

which his nature craves inevitably? And ought we not to be as ready to greet a young man heartily for Christ's sake, to be the means of his salvation, as is the keeper of a den of vice from his hope of gain at the cost of the young man's soul?

Young men do not so much long for amusement as for affection. They are less desirous of being interested than of having an interest showing in them. It is the invitation to a pleasant home that gratifies them, rather than what is supplied to them when they enter that home. Not what is on the table at which they sit down, but what is in the heart of the one who presides at that table, is the real attraction which wins and holds them. Bear this in mind if you would win the young to Christ.—*S. S. Times.*

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Mother, how much do you spend every day with your children in this work? Ten, twenty minutes, one hour? I think you will be greatly surprised in looking over each day of last week, the week before, and as far back as you can remember, to see how little time you have spent in this work. But, perhaps, you say, "We have prayers at home every day, and the children hear the Bible read at school, and they go to Sunday-school."

This is all very well, but are you sure this is enough? Are you thus obeying the command of God? He says, after giving the Law, "These words which I command thee this day shall be in thine heart, and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children"—not once a week, not delegating the work to others—but, "thou shalt talk of them, when thou sittest in thine house" that is, while you are resting; "and when thou walkest by the way"—that is, while you are at work; "and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou

shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates."

Perhaps your child is now four, five, or six years old. Look back and see if you have faithfully done this. Does his present character show that you are a workman approved of God, that needeth not to be ashamed? You must consider, also, how you teach. Remember, his character will be affected more by your example—by the books, and companions, you allow him to have, than by anything else.

Has he already fallen into bad habits? Whose fault is it? Certainly not his. The careful gardener watches the little tree and keeps it straight.

The wise builder watches the workmen, and compels them to lay the foundations and build the walls thereon straight and firm. "Ye are God's builders." What do you build? A temple for the Holy Spirit. Where do you build? First in your own heart, and then in the heart of your child. With what do you build? Christian parents and teachers do much random work;—sometimes putting in stones tried and precious, and again, through neglect, allowing wood, hay, stubble; and when the fire of temptation comes your work is revealed. Read here 1 Cor. iii, 9-17. What are the foundation-stones of character? Read Rev. xxi. 10-17.—*Little Gem.*

PICTOU Y. M. C. A.—The new building for the Pictou, N. S., Young Men's Christian Association is rapidly progressing, but owing to the hard times and lack of funds, the Committee have had to issue a circular praying for further assistance, in order to its completion. \$3,000 have already been paid over for the building and lot, and the Committee hope for a hearty response in order to complete their work. The Secretary Mr. H. Primrose.