

the question of the Lord's part. He looked in the Bible and found that the Jews were commanded to give one-tenth, so he said, "If the Lord will take one tenth I will give that." And so he did. Ten cents of every dollar was sacred to the Lord.

After a few years both partners died, and William became the sole owner of the business. He now resolved to keep his promise to the old captain; he made an honest soap, gave a full pound, and intrusted his book-keeper to open an account with the Lord and carry one-tenth of all his income to that account. He was prosperous; his business grew; his family was blessed; his soap sold, and he grew rich faster than he ever hoped. He then decided to give the Lord two-tenths, and he prospered more than ever; then five-tenths. He educated his family, settled all his plans for life, and told the Lord he would give Him all his income. This is the true story of a man who has given millions of dollars to the Lord's cause.—*Gospel in All Lands.*

ASCENSION DAY! MAN IN HEAVEN.

Ascension Day! How much there is in those two words! What a glad day it is! But how sadly little it is thought of.

Jesus Christ has ascended up on high. He has taken our human nature into Heaven. It is His coronation day. The Man Christ Jesus is King of kings, and Lord of lords.

He went up in the act of blessing, (St. Luke xxiv., 51) and He continues blessing. On the Cross He finished the work of redemption. At His ascension He entered upon His work as our High Priest and Intercessor.

The Gospel is the glad tidings of all that Jesus began to do and teach until the day on which He was taken up. From His Throne in Heaven He continues to do and teach, and will until the end of time.

Ascension Day bids us look up through all the mists and clouds of earth, "Within the veil, whither the Forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an High Priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec." Heb. vi., 20.

1. *He is the Forerunner—For us.*—His ascension then, is the pledge that we shall follow, and so He said to His disciples, "I go to prepare a place for you, that where I am there ye may be also."

Yes, Ascension Day opens Heaven to us. It tells us that Jesus has set before us "An open door and no man can shut it."

2. *He is our High Priest.*—We look in the history of the Jewish Church to the "patterns of things in the Heavens," "the figures of the true," and see the High Priest entering year by year into the Holy of Holies, not without blood which he sprinkled "upon the Mercy Seat and before the Mercy Seat." It was a mystery to many a Jew then, but it is made plain to us now. We see the picture there of Christ, as "by His own Blood He entered in once into the Holy Place." "Into Heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us," and we remember that "He ever liveth to make intercession for us."

We say continually at the end of our prayers "through Jesus Christ our Lord." Ascension Day is helping us to understand more clearly what we mean by it. It takes us into Heaven and shows us our Great High Priest pleading for us continually, His own great sacrifice, and offering up our prayers and praises, to be accepted, unworthy as they are, for His merits.

If we tried to remember this, and think of it upon our knees, it would surely make our prayers more real and more earnest.

3. *He is our King.*—The King of Glory ascended to His Throne. He sends down boundless gifts of grace to us on earth; "He openeth His hand and filleth all things living with plenteousness." As we look up, our ears seem to catch the strains of the angelic song of praise "Lift up your Heads, Oh, ye Gates, and be ye lifted up ye everlasting doors, and the King of Glory shall come in."

Do we ask "Who is the King of Glory?" We hear the answer echoed back "The Lord, strong and mighty—the Lord, mighty in battle." He had

trodden the wine press alone, and alone He returned as Conqueror.

But the answer is given again, and seems to look forward to another entry when the hosts of the redeemed will be with Him, "the Lord of Hosts: He is the King of Glory."

Jesus is gone into Heaven as God and Man. We can look up there, by faith, and see One Who knows all our needs, for He was tempted like as we are: One, too, Who can succour and deliver us in all temptations, for He is God blessed for ever. Oh, may we so look in faith to our ascended Lord that we may one day see Him face to face, in those "many mansions," where He has gone to prepare a place for us.

THE BOY WHO WANTED HIS BAPTISM "TAKEN OFF."

BY J. F. CONOVER.

When John Sizer was about four years old, his mother brought him to Church for holy baptism. He was very much pleased to be a baptized boy, and almost inclined to hold himself above other boys who had not been made children of God by the loving sacrament. He had something of a right thought in this. It is, indeed, a high and noble privilege to be taken by God as His child, and become the heir to all His covenant promises.

John's mother used to say to him that now he was baptized, he must not act like a wicked, worldly boy, but like the child of God he was; and his mother explained to him further what that meant. He thought he would be glad to do right, and could do it easily, and he set out to try, with courage and hopefulness. But very soon, like older people, he found that serving God faithfully was not altogether easy.

He was tempted to be selfish and disobedient, to be angry and envious; and even found it hard to speak the truth when trouble would come to him if he did; and sometimes he found even honesty in his way when he very much wanted apples, cake or some other nice thing. But then, the thought would come to him, that he was a baptized boy, and must be good, and so he would fight against the sin, not always with success.

Finally, there were so many things he wanted to say and do, that as a baptized boy he ought not to say or do, that he became weary, petulant, and almost discouraged in the contest with sin, and then he came to his mother and said:

"Mother, I want to go to Church and have my baptism taken off! I don't want to be a baptized boy any longer."

"Why, Johnny!" exclaimed his mother, greatly shocked, "How can you say that? How very wicked!"

But Johnny persisted that it was all the time interfering with what he wanted to do, and that he had had enough of it.

His mother took him on her lap and explained to him that his baptism could not be taken off, and that it was a very precious gift of God to protect him against sin and sorrow in this world, and give him eternal joy in the world to come; and that if he could cast it off he would become a child of Satan, and be shut out of heaven. And before the conversation was over, Johnny thought it would really be a dreadful thing to have his baptism taken off, and that, as it could not be removed, he must continue to act as a child of God, which, I am glad to say, he did, with increasing success and delight. He soon learned to ask God for help to do this, "by diligent prayer," as the Catechism instructed him.

How few people there are to whom baptism is so intensely real as it was to John Sizer! But it ought to be just as real to each one of us. Children of God by the new birth we ought to honour our Father in our lives. We can never dissolve the relation; we cannot have our baptism "taken off." No doubt, some at times wish, with John Sizer, that this were possible, and, sadly enough, act as if all the vows of baptism had been lifted from them. But the vow remains, and the only dutiful, secure, and safe conduct is to keep them ever in mind and fulfil them.—*The Young Churchman.*

—PETLEY AND PETLEY. This old and reliable house has a grand display of carpets and house furnishings at remarkably low prices and are now showing a fine assortment in dress goods and summer prints, the latter in dress lengths from 50 cts. up. Intending purchasers will find it to their advantage to call and examine their well selected stock.

—FLOWERS AND SHRUBS. As this is the season of the year for beautifying your grounds and making handsome flower beds call at Mr. H. Slight's conservatory 407 Yonge St., who will give you the advantage of his large experience in helping you to select suitable plants from his large and beautiful stock which will enable you to make your homes attractive and as is prices are moderate you can do so at a very little outlay.

HINTS TO HOUSEKEEPERS.

Charlotte Russe.—Line in a mold with sponge cake; break six egg yolks in a vessel with twelve ounces of sugar, and add a pint of milk or cream, stir on the fire until it thickens, add an ounce of gelatine steeped in water; when cold, mingle with a quart of well-whipped cream, and then fill the molds and put on ice; when cold turn out and serve.

Chicken Soup.—To a chicken, or any equal quantity of fresh meat, add one gallon of water, an onion, a slice of bacon, one tablespoonful of flour, a teaspoonful of pepper, a teaspoonful of salt, and a bunch of thyme or parsley. Beat up in a tureen the yolks of two eggs, with a cupful of milk and a small lump of butter. Pour the soup, when done, into the tureen on this boiling hot.

Delicate Cake.—Of three quarters of a cupful of butter, beaten to a cream, with two cupfuls of powdered sugar, add three cupfuls of flour sifted with two teaspoonfuls of baking powder, one cupful of sweet milk, one teaspoonful of essence of almonds, and the whites of six eggs that have been beaten to a stiff froth. Bake in flat tins, well buttered, and cover with icing when cool.

The fashionable parlour is not crowded with an endless number of ornaments; of course there are costly works of vertu, but not a reckless profusion, as was seen only a few seasons ago. There must be manifested a pleasing harmony in all this home splendor. Fashion requires that the carpets, upholstery and curtains, even the dainty decorations, have the same colors, same class of designs.

The Virtues of Milk-Punch.—Many medical men recommended rum and milk in cases of debility, loss of blood, consumption, etc. A very celebrated doctor says that "the old and well-approved combination of rum and milk should be taken in the dose of two teaspoonfuls of rum to half a pint of hot milk, and that it is then the most powerful restorative and promoter of alimentation that is known."

Here is one of Soyer's modes of preparing a goose stuffing which is most appetizing. Four apples peeled and sliced, four or five onions, as many leaves of sage and of lemon thyme; boil in a stew-pan with water to cover; when done pulp them through a sieve, remove the sage and thyme, add enough pulp of mealy potatoes to cause it to be sufficiently dry without sticking; add pepper, salt, and stuff the goose.

Washing Lace.—Make a lather of good white soap, have it just lukewarm, lay the lace in over night. In the morning squeeze out, and put in fresh water, a little soapy. Rinse and blue slightly, pin on a cloth and hang out. When dry dip it in sweet milk, squeeze out and lay on the cloth, rick out and pull in shape, lay cloth and all between the leaves of a large book, like a geography, and put a weight on it until dry.

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