

Oh! let us remember that nothing happens by chance to those who can call God their Father, and if trouble fall to our lot, say, like the deaf and dumb boy, 'for so it seemeth good in thy sight.'

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REGULAR CHURCH GOING.

Like anything else of the same kind, church going is a great deal a matter of habit. Some of us have been brought up in the habit, and find it perfectly natural to go to church at least twice on Sunday, and to receive the communion at least once a week. Those who have formed such a habit would find it hard to give it up.

On the other hand, some of us have made it a habit to stay at home and loaf on Sunday, and to read through the Sunday newspaper. Of course, this entails a good deal of hard work, now that the Sunday newspaper has grown into a volume. But a resolute man can, if he will, break up an old bad habit, and establish a new good one.

Why not set yourself to work till regular church going, which you know is a habit you ought to cultivate, has become second nature to you? You will find it the best discipline you ever set for yourself, and we venture to say that, when once the habit is formed, you will wonder how men can endure such a desperately dull piece of business as a churchless Sunday.—*Southern Churchman.*

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THE PUNISHMENT OF SELFISHNESS.

All Mukhar revelled in his riches. From morning till night he was inspecting his palace-like home, which was crammed with curiosities and treasures of all sorts. But he never thought of sharing his possessions with any one else. From liking riches he went on to love them and collect them more and more, till his house was a very mine of wealth, which could have enriched the whole city; yet not a soul benefitted, and he himself did not half enjoy them for fear that some robber might steal in unawares and carry them off.

Very different was the case of Akbar Salam, the poor travelling peddler, who led a precarious subsistence by carrying wares about the city on his mule to sell to such customers as did not scorn to buy from so mean a tradesman. Yet, though he was so poor, he always managed to have something to give to those more needy than himself, and often he went without a meal that he might help others.

One day when he was in special want he ventured with his laden mule to the door of the rich Ali Mukhar's lordly dwelling.

The great man was standing on his threshold bargaining about the purchase of a new horse, and was angry at the interruption.

'Order that beggar off my ground,' he cried, waving his hand, on which glittered a diamond ring of immense value.

His servants instantly obeyed; and then he went into his luxurious

home to smoke his pipe and eat a splendid dinner, never thinking that the crumbs from his overloaded table would have been a feast to the poor peddler.

And as he smoked, the red-hot end of his pipe fell among the cushions on which he lay, and, unknown to him, were smouldering there when he went off to bed.

And at the dead of night he was awakened by a sound of crackling flames and he soon found that his house was on fire. Vain was every effort to extinguish it, and it was soon burnt to the ground, and he was left utterly penniless. What good had his riches done him in the day of evil but add to his misery? Indeed, they were the cause of his death, for as he stood in his paved court-yard, wringing his hands as he gazed on the wreck of his home, one of the walls suddenly fell forward and crushed him to death on the spot.

Children, if we keep all our good things to ourselves, as Ali Mukhar did his riches, we may be sure that some fiery trial will take them from us when we least expect it. Take warning from his sad fate, and avoid meriting the punishment of selfishness by using all God has committed to you in helping on his own blessed work.—*Southern Churchman.*

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A NEGLECTED PARISH.

A commission has just reported upon an inquiry held recently with reference to ecclesiastical affairs in the parish of Saltersford—with-Kettleshulme, Cheshire. The commissioners found that there had been no observance of Christmas day, Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, Ascension day, or any other holy day; and no administration of the Holy Communion in the parish church at Saltersford, not even on Easter day; whilst the administration at Kettleshulme had been irregular and uncertain. Whereas the population of the parish was about four hundred, the Sunday congregation in either place of worship scarcely averaged half a dozen; often it did not exceed two or three. The choir which existed up to eighteen months ago had disappeared. The people resorted to Taxal, not in their parish church, for baptisms and burials. The youth were not catechized, nor were they adequately, if at all, prepared for confirmation. The incumbent did not instruct the children in the day school, neither did he superintend their religious instruction. There was no Sunday school. It was stated that not more than five or six children, out of an average of fifty, belonged to the Church of England. No Easter vestry was held. No person was admitted to the office of church warden. The Bishop of Chester has written the Rev. H. Graham, stating: 'It is my painful duty to inform you that, not having received any explanation from you which can be considered sufficient in respect of the various matters to which my attention has been called, I must decide that you have incurred the gravest censure for the

meagre and inefficient manner in which you have administered the cure of souls committed to you, and for the want on your part of a due sense of responsibility as the pastor of your people. Directions will be issued to you for the better fulfilment of the duties of the cure, of the performance of which you will from time to time be required to furnish evidence to me. I deem it necessary to publish the report and this letter.'—*Southern Churchman.*



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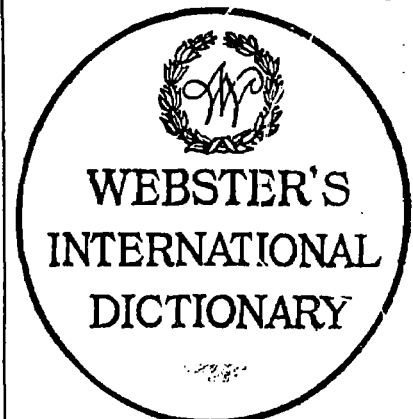
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