

the poor in spirit, the mourners, the meek, the hungry and thirsty, the merciful, the pure, the peace-makers, the martyrs. He taught them about prayer, fasting, almsgiving, charity, self-denial, but the central idea, the under-lying principle of all His teaching was Obedience.

From earliest years you have probably in some way or other been trying to learn that lesson. At home as little children you were first taught the meaning of the word. Here at School your lessons in obedience are deepened and developed. Your practice in the life of obedience is strengthened by your rules and by your training. At All Hallows you find yourselves, not important people whose wishes and whims every one must consider, but small members of a large Body, all under one Head, all having the same manner of life, work, rules, punishments, pleasures and privileges.

When you leave School you will enter upon another manner of life in the world, leaving your child-life, your school-life behind you. The world will be like the High School or College which you will enter for your further training and knowledge.

You will probably meet with great and deep joys, and you will surely meet with *some* sorrows, for sorrow belongs to all men, but you will not find freedom from the yoke of obedience. You will not be able to do as you like *then*, any more than you are allowed in all things to do as you like now. The will of others, the duties of station, the usages of society, the relations of life, and above and over all the law of God will claim from you obedience. The discipline of life will be there to teach you that for the feet

of man there is but one path, the path of obedience, if he would win happiness.

God is our Father, first by creation, now by adoption. Jesus Christ, His Only Son, our Lord, is our Elder Brother and our Master in the School of Obedience. We are called by His Name. As He sat on the mountain, teaching His disciples, long, long ages ago, so He gathers us to His Side still, on a mountain, on high ground, for there can be no low level for the Lord's disciples.

Those who in the Master's Name, are engaged in bringing up little children, in teaching young people, are the Master's Assistant Teachers. Theirs is a very high and holy calling, they bear a great responsibility, and you must hold them in great honour for their work's sake.

God our Father, is tender, loving and wise. He knows how to give good gifts to His children. He knows what to deny them. His gifts do not always seem to us good. Some sorrow, some trouble, some pain or loss may seem to us for a time grievous, but all these are *given* with a loving purpose.

It may be God saw our hearts were wandering away from Him, that while our lives were filled with certain pleasures, certain comforts, certain work and interests, certain friends we loved and who loved us, we were crowding Him out, we were becoming unmindful of His service.

Perhaps we had so much to do that we began neglecting the services of the Church, then in loving, tender compassion He took away that which we had, and He *gave* trouble, or sorrow, or sickness, or loss; it may be He caused us to know the pain of separation from