

CHILD CHRISTIANS.

EVERY boy has his time to awake and grow to a wise Christian manhood; and every girl her opportunity to rise and put on her garments of Christian beauty, and begin her ministry of love and helpfulness. This time gone unimproved, life's best hour is past. This era in child-life comes and goes as the clover blossom, and then heat and drought and waste. The summer is ended. The bright, sweet song of the gospel has been sung to the soul; all that follows are broken lays. The young need to be taken in this early boom, set into the life of God, that they may be inclosed in his gardens, and kept fragrant and fresh for ever. The sun puts its fingers on the bud of a tender plant and it flowers; so let Christ lay His hand on the plants in the home.

"In the kingdom of Thy grace
Grant a little child a place."

The children must have their position at home and in the Lord's house. It must be constant and wholesome and "convenient" for them. "If we would have better sheep, we must take better care of the lambs;" we must make a place for them in confession of Christ and service, in worship and work, in giving and doing. Let the Christian duties all begin in childhood, when faith and love begin. The young repay many fold for all the thought and care bestowed upon them by the Church. It is the divine order and method, old and young moving together along the homeward way. It helps to keep the parental heart and hearthstone warm. The children gathered into the worship make the Church like a Christian service, glad with song and promise and youthful joy all the year round.

And why should it not be so?

When the great Shepherd comes to draw water for his flock on the Lord's day, how good it is to find all the fold gathered and ready, sheep and lambs alike. The Lord's ministry is to them both, in invitation and blessing. He carries every kind of food in the same hand.

The old are twice blessed in the blessing on the young. Many a little girl is a Christian at four years of age; many a boy at seven; some earlier. "Feed My lambs," says the Master. Arrange to do it by system and in faith; gather them in, carry the weak ones. Let the truth be unsealed and applied to all their needs. In no other way can so effective and valuable Christian workers be made. All their faculties, taken early, will be limbered and made flexible and deft in their Lord's use.

Do not let us of this age stumble any longer over these great and self-evident truths. Every work has its special wisdom by which it is best done. The secret of success in winning the world for Christ and building the Church of God is in gaining and saving the children. That done, all the rest comes as a consequence; for the world's manhood is secure when we have gained its childhood.

The state of the heart toward God determines one's moral condition. That state may be made right in childhood easier than at any other time thereafter. If the heart

should with difficulty be brought to God later, the aftermath of the autumn Christian is not like the abounding green of the early summer time.

Why should Christian parents wait, before they strive to make their children Christians, till there has been a funeral among the group of little ones? Why should the pastor's first prayer in the home be at the bedside of the sick?—*Illus. Christian Weekly.*

THE GRANDMOTHER.

A LETTER to one of her friends from a lady who spent some time among the peasants of the Tyrol, says:—

"The morning after our arrival, we were awakened by the sound of a violin and flutes under the window, and, hurrying down, found the little house adorned as for a feast—garlands over the door and wreathing a high chair which was set in state.

"The table was already covered with gifts, brought by the young people whose music we heard. The whole neighborhood were kinsfolks, and these gifts came from uncles and cousins in every far off degree. They were very simple, for the donors are poor—knitted gloves, a shawl, baskets of flowers, jars of fruit, loaves of bread; but upon all some little message of love was pinned.

"Is there a bride in the house?" I asked of my landlord.

"Ach nein!" he said. "We do not make such a bother about our young people. It is the grandmother's birthday!"

"The grandmother in her spectacles, white apron, and high velvet cap, was a heroine all day, sitting in state to receive visits, and dealing out slices from a sweet loaf to each who came. I could not but remember certain grandmothers at home, just as much loved as she, probably, but whose dull, sad lives were never brightened by any such gust of pleasure as this; and I thought we could learn much from these poor mountaineers."

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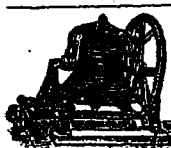
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MARRIAGES.

MELANCON—COAK.—At Weymouth, on the 16th inst., by the Rev. P. J. Filleul, Rector, Mr. Charles Henry Melancon to Miss Louisa Coak, only daughter of Mr. Harding Coak.

STAMER—SHATFORD.—On the 20th inst., in St. Luke's Church, Hubbard's Cove, by the Rev. the Rector, Florence Stamer to Arthur Wellesley Shatford.

DEATHS.

WELCH.—At Weymouth, on the 13th inst., Mr. David Welch, formerly of Bear River, aged 40 years. His remains were taken on the 15th inst. for interment at Bear River.

MILLER.—At Five Mile River, Parish of Maitland, on 11th Feb., Nelson Miller, aged 32 years.

ECKERSLY.—At Halifax, Feb. 21st, very suddenly, Elizabeth, beloved wife of John Eckersly, H. M. Customs.

McKINLEY.—At his residence, Kingsclear, York County, N. B., on the 23rd January, after a lingering illness, which he bore with Christian patience, Daniel McKinley, in the 69th year of his age, leaving a wife, three sons and five daughters to mourn their loss. He was a native of County Antrim, Ireland, but for over fifty years a resident of the above named place. Rev. H. Montgomery, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Kingsclear, attended him during his illness, and preached his funeral sermon from Proverbs xxvii. 1.

CAREW.—At New Glasgow, Feb. 21, John Carew, born in England, April, 1822. His death was caused by the fall of his horse, while he was riding on the E. River ice.

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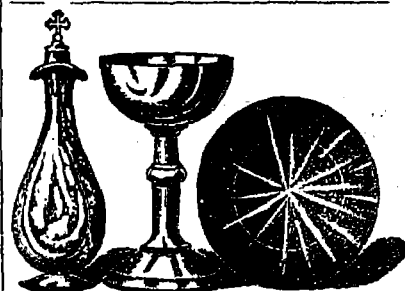
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