

the Rev. Richard N. Thomas, of Philadelphia, and Archdeacon Appleby, of Minnesota. It was indeed a festival scene; flowers and music harmonized with the teachings of the day, and everyone seemed inspired by the occasion.

Evening Prayer was said in shortened form, and the hymns were from the Hymnal, and all were sung with fine spirit and expression. Then came the offerings from the classes of the main school, the infant school, the Bible-classes, the Brotherhood of St. Andrew and the Juniors, the Sisterhood of St. Mary, the Mothers' Meeting, the librarians, the choir, and other organizations, and when all were received and recorded, the whole was humbly presented by the rector.

It was now time for the addresses, and Bishop Talbot was called upon. He made a stirring Easter address, and showed how missions were of the very essence of the teachings of that day which saw the Saviour of the world come forth from the grave triumphant, that all men might have life through Him. After the Bishop had finished, I had the honor of speaking to that multitude which it seemed to me represented the hosts of children in parishes all over our land, who were gathered with the same thought and purpose to present their offerings for the spread of the Gospel of Salvation. Behind me in the chancel hung a banner, on which was wrought the Nicene Creed in modern Greek. It was the handiwork of the teachers in our mission school in Athens, Greece. It carried our thoughts to the brave people of that land who are now holding up the banner of the Cross against the invading forces of the Turks. You will be interested to know that General Vassos, the commander of the Greek army in Crete, was a boy in our mission school under the venerable Dr. Hill; and further your sympathies will be drawn out when I tell you that we learn that, in these trying times of war, old pupils come back from Crete to our schools for shelter, and are content to be permitted to lie on the floors or on the benches where they once sat as scholars.

But enough—that Sunday-school celebration was a splendid one, and no one seemed to be more impressed and delighted than did Mr. Thomas, who, as the Superintendent, puts his heart and soul into the Sunday-school work. I need not say that the offering was very large and that everyone seemed full of joy, for that is sure to be the case where teachers and scholars are all interested in their work.—*Wm. S. Langford, in Young Christian Soldier.*

FREE-WILL is not the liberty to do whatever one likes, but the power of doing whatever one sees ought to be done.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

From the Parish Visitor, N.Y.

WE suggest to our young friends that they take for their Scripture reading during this month the Book of the Acts of the Apostles. It is one of the most important books of the Bible. It was written by St. Luke, and is, in fact, a continuation of his Gospel. In the Acts we have the history of the organization and growth of the visible Church of Christ. It begins with a particular account of our Lord's Ascension, and of the election of St. Matthias, and ends with St. Paul's first journey to Rome. But the most important event recorded is that of the descent of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. This feast is the same mentioned in the books of Leviticus as the "feast of weeks." It was kept seven weeks after the beginning of Harvest-home, the Greek name signifying seven. At this time an offering was made of two fresh loaves of bread, baked with leaven, the only time that leaven was ever used in an offering.

It was on the occasion of this feast that this small company of believers—only about a hundred and twenty—were gathered together. Ten days had passed since their Lord had ascended into the heavens before the eyes of His chosen witnesses. They had been days of suspense and of earnest prayer, but we may believe also of hope, since the disciples must have trusted the Lord's last promise given to the Apostles. And now this promise was fulfilled with the sound of a rushing mighty wind, with the appearance of cloven tongues of fire the Holy Spirit descended upon the Church, which is the Lord's body, never again to be taken away. On that very day three thousand persons were added to that Church, converted by the preaching of St. Peter.

The Holy Spirit no longer comes in visible form but He is still with us, ready to teach us, to help us, to purify our hearts from sin, and to make us fit for Heaven. We have not to seek Him at a distance, or by hard labor. We have but to be willing to open the door. Nobody need be without this blessed Guide and Comforter.

It is said that a ship on the coast of South America saw another vessel showing signals of distress. Bearing down to her the captain was met with the entreaty, "Give us water! We have been four days without a drop of fresh water." The answer came instantly, "Let down your buckets and draw it up, man you are in the mouth of the Amazon." The master of the suffering ship had lost his bearings, and being out of sight of land, he thought himself still on the salt sea. So men go on in