

change this and give me two tickets that would take you and me in one time?"

Phil's face grew bright and a happy smile crept over his broad little face. "Do you think he would?" he asked eagerly.

"Let's try," said Kenneth, and the two little boys started off for the office window at the hall.

"But Kenneth," said Phil, stopping short, "it ain't fair for me to take your ticket."

"It is, though," answered his friend, stoutly, "cause I'll get more fun from going once with you than twice by myself."

This settled the matter and Phil gave in.

"So you want two tickets for one time?" said the agent.

"Yes, sir," said Kenneth, taking off his sailor hat; "one for Phil, you know."

"You do arithmetic by the Golden Rule down here, don't you?" asked the ticket man.

"No, sir, we use 'Ray's Practical,'" answered the boys; and they didn't know for a long time what that man meant by the Golden Rule.—Southern Churchman.

### Ned's New Resolutions.

BY K. G. WALKER.

"I tell you what it is, Alice," said Ned Brown to his sister, "I am going to turn over a new leaf to-night, and make some new resolutions; and I'm going to keep them, too."

Alice looked up from her book with an incredulous little laugh.

"How?" she said. "As James gives up his pipe every year? He says to papa every New Year's morning: 'Faith, an' Mr. Brown, I've given up me poipe, fer good this time; I've trun it away.' Then when papa catches him with the same old pipe a few days later, he apoloizes: 'Faith, Mr. Brown, I trun it away aisy, for I was afeard I'd made it agen!'"

Alice was 14 and Ned 12. On the added dignity of those two years' difference in their ages Alice assumed at times a very toplofty air toward Ned, which was very irritating. Ned made no reply, but, with flushed cheek, quietly proceeded to draw up his resolutions. We looked over his shoulder. This is what we read:

I am going to try to do as near right as I can every day of my life.

I will always tell the truth.

I will never sneak out of anything disagreeable that I ought to do.

I will study hard while I am in school.

I will never read any trashy books.

I will play fair, and always take the part of any little fellow that is being stepped on.

I will try to be polite to everybody, and cheerfully obey my parents and teachers.

I will never forget that a boy must love work to make a successful man.

I will love goodness better than money, and try to follow the Golden Rule.

Lastly, and all the time, I will try to be a true disciple of Jesus Christ, and ask God to help me.

December 31, 1900. EDWARD BROWN.

When he had placed the last period he rose quietly, went around to Alice's side of the table, and laid the sheet before her.

"There, Alice Brown," he cried, with a new ring in his voice. "That is brand-new, and I'll get somebody besides myself to help me keep it!"

Alice read it through, then she threw her arms impulsively around Ned's neck, and said, with a sob in her voice: "You dear old Ned, I'll never be mean to you again!"—Epworth Herald.

### Away.

BY JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY.

I cannot say, and I will not say  
That he is dead—He is just away!

With a cherry smile, and a wave of the hand,  
He has wandered into an unknown land,

And left us dreaming how very fair  
It needs must be, since he lingers there.

And you—O you, who the widest yearn  
For the old-time step and the glad return,—

Think of him faring on, as dear  
In the love of There as the love of Here:

And loyal still, as he gave the blows  
Of his warrior strength to his country's foes—

Mild and gentle, as he is brave,—  
When the sweetest love of his life he gave

To simple things:—Where the violets grew  
Pure as the eyes they were likened to,

The touches of his hands have strayed  
As reverently as his lips have prayed;

When the little brown thrush that harshly chirred  
Was dear to him as the mocking bird;

And he pitied as much as a man in pain  
A writhing honey-bee wet with rain—

Think of him as the same, I say;  
He is not dead—he is just away!

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### Daily Bible Readings.

Monday, January 27.—Acts 20: 2, 3; Romans 1: 17-17. Paul's debts to others (vs. 14, 15). Compare I Cor. 9: 16.

Tuesday, January 28.—Romans 1: 18-32. The wickedness of the wicked, calling down God's wrath (vs. 18). Compare Col. 3: 5, 6.

Wednesday, January 29.—Romans 2: 1-16. There is no respect of persons with God (vs. 11). Compare I Pet. 1: 17-19.

Thursday, January 30.—Romans 2: 17-3: 8. The Jew as a Jew is not free from guilt. Compare John 5: 45.

Friday, January 31.—Romans 3: 9-31. Basis of justification (vs. 28). Compare Eph. 2: 8, 9.

Saturday, February 1.—Romans 4. The ground of Abraham's righteousness (vs. 3). Compare Gen. 15: 5, 6.

We welcome Rev. G. W. Schurman as the writer of the Prayer Meeting Topics through February.

All will be pleased to read the article from President Lawson, on "Our Future," which appears in this issue. We are passing through our "transition period." The Lord will show us the way when it becomes necessary for us to see it.

A very readable and important article from Sec'y Rutledge is held over for want of space and will appear next week.

We are all anxiously awaiting the February course of study on "Initial Truths," to be prepared by Rev. G. R. White. Be ready for it on the first week in February, as the first lesson will then appear.

### Prayer Meeting Topic—January 26.

Belief and Confession. Rom. 10: 9, 10.

This lesson should be made helpful to two classes of persons; to those who are laying too much stress on works, as a means of salvation; and to those who are trying to serve God secretly. We have such people in all our Unions. They need the help that truth only can give. This Scripture cannot fail to help, if rightly presented, but these verses should not be separated from the context.

### WARNINGS.

1. Zeal is not always an evidence of salvation. Unsaved people are often very zealous in religious matters. Those who hope to be saved by their good deeds are zealous workers. Remember the man, who in a dream had his zeal weighed, and to his joy found it to weigh one hundred pounds, but when he had it analyzed was pained, because it contained ninety-three per cent. of selfishness.

Test your zeal, brother.

2. Sincerity stands for itself only. "It cannot be a substitute for obedience to Christ. Confession of Christ as Lord is a requirement of the gospel. No amount of sincerity in secret service is equivalent to confession." It was Jesus, and not the church, who said, "But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I deny before my Father which is in heaven." Matt. 10: 33.

### JOYFUL FACTS.

We are not required to discover a Saviour, but simply to accept the One sent to us.

We are not to harmonize the apparent mysteries of the Bible, nor are we required to give the how and why of any truth, in order that we may be saved; we are however to accept the declaration—that Jesus Christ was raised from the dead for our justification.

Notice the order—believe, confess, be saved. This is the divine order, it is also the order of experience. If we aim at salvation let us take the right road—believe, confess, be saved.

Halifax.

### Our Future.

BY REV. G. A. LAWSON.

Pres. of Maritime B. Y. P. U. Convention.

I am not a prophet, consequently it is impossible for me to make many definite statements regarding the future of our Maritime Union; but I have hope in the future and this hope is shared by others within the borders of our Convention.

Many who listened to the discussion of this subject at our last Maritime Convention were discouraged by the pessimistic utterances of some of the brethren—and some gave the old time advice—"Cut it down, why cumbereth it the ground?" Others were optimistic and said—"Leave it alone this year, the next also, and then we will be in a better position to pass judgment."

## The Young People

The optimistic spirit, fortunately prevailed and it was decided to take up the work with renewed zeal. A difference of opinion existed however, regarding the time and place of meeting. Some urged the holding of a separate Convention, others thought it unwise to make any change. Finally upon the recommendation of a committee appointed to consider the whole matter it was decided that in 1902 we would meet as heretofore, with the Maritime Convention, and in 1903 a separate Convention would be held, at which time our future policy would be definitely outlined. It was also recommended that the local societies consider well the proposed changes so that at the Convention '02 their representatives would be in a position to vote intelligently on the question.

The fact that some of our Conventions have been very helpful cannot be denied. Many active Christians, both in the pulpit and in the pew, have, through the gracious influences of these annual meetings, been led into wide fields of usefulness; but notwithstanding this fact, it is evident that our present arrangements are not entirely satisfactory.

Those who have been in the work for some time feel this keenly. Our sessions are too hurried, matters of importance are not discussed at all, very few of our young people are in attendance. The reason is apparent,—our churches can only send two or three representatives, and in the majority of cases the older members are selected, and very often they are not in sympathy with the Young People's movement. I believe that our young people must be brought into closer touch with our denominational work. The burden that is now being borne by our older members, must, of necessity, in a very few years rest upon us. For this reason it seems proper, and to me advisable, that our young people should be brought to the front in parallel lines with the old bodies, that by degrees, as years are added to them individually they may step into the places now occupied by older brethren when they have gone to the "rest that remaineth."

If, as it is proposed, a separate Convention is held, the young people will be thrown on their own resources. Instead of going to the Convention to hear what other people have to say, they will go with the determination to say and do something themselves. More time will be given to the discussion of methods of work. The lay element will be made use of. The present tendency is to call upon the pastors, for everything. I believe that we have young men and women in our churches, as well qualified to address our Conventions, as the average pastor, and they should be called into service. "Culture for service" is one of our watchwords, and the two things must go hand in hand. The best culture manifests itself in service and in our Maritime Union. There is a place for both. With this idea before them, the representatives of our local societies, in attendance at our last Convention, decided, that if our Maritime work was to be made a success, a course of Bible study must be provided in the columns of our own paper, the MESSENGER AND VISITOR. Accordingly a committee was appointed to have the oversight of this work. After carefully considering the needs of the constituency, a splendid course of study was outlined and we have had the privilege of spending a month with Rev. H. R. Hatch, studying "The Kingdom of God."

Next month Rev. G. R. White will place before us some "Initial Truths." In March, Rev. Dr. Trotter will lead us in the study of that most interesting subject—"The Christian as a Child of God." The following month Rev. G. H. Day will present the subject of "The Christian as a Servant of God." If this course is enthusiastically followed by all our young people, I think I am safe in saying that other courses of study will be provided in the coming years. The Maritime Union will then be able to give a reason for its existence, and our Conventions, whether held annually or biannually, separately, or as at present, in connection with the Maritime Convention, will be filled with power, and our young people as never before will do aggressive work for Christ.

Young people of the Maritime Provinces, there is a mighty work before us, and on our banners are inscribed too many victories to flinch when the day is darkest. God is leading.

"He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat."

"He is sifting out the souls of men" before his judgment seat.

"Oh, be swift my soul to meet Him, oh be jubilant my feet."

"The Lord is marching on."

Young Christians let us march on with Him to victory.

### Illustrative Gatherings on Prayer Meeting Topic.

SELECTED BY SOPHIE BRONSON TITTERTON.

Every Christian ought to testify for Christ by a daily life full of Christianity.

To believe in God is to be filled with him, to enter into life eternal, and have it enter into us.—Baptist Union.