

rest to the souls of our forefathers in Christ, such the influences which made them victors in the fight. The Archbishop of Canterbury has recently called attention to the need of a wider and deeper knowledge of Church History on our part. Did we inquire more into the nature and constitution of the Christian Body in its early days, there would not only be less wandering into self-devised paths, but that very earnestness and enthusiasm which is the object of our admiration in the Saints and Martyrs of old, would communicate itself to us, and we too should be "among the prophets." "Blessed is the man whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law doth he meditate day and night. So is he like a tree planted by streams of water, that bringeth forth its fruit in due season; and whose leaf also doth not wither."

#### THOUGHTS AND RULES FOR DAILY LIFE.

1. Remember always that you are not your own, but God's. God's because He created you, because He has redeemed you by the Precious Blood of His dear Son, because he has made you His child by His Holy Spirit.

2. Remember always that in your Baptism, you were made God's Child, and a member of Christ, and that you received the gift of His Holy Spirit to dwell in your heart.

3. Remember always that in your Confirmation you renewed the vows and promises made in your Baptism, and that God confirmed you, that is, gave you more strength, more of His Holy Spirit's Grace.

Then try to live, by the help of that Grace, as a member of Christ, a child of God, and an inheritor of the kingdom of Heaven ought to live.

4. Pray to God every night and morning, at least; kneel down and ask for what you want for your body and for your soul. And pray for others as well as for yourself.

5. Read every day a verse or two of the Bible; think over what you read, and try to act up to it.

6. Every night think over what you have done wrong during the day, and pray to God to forgive you, for Jesus' sake, and to keep you from sinning again in the same way.

7. Keep the Lord's day holy. Never miss going to Church at least once every Sunday. Go to the Holy Communion whenever you can. Prepare your heart for it beforehand, and make thanksgiving to God for it afterwards. Go to Church on Holy Days, when you can.

8. Never attend any other religious service than that of the Church. Never be led into argument about religion with those who are of a different way of thinking. But hold fast to the Church.

9. Avoid bad company; and never go to any place where you may be tempted to do wrong.

10. If you have got wrong confess it, and get right as soon as you can. Pray to God for help, and if you want advice do not be afraid to go and ask your own clergyman.

11. Never be out of heart when you have done wrong. The Lord will forgive you if you are really sorry. Never be overconfident when you have done right. You may fall next time.

12. Think sometimes of the four last things, Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell. That will help you to be earnest. Think often of God's goodness. That will make you love Him. And if you love Him you will take delight in His Commandments.

13. Be patient. Be watchful. Persevere.

*He that endureth to the end the same shall be saved.*

Stablish the thing, O God, that Thou hast wrought in me, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me, for Thy Son, Jesus Christ's sake.

#### WHO HAS SEEN CHRIST IN YOU TO-DAY.

"The parson asked a strange question this evening," said John Sewell to his wife, Ann, on his return from church one Sunday.

"What was it, John?"

"Who has seen Christ in you to-day? I wish you had been there to hear him, Ann, he made it pretty plain that all who love Christ ought to show by their conduct that they are in earnest."

"That's true, John, I know I often fall short of what a Christian should be."

"I'm sure that you and the children have not seen Christ in me to-day. If I'd remember to be like my Master, I should not have been so cross with you, because you wanted to take your turn out this morning."

"And I shouldn't have snapped you up and been so vexed," interrupted Ann.

"Then I used Tom roughly because he worried me, and when he cried I boxed his ears, when a kind word would have made all right. There are plenty of things I should have done even to-day, if I'd acted up to the parson's question."

"We'll try to begin fresh, John. You're quick and I get vexed. We've both a deal to learn. We must just pray that the children and our friends may see Christ in us."

Monday morning came. John was up early, and before he went off to work he asked that Christ might be seen in him that day. Ann did not forget that she, too, wished that Christ might be seen in her; and at breakfast time the children were told how Christ might be seen in them, and they were cautioned to be kind and loving toward one another, and toward their companions.

Thus, throughout the family, tempers were quelled for Christ's sake, and John was able, in that same strength, to ask a fellow to forgive the sharp words he had spoken to him the previous Saturday.

"I've had the happiest day I ever spent," John remarked to his wife that evening. "I know I've long been a professing Christian man, but I have not shown by my behaviour that I do really want Jesus to be seen in me."

"I'm sure it's been just the same with me," replied Ann.

"I know why some of our fellows in the shop find fault with religious people, and call them no better than those who have no religion at all. We Christians are not shining lights: we get into the same tempers, and use the same sharp words, and do the same actions as men of the world, and so we bring reproach on Jesus."

"That's well said, John. I mean to ask myself every night, Who has seen Christ in me to-day? I know that I shall often have to tell God that I've failed, but Jesus will help me to be true to Him, and you know there is a text which says, 'I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me.'"

Dear reader, will you take this question home, "Who has seen Christ in me to-day?"—*Friendly Greetings.*

#### GODFATHERS AND GODMOTHERS.

Holy Baptism is a very solemn and serious thing, is it not? Christian people ought often to think of their Baptism. This is why the Church puts the Baptismal Service after the second lesson, that all the congregation may be reminded of their own Baptism, of God's goodness to them, and of their promises to God, in that Sacrament.

Godfathers and Godmothers have other thoughts, besides, put before them. You have brought your Godchild to be baptized. And you have done well. You have obeyed the command of the Lord Jesus. You have brought a little one to God. He has accepted it as His child by adoption and grace. By adoption, that is, by receiving it into His own family, among His own children, so that it may call Him Father. By grace, that is, by washing away its natural guilt by the Precious Blood of Jesus, and giving it the help and power of His Holy Spirit.

But you have also made promises for your Godchild.

Let us consider, (1) who those promises were made to; (2) what they mean, and (3) how they are to be kept.

(1). It is to God that you have made these promises; the Great, the All-seeing God of Heaven.

(2). Those promises were:—

That your Godchild should renounce the devil and all his works;

That he should believe all the articles of the Christian faith;

And that he should keep God's holy will and com-

mandments, and walk in the same all the days of his life.

These are the promises you made for your Godchild, who was then baptized, and made a member of Christ, a child of God, and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven.

But suppose he does not keep these promises. Whose fault will it be?

It will be his fault, of course, his loss, if he should turn to unbelief and sin; if he should despise God's love, and perish everlastingly.

And if you do not do your duty, if you never try to teach him better, it will be your fault, too. But if you do your duty as a Godparent you need not be afraid. God will never punish you except for your own sin.

Let us be sure then that you understand what your duties are, and how you are to keep these promises. You ought to take care,

(I). That the child is taught the meaning of the solemn promises he has made by you:—

(II). That he gets proper teaching for his soul in all those things which a Christian ought to know and believe:—

This is not a very hard task. It is what every parent ought to do for his own child, what you can help the parents in doing, what you must try to accomplish if the parents neglect it. And at any rate you can do a great deal for your Godchild.

You can set him a good example in godly living.

You can give him a word of affectionate advice, now and then.

You can pray for him every day.

Do your best for him, for his soul, that is. God is not a harsh judge. He will look kindly on all you do, if you do it for His sake, and He will reward you richly for your work of mercy and love in bringing His children to His arms.

You may pray for your Godchild thus:

O Heavenly Father, bless my Godchild with Thy continual grace and mercy, and enable me to do my duty towards him, by the help of Thy Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

#### ROMAN INFLUENCE IN ENGLAND.

All statistics and evidence prove that the Roman Church is making no way in England. It is not holding its own, and such an experienced proselytiser as Mgr. Capel has confessed that if it were not for the Irish contingent, it would be nowhere now. This he did in a lecture he delivered a short time back in America. Clearly, no blessing from above has rested on the Anglo-Roman mission. Next, the Romanizing clique has established its own powerlessness by its failure to maintain any organ in the press. It may be taken as certain that any and every cause and interest in England which has real life in it, will keep at least one journal going to represent it. Now the Romanizers have started newspaper after newspaper, only to see them perish rapidly one after another, from their own congenital faults, as well as from the lack of a following large enough to support them. Where are now *The Pilot*, *The Church Herald*, *The Church News*, and *The Anchor*? Dead, as the moral influence of the party they tried to galvanize into life. No, our alarmists may calm their fears, and until they see a Romanizing newspaper paying its way, there is no reason for them to trouble themselves.—*The (London) Church Times.*

—Every now and then the secular press proclaims throughout the land the perversion of some individual member of the English Church (usually a raw curate or a titled nonentity), to the Church of Rome, and the impression produced on those who do not know the facts is that Romanism is making great progress in the Mother-land. The following figures tell a different tale. The total number of marriages in London, according to the latest annual return was 85,612, of which no fewer than 29,696 or 88.3 per cent. were solemnized in church. The Roman Catholic marriages were only 1,428 or nearly 4 per cent. When we consider how large a colony there is of Irish and foreign dwellers in London, there cannot be much room left for English Roman Catholicism.