S. S. teachers would not have to complain of listlessness and unprepared lessons, or that many of their scholars could not find a verse called for.

The will of the Lord be done—When we know the will of the Lord, that should be the end of all controversy and discontent. There is restfulness in feeling that we are doing God's will. Paul must break away from a loving circle whose words made him weep and seemed to break his heart. But God's way was the right way for him. So it is for us.

—S. S. World.

"He always wins who sides with God,
To him no chance is lost;
God's will is sweetest to him when
It triumphs at his cost.
Ill that he blesses is our good,
And unblest good is ill;
And all is right that seems most wrong
If it be his sweet will."

THE BLACKBOARD.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
LOVE
COURAGE

"I can do all things through
Christ."

LESSON II—October 10th, 1897.

Paul a Prisoner at Jerusalem. Acts 22: 17-30.

(Read chapter 21: 18 to 23: 9. Commit to memory verses 22-24.)

GOLDEN TEXT: "If any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed." 1 Pet. 4: 16.
PROVE THAT—We may expect persecution. John 16: 33.

SHORTER CATECHISM. Quest. 96. *What is the Lord's Supper?* A. The Lord's supper is a sacrament, wherein by giving and receiving bread and wine, according to Christ's appointment, his death is shewed forth, and the worthy receivers are, not after a corporal and carnal manner, but by faith, made partakers of his body and blood, with all his benefits, to their spiritual nourishment, and growth in grace.

LESSON HYMNS. Nos. 34 (Psalm 46), 400, 278, 306. (Old Hymnal Nos. 161, 149, 151, 153).

DAILY PORTIONS. *Monday.* Paul's defence. Acts 21: 40-22: 11. *Tuesday.* Paul a prisoner at Jerusalem. Acts 22: 12-21. *Wednesday.* Paul a prisoner at Jerusalem.