

"But I want to go fishing," muttered Ned in a sulky voice. "And can't you trust them, Ned and willingly agree to their wishes? you may not know the reason why they object to your going; but from all your experience of their constant kindness and wisdom are you not sure they would not cross your wishes, without good reason for doing so! And surrounded as you are by so many proofs of their love, will you sit there and murmur and cry, and fill your head with angry thoughts against your best friends, because of one little denial of your wants? Is not this a poor and ungrateful return for their kindness?"

It is little enough that a child can do for a parent and that little he ought to do most cheerfully. I suppose the best return a child can make to his parents is cheerful and ready obedience. In this he is best fulfilling God's law, "Honor your father and mother." How small that seems. Will you grudge giving that, Ned?"

Ned looked sober and earnest. Tears started in his eyes. "Oh sir," said he humbly, "I want to be grateful for their kindness. I want to do right, but I didn't think of all this before, indeed I didn't think of it."

Is not this excuse—"Didn't think" at the bottom of a great deal of our ingratitude and murmuring against both our earthly parents and our Father who is in Heaven?

LET THE YOUNG PEOPLE WORK.

Teach your children that although drudgery is not desirable, work should be sought after. Every moment of the time should be filled

and idleness unknown. In this way only is happiness assured. There must be breaks in the routine, of course. Sleep is essential and work has no right to encroach upon that. Pleasure is necessary as a relaxation and must not be crowded out. There must be plenty of time for eating and digestion. In other words, work is used here in the sense of employment, and means quite another thing than continual manual labor or unbroken mental strain. When one reads of such instances as the secret suicide of a seventeen-year-old lad, whose mother was a widow and who preferred to slip out of the burdens and responsibilities of life rather than work for a living, it indicates something entirely wrong in the education of such youths. Their people work like drudges and encourage their idleness, until they attain maturity with a natural indolence which makes them prefer the support of charity, or that obtained by theft, rather than that gained by honest toil.

Twenty-five priests of the Roman communion, says the *Canadian Churchman*, have recently been received into the ministry of the Church of England. A correspondent of the *Echo* gives their names and residences. All except five of these are foreigners: Italian, French, German. One of them is known to the editor of this journal, and a devout and loyal Churchman he has become.

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