

There was certain necessary work to be done before breakfast and after, and then he was told he might do as he pleased throughout the day. He took his Bible and Prayer Book out in the barn, and went through the morning service. But the place seemed very silent; he longed to hear the voices he knew so well in the city Church; he felt homesick for his "Father's house."

"Why don't they have a Church, I wonder," he thought, as he lay back on the hay and gazed up at the rafters. And then he asked God to let them have one soon.

"I wonder who'll begin it," he thought. He stared now for a long time at the cobwebbed beams. Suddenly he sat up, a look of bewilderment in his wide-open eyes, and exclaimed,

"Why!"

Who should begin the work? Why not he? Perhaps this was the very work God had for him to do. But how could he, a penniless boy, build a church?

"I don't know how," he said, aloud, as he sprang to his feet, "but I'll try." Then, dropping on his knees in the hay, he said, "God, show me how to begin, and let us soon have a church here. For Jesus's sake. Amen."

He did not see, as he left the barn, that Farmer Noyes stood in a corner near the door.

"Queer boy," said Mr. Noyes; "but he's right: it'd be a good thing for us if we had a church. Well, we'll see—perhaps—well, I'll think about it."

After dinner, Frank, putting on his vest and hat, to feel a little more like Sunday, strolled off into the fields, taking with him his Prayer Book and hymnal.

"I'm going to have Sunday-school all by myself," he said. "I'll learn the collect first. 'O Lord, from whom all good things do come,'—that's the Church—'grant to us, thy humble servants, that by Thy Holy inspiration they may think those things that are good'—God made me think of beginning that church, somehow—and by Thy merciful guiding may perform the same'—He'll guide me—through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen." I guess I'll sing a hymn now—nobody'll hear me."

But Frank was mistaken. As he finished the last verse of his favorite hymn,

"Jesus lives! No longer now Can thy terrors, Death, appall us!" three heads suddenly popped up from the other side of the fence, and Benson Chase exclaimed earnestly,

"That was good, Frank! Sing it again."

"Sing it with me," said Frank. Nothing loth, down they went on the grass.

"You hold the book, Johnny," Frank said, "and we can look over your shoulders."

They soon caught the air, and their voices rang out, clearly and sweetly, the good tidings they so little understood.

"What does it mean?" asked Willy.

"Shall I tell you?" said Frank.

The boys were on their way to the creek to fish, but they forgot all about it as Frank told them, in his boyish language, the story of how Jesus Christ lived and died and rose again.

"And he did it all for us, you know; and He wants us to remember it and try to live for Him."

"I'd like to," said Benson, "if I could do it."

"You can," Frank answered eagerly; "He helps us all the time, you know. Will you try, boys? Let's all try together."

"If you'll show us how," said Johnny; "we don't know."

"I'll meet you every Sunday when it's fine," said Frank, "and when it's rainy I'll ask Mr. Noyes if we can meet in the barn, and then by and by, perhaps, we'll have a church here."

"We must go," said Benson, "it's near supper time."

"Let's sing one verse of that hymn again," said Willy, "cause now we know what it means."

"Jesus lives! for us He died;
Then, alone to Jesus living.
Pure in heart may we abide,
Glory to our Saviour giving.
Alleluia!"

New life was stirring in Farmervale, though as yet only Farmer Noyes and three little untaught country boys had felt it.

"If you were going to wish for something, youngster," Mr. Noyes said that night at tea, "what would it be?"

There was no hesitation in Frank's answer; his mind was too full of the one thought.

"To have a church here!"

"Well, I'll give you the ground and a mite of money to start it, if you can tell me how to go to work to get it."

"I'll find out," said Frank.

The next day he wrote to his old friend; the next week brought him an answer; and the next year brought to Farmervale a day when was laid the corner-stone of the church, which was God's answer to Frank's prayer and effort.

"God bless you, my boy," wrote his friend from the city; "you have not been ashamed of Him; may you never be. Only remember—your work is not done, only begun. Your church will be worth nothing unless you who are in it are 'alive unto God.'"

BAPTISMS.

BROWN.—In St. George's, New Glasgow N.S., on Sept. 24th, Victor Odell, infant son of James P. and Izella Brown.

WILLIS.—In Christ Church, Albion Mines, N.S., on Sept. 25th, on 15th Sunday after Trinity, Robert, infant son of James T. and Janet McK. Willis.

MARRIED.

HOARE-THOMPSON.—On the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels, by the Rev. D. C. Moore, Rector of Albion Mines, and R.D., John R. Hoare, to Bessie Thompson, both of Stellarton, N.S.

DIED.

LOOSEMORE.—Entered into rest at Toronto on Sept. 17th 1887, Robert George Loosemore, aged 20 years and five months, eldest surviving son of the Rev. P. W. Loosemore, minor Canon of 'Auburn Cathedral, formerly of Montreal, and nephew of Rev. J. Davidson, of Uxbridge, Ontario.

"We asked thee, and thou givest him a long life, even forever and ever."

WARD.—On Sunday, Sept. 18th, Mary Elizabeth, wife of G. A. Ward, Churchwarden of Christ Church, Albion Mines, aged 20 years. In Peace.

REDDEN.—On the 12th inst., at Windsor Forks, Charles, beloved son of Rbert and Helen Redden, after a patient illness, aged 23 years. R.I.P.

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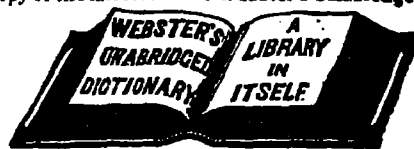
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