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The summer Schools are now getting to work.

The number of organized Adult Bible Classes, both country and city, is increasing rapidly.

The summer season affords a magnificent opportunity, in the country, for organizing an Adult Class; and in the city, for testing of what stuff the members of the Adult Class are made.

Says Mr. W. C. Pearce, International Adult Department Superintendent: "Scores of men and women have become interested in the Adult Class and Bible study through athletics. The following are suggested: football, baseball, basket ball, indoor ball, tennis, indoor and outdoor track meets, and in winter hockey. Many instances are reported where men and women have become interested by means of healthful sports, and later brought to Christ and the Church."

As He Walked

Jesus is the supreme Example of His followers. He was absolutely unique in His spotless purity. Nor was purity in Him merely negative,—consisting in the absence of sin; it was, above all, positive, breathing itself out in words and deeds of goodness. As the quivering needle of the mariner's compass turns surely and constantly towards the pole, so were all the desires and purposes of His soul drawn irresistibly to the speech and action which shone bright with the beauty of holiness. With a shuddering repugnance He shrank from the least contamination of evil.

It is not only from admiration that His disciples seek to be like Jesus, but because they must. No volunteer service, no amateur avocation, is this following of Jesus. Those claiming to be His cannot act otherwise. It is an obligation which must be met, a debt which must be discharged. In the heart of every Christian is an inner compulsion driving him on in the quest of likeness to "the Christ, the King." This compelling force has its origin in the cross. Every step in the lovely walk of Jesus was towards Calvary, where He redeemed men by His blood. For us He laid down His life, and therefore we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. Bought with that price, we are no longer our own; we are His, and the very reason of our living comes to be the doing of His will, the reproducing of His life.

No one ever becomes truly like Christ simply by regarding Him as an exterior copy. Only those will bear His likeness in whose hearts the love of the cross has become an interior power constraining them to walk even as He walked.

The Royalty of Service

By Rev. Orr Bennet, B.A.

Amongst the trees of the forest, the oak has generally been accorded the dignity of monarch. This has not been due alone to its superiority in sturdiness, but more to its large contribution to the service of humanity.

The mistletoe, the oak's vassal, on the other hand, when robbed of its romance, is quite a contemptible plant, holding a place only among the degenerates of plant society. This was not always true of it. There was a time when it enjoyed good standing among