

petals, and their fresh, sweet odour breathing of mossy dells and purling brooks.

"Would he care for those, do you think, Mrs. Jones?"

"Why, of course, Miss Fargo. I'm sure he would. Yes, I'll take 'em to him."

Dick Willard's sad, wan face brightened with a smile, such as it had not worn for days, as his slender fingers clasped the lovely flowers. And when, a few hours later, the "angel of Death" came to him, he still held the tender blossoms.

It was only a little deed—a little act such as you and I might do any day; but don't you think those blossoms carried a message of love to that dying boy?

Everything in the world has a mission to fulfil, and the mission of flowers should be to bring sunshine into the shadowed world of care, sorrow, and sickness, to lighten the heavily-burdened hearts of weary and discouraged humanity, and, by their purity and beauty, influence for good some life, which, it may be, could be reached in no other way.

All around us, whether in noisy, bustling city, or quiet country village, lie golden opportunities for doing good. There is always some one in need of help, and there are always so many little ways in which you can supply that help—a cheerful word, a simple little song for those of you who can sing, and for the sisters who have "flower-gardens" a few sweet blossoms.

The little deeds of kindness in our everyday life are Home Mission work by which we can help in winning the "world for Christ."

#### A GRATEFUL NEWSBOY.

The saying of a French author, "He who receives a good turn should never forget it; he who does one should never remember it," was illustrated recently by a newsboy and a physician.

A physician who recently moved up town took an evening paper from a small newsboy, and dived into his pocket for the change.

"That's all right, doctor," remarked the little fellow. "I won't take no money. Don't you remember Jimmie, that you cured last winter with the fever?"

Then the physician recognized in the tall and sturdy boy a little lad whom he had pulled through a fever without payment. "But that's all right, Jimmie," he said, "and you must certainly let me pay you for the paper."

"No," said the boy, "I won't. Where are you living up here, doctor? I want to come and see you."

He hasn't yet turned up to see the doctor, but every morning and evening he slips a paper under the door, and to have a proper understanding in the beginning, with the first paper he scribbled a little notice: "Please, doctor, accept these papers allus from Jimmie."—*New York Herald.*

#### THE GROWTH OF HABIT.

Like flakes of snow that fall unperceived upon the earth, the seemingly unimportant events of life succeed one another. As the snow gathers together so are our habits formed. No single flake that is added to the pile produces a sensible change; no single action creates, however it may exhibit, a man's character.—Jeremy Taylor.

#### A GOOD WORD.

How cheap a kindness, says Tillotson, to speak well, at least not to speak ill, of others. A good word is an easy obligation, but not to speak ill requires only our silence. Some instances of charity are charitable, but were a man never so covetous, he might afford another his good word, at least he might refrain from speaking ill of him, especially if it be considered how dear many have paid for a slanderous and reproachful word.

#### FAMILY COURTESY.

Probably one-half of the rudeness of youths of this day, that later in life will develop into brutality, is due to the failure of parents to enforce in the family circle the rules of courtesy. The son or daughter who is discourteous to members of the family, because of familiarity with them, is very likely to prove rude and overbearing to others, and very certain to be a tyrant in the household over which he or she may be called on to preside.

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## CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

#### DAILY READINGS.

First Day—Paul at Thessalonica and Berea. Acts xvii. 1-12.

Second Day—Paul to the Thessalonian Church. 1 Thess. i. 1-10.

Third Day—"Ye are our glory and Joy." 1 Thess. ii. 1-20.

Fourth Day—"God hath chosen you." 2 Thess. ii. 13-3-18.

Fifth Day—Christ reasoning from the Scriptures. Luke xxiv. 25-32, 44-48.

Sixth Day—Moses wrote of Christ. John v. 24-47.

PRAYER MEETING TOPIC, July 18,—BELIEF IN CHRIST—WHAT IT IS, WHAT IT DOES. John iv. 46-53; Acts xvi. 25-34.

Who is he that believes? The man who is convinced of his guilt, who feels his inability to rescue himself, who admits the efficacy of the remedy, Jesus Christ, and accepts it. This is he who believes.—Abercrombie.

He that will believe only what he can fully comprehend, must have either a very long head or a very short creed.—Colton.

#### BELIEF IN CHRIST.

The sinner's first duty is to come to Christ. He must look to the Saviour. He must consider His person, character, offices, work—how wonderful; how excellent; how glorious. There is abundant provision in Christ. There is fullness in His atonement, efficacy in His blood, sufficiency in His righteousness, prevenience in His intercession. God is just, but His justice is satisfied by the atoning Saviour; the law of God condemns us, but Jesus came to deliver us from the curse; the Holy Spirit convicts us of sin, and takes of the things of Christ and shows them unto us. He leads us to feel the need of Christ, and we are convinced of our sins and feel our need of an interest in the Saviour, we come under his influence.

#### WHAT IS IT TO BELIEVE.

As it respects God, it is to credit His word, the record He has given of His Son, and to act accordingly; to rest on His promises, accept the invitations, and close in with the offers, and so to embrace Christ as our Saviour, and trust in Him for salvation. To believe in Christ is to trust in Christ, to confide in Him, to commit our souls to Him, and be willing that He should reign over us and in us, and save us in His own way, and dispose of us to His glory. Hence faith is one of those terms which can scarcely be made plainer by definition. It is belief, trust, confidence, reliance. It is variously expressed in the Scriptures as believing in Christ, coming to Christ, fleeing to Christ, feeding on Christ. When Christ is held forth as a refuge, faith is flying to Him for safety, Heb. ix. 18. And when He is represented as a door, faith is an entering by Him, John x. 9. Faith is receiving Christ as a gift, 2 Cor. ix. 15. Resting on Christ is the same as trusting in Him, Isa. xxvi. 4. Such is faith. To believe in Christ is to receive Him and rest upon Him alone for salvation, as He is offered in the Scriptures; and He is offered fully and freely to all; and He is both able and willing to save all who come to Him. "This is His commandment, that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ," 1 John iii. 23.

#### ENDEAVOR NOTES.

The State secretaries will be heard on the topic, "How May We Make the Committee Work in Local Societies More Effective?"

The State president's topic will be, "How Can We Interest the Young People and Pastors in the Organization of Junior and Intermediate Societies?"

Christian Endeavorers visiting San Francisco will have opportunities to make side excursions of great interest: To Alaska, the Yellowstone Park, Yosemite Valley, Del Monte, Monterey, Santa Cruz, San Jose, the Lick Observatory, Stanford University, Mount Tamalpais, geysers, big tree, Napa and Sonoma valleys.

There are four Christian Endeavor Societies in Alaska, two for native Alaskans and two for whites.

A Spanish Junior Endeavorer answers a question: "What is it to have a pure heart?" "It means not being afraid to have Jesus know what I am thinking about."

Mexico now has 100 Christian Endeavor societies, with 2,047 members. Twenty-eight of these are junior societies, having 469 members.

A junior rally will be held at the convention soon to meet in Mexico.

Rev. Andrew Murray is the president of the South African Christian Endeavor Union. Miss Sprigg, daughter of Sir Gordon Sprigg, the premier of Cape Colony, is secretary.