

"Thank you, grandma," said Babette bravely, "thank you for the penny that you haven't given me yet."

What a funny look came over grandmother's face then. "Bless you, darling!" she exclaimed catching Babette in her arms and kissing her.

Babette was happy, for she knew that grandmother did not think her rude. And she got the penny. —Jane E. Joy, in Little Folks.

### The Big Brother.

BY MARGARET E. SANGSTER.

Through the vista of years I see the best big brother I ever knew. He had on a uniform, for he was a young soldier fighting for his country in a time of war. And his little brother was a sturdy chap of seven, who looked at Martin with the deepest admiration. Whatever Martin did was grand and fine in the eyes of Ted, and whatever Martin did not do, was a thing to awe.

Do big brothers realize that one reason among many why they should be gentlemanly and obliging, why they should wait on mothers and sisters and be respectful and considerate where their fathers are concerned, is that they are copied by the younger ones? If the big brother is bold and brave, they overcome their fears. If he tells the truth at any cost, they are truthful. If he avoids profane words and shows that he has the will to overcome temptation, he strengthens by the power of example all the younger boys who know him.

Martin my soldier boy, was one of those dear fellows who have time to listen to the trials of others, time to help a younger sister or brother with hard home work, sums, maps, memory tests or the like, time to tell stories in the firelight. When he came home on furlough, he gave a good share of time to Teddy and Teddy's friends, and when the war was over and he went into business life, he was still willing in the evenings to spend an hour with Teddy.

We always dwell upon the great comfort a girl can be in her home. From the daughter we anticipate all sorts of little devices that bring joy, pleasant attentions, to her elders, and numerous thoughtful acts that made the household a place of delight. But I sometimes think that the brother has as much as the sister to do with the deep tranquil peace and content of the family. If he puts his strong shoulder under the daily burdens, the mother's load will seem less. If he does not fuss about trifles, the friction of the home will be diminished. If he may be relied upon to fulfill a promise, or a kindness, now and then, deny himself and altogether if he behave as a big brother should, his home will be a place of sunshine.

Our Lord has deigned to be our elder Brother. Is there not in this a suggestion for each of the boys, who are growing up? What better thing can they do than to imitate him who "pleased not himself?" —Ex.

### On Guard.

If you ever go to a fort, you will always find a soldier on guard. He is called the sentry, and it is his duty to see that no enemy enters the fort. If the sentry is caught off his guard, he may be put to death for neglecting his duty. This is necessary, for it is important that no enemy ever be allowed to enter the fort.

Every boy should always be on his guard, for there are enemies who are trying all the time to get into a boy's life. Someone has said that a boy should be ironclad in his whole body. His ears should be ironclad against impure words; his hands against wrong doing; his feet against going into bad company; his eyes against bad books and pictures; his tongue against evil speaking.

A boy who wants to guard himself against all these enemies needs Jesus Christ as his great Captain, and with his help, there will be no need to fear any foe, however strong. —Boy's World.

"What is your position in the choir?" asked the new church member.

Absolutely neutral," replied the mild tenor. "I don't side with either faction.—Poster's Daily.

Pat—Hov ye made a will?

Mike—Yis. Ol' lift everything to the doctor that saves me loife.—New York Times.

## The Young People

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### B. Y. P. U. Notes.

We are indebted to Rev. Dr. Brown of Hopewell, N. B., for his able treatment of the September topics which he so cheerfully supplied for this column.

Our Brethren are showing a readiness to co-operate, which is indeed very gratifying.

The Havelock Baptist church is to be congratulated on having two of the most vigorous Young People' Unions that have as yet come under the editor's notice. At the "Corner" the Union is really one of the strong features of the church's organized work. The Union at the Upper Ridge is a great success, far exceeding the hopes of those that were responsible for its organization.

Truro has set a good pace, as will be observed by the letter in last week's issue. Our Missionary's salary will easily be realized if all the Unions follow the lead of the enterprising Union from the Convention town.

The time has now arrived, to hear from the various Guilds throughout the provinces. We trust that we may have a generous response from the various officers having this department of our work in hand. Let the workers cast up their accounts—that the results may be given to the readers of our column.

When the editor of this department heard the news of the vote taken by our Free Baptist Brethren, in conference assembled, in re "Union," he was led to shout in unison with the Patriarch of that body Bro. Joseph Noble, "Glory to God!"—The dawning of the greater day is upon us. Readers of this department will be favored with notes from the pens of our Free Baptist writers.

### Thy Kingdom Come!

Thy Kingdom Come! Our lips repeat  
Those heavenly words, with grace replete;  
But deeply hid their meaning lies  
From careless hearts and faithless eyes.  
My soul! how great thy King must be  
Whose reign is from eternity!

Thy Kingdom Come! Lord let it be  
Our strong desire to work for Thee;  
In humblest, earnest, tireless ways  
Thy Cross to bear, Thy name to praise;  
To hold Thy banner wide unfurled,  
Love's message to a stricken world.

Thy Kingdom Come! With royal sway  
To usher in that glorious day,  
The crowning time for which we long,  
When right shall triumph over wrong,  
And sin and grief no more shall be  
The burden of our prayer to Thee.

Thy kingdom Come! How vain the prayer  
From those who ne'er Thy travail share,  
Who take Thy love-gifts large and free,  
Yet own no debt of charity.  
Lord! let our faith and works agree,  
And both unite to follow Thee.

—Anne E. Lyddon, in London Missionary Chronicle.

### The Industrial Guilds.

We are wondering how the Industrial Guilds organized last spring are getting along. We are confidently expecting good returns from all whose names are upon the list furnished me by the organizer Rev. T. A. Robinson. The new executive will look to each guild, for prompt returns, and all will be anxious to know which Guild will be the banner one.

When you have sold the summer's crop, send in the proceeds to Rev. G. A. Lawson of Bass River by Dec. 15th. Do not speculate by holding for higher

prices, trust God for the results, and put your products upon the market when it is ready. We should have guilds in every church next year, and much larger returns from all of our Unions, for the salary of our missionary.

H. H. ROACH.

St. John N. B., Sept. 29th, 1904.

### Prayer Meeting Notes for Oct. 16th.

The power of Personal Influence.

To some considerable degree every man determines his own destiny, but again in a considerable degree his character is determined by others. And just as every man is capable of influencing others. All do not possess the quality of impressibility in the same degree, nor do all possess the same ability to influence others.

It is told that when Julius Caesar was still a youth, he was captured by pirates and chained to the war-bench as a galley slave. But the versatile youth could not be kept there. He sang songs, told stories and preserved such constant good humor that he who was bound to the bench soon banded the pirates to himself. That night he supped with the captain. The next day his knowledge of coasts and currents and the course of treasure ships made him first-mate. The third day he won the sailors over made the captain prisoner and sailed the ship as a prize into a Roman port.

This story may not be true but the element of character which it illustrates was very strong in Caesar as it has been in nearly all great men, and so, the spirit of it is true at least. It was not the words of John the Baptist, in our lesson, so much as this element of personal influence that caused these two young men to follow Jesus. Some other man might have looked upon this man as he passed along and said: "Behold the Lamb of God," and yet these young men might not have thought of following Jesus.

If we would influence others to follow Jesus there must be a deep reverence in our manner when we speak His name and he must have a strong hold upon our own souls. Peter moved the multitudes to repent because he was so deeply repentant himself; and Paul moved multitudes toward Christ because his own life had become so charged with the spirit of Christ.

There are many of us perhaps who do not possess this power to influence others to any considerable degree, but we need not be discouraged; for this power may be increased indefinitely.

Making all due allowances for natural endowments, the power to influence for good is a transmitted power and as in the case of the electric plant the larger connection we have with Christ the stronger current will pass through us.

We as young people are accountable for how we invest and expend this element of personal power. If we read down this chapter and note what far-reaching results accrued from John's simple observation, it will help us to estimate the importance of making one influence count for good on the smallest occasions.

"No life can be pure in its purpose and strong in its strife.

And all I fe not be purer and stronger thereby."

We request all who expect to attend the Provincial B. Y. P. U., and Sunday School Convention on Oct. 25th and 26th to send their names to the undersigned, not later than Oct. 18th. Please say whether you will drive or come by train.

LULU M. TAYLOR, Clerk.

Salisbury, N. B., Oct. 6th, 1904.

### The Smallness of Seeing Flaws.

It is easier to see a fault in another man's course than to perceive his good qualities. Hence the man measures himself by his measure of others. The fault-finder and the sneerer is commonly a small man. As a man approaches greatness, he grows generous and gracious. Not what he thinks of himself, but what he sees in others, shows what he really is. It is well to have this truth in mind as we pass judgment on our fellows.