

The Little Flock

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A BOY SOUL WINNER.

I heard Mrs. Phoebe Palmer tell about a little boy in England who went to his pastor and asked him if there wasn't something that boys could do for the Lord. The pastor said:

"Why, I don't know. You are too small to lead a class, and hardly old enough to be a tract distributor; I don't know what you can do."

"It seems to me," said the child, "there ought to be something for boys to do."

The pastor thought for a few moments and then asked, "Is your seat-mate in school a Christian?"

"No, sir; I think not."

"Then go to work as the Lord shall show you how, and secure his conversion. Then take another and another. I cannot tell you exactly what to do, but if you pray the Saviour will show you how to win their salvation."

Some months after when Mrs. Palmer was holding meetings in that place, this little boy was lying very ill. The doctors had given him up to die. His father went to the afternoon meeting, and when he came home little Willie roused up and asked his father, "Was Neddie Smith at the meeting this afternoon?"

"Yes, dear."

"Did he give his heart to the Lord Jesus Christ?"

"No, I think not."

"Oh, dear," said the little boy, "I thought he would."

The next day his father left him again and went to the afternoon meeting. When he came home Willie asked him the same question and expressed disappointment that his little friend was not converted. The third day Willie was yet alive, and when his father came home from meeting he asked the same question and received a different answer.

"Yes, Neddie gave his heart to the Saviour this afternoon."

"I am so glad," was the answer.

After he had gone they opened his little box and found a list of forty names. The first one was his seat-mate at the time when he went to the pastor and asked him for something to do for God, and the last name was that of Neddie Smith. And every boy on the list was converted. He had taken them one by one in faith and prayer, giving them books to read, showing them texts of Scripture, praying with and for them, and the whole forty had been converted through his efforts.

And there is plenty for us to do, and if we are willing the Lord will show us how to do it. The only thing is to be willing to hear his voice and let him lead and teach us. "Speak Lord for Thy servant heareth, and heareth to obey."—Current Anecdotes.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON.

September 14, 1913.

The Ten Commandments. (Part 2.)

Lesson Text—Ex. 20:12-21.

Golden Text.—Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself. Luke 10:27.

Leading Thought—Our love and duty toward man.

Fifth Commandment. (V. 12.) The first four commandments govern man's relationship to God, while the remaining six define the law governing his relationship to his neighbor (fellow). If God's rights are regarded man's rights will be looked after. Fitting it is that the first of these should deal with those to whom under God we owe our very being. This is our first earthly obligation as well as the first commandment with promise. (Deut. 5:16. Eph. 6:23.) Four things are included in full obedience to this. (1) Respect for them; (2) Listening to them (Prov. 1:8); (3) Obedience to them in the Lord (Eph. 6:1); (4) Support of them (Matt. 15:4-6). Latter clause of verse referred to the promised land, their inheritance in Canaan; but to us implies every kind of earthly as well as spiritual blessing—long life and prosperity. Today more than ever before do we need this warning. (2 Tim. 3:1-3. Rom. 1:30-31.) Obedience like virtue brings its own reward.

Sixth Commandment. (V. 13.) Man's life is sacred because he is the image of God. (Gen. 9:6.) The real evil of murder lies in the principles and feelings from which it springs, and in its recklessness as to the consequences. It shows the spirit of the Devil who was a murderer from the beginning. (Jno. 8:44.) "He that hateth his brother is a murderer." (1 Jno. 3:15.) Hearts filled with jealousy and hatred are commonly the seed-bed out of which murders spring. (Mt. 15:19. Gal. 5:21.)

Seventh Commandment. (V. 14.) The principle of the commandment deals with sanctity of married relation and inculcates personal purity. No sin is more universal than impurity, taking a thousand forms from the curse of the White Slave Traffic to the most subtle devices that Satan can insinuate in the hearts of Christian Workers. The least violation of this law brings swiftly upon the guilty one its penalty—destruction to every moral sense death to the body, and bitter remorse here and hereafter. The sin begins in the heart. "There is no attainment so divine as purity of heart, nothing that costs so much or pays so much back."—Pierson. "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." Prov. 4:23.

Eighth Commandment. (V. 15.) Love counts other's possessions as sacred as its own (1 Cor. 10:24.) Every act toward others and their property should be governed by this consideration and no matter how fine the shade may be, or how excusable in our own sight, any deviation therefrom in God's sight is counted stealing. We must watch that our consciences do not become calloused to the little things. "Little foxes." (S. of S. 2:15.) Have we all dealt honestly with God? (Mal. 3:8.)

Ninth Commandment. (V. 16.) This deals with the sacredness of one's reputation. The man who steals another's good name has done him a far greater injury than he who steals his purse. In breaking this law we unclothe or spoil our brother. (Isa. 33:1.) In court no testimony has weight except what the witness actually knows. Much of the criticism among God's children, through meager knowledge of the truth, borders on the violation of this command.

Tenth Commandment. (V. 17.) The man who keeps the tenth will keep the four preceding. Though perhaps the most severe, its keeping is the antidote for unkindness, faithlessness, theft, murder, false witness, unholiness. "Love is the fulfilling of the law." (Gal. 5:14.) To love our neighbor as our self renders impossible even the desire to possess ought of his property. "Having food and raiment let us be therewith content." 1 Tim. 6:8. See also Heb. 13:5 and Phil. 4:11, 1 Tim. 6:6.

The effect of this manifestation of God and the giving of the law was fear upon the people. We should ever tremble at God's word.

—A. M. F.

TIMES OF REFRESHING

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IN TIME OF TRIAL.

Written by an aged saint while in retirement during religious persecution, upon hearing a canary sing.

One song of innocence I hear,
The sweet canary's note;
Although caged up from open air,
Its praises warble out.

Just so the Christian should send up
His sweetest notes of praise
When drinking of affliction's cup,
And in life's darkest days.

The more we press a precious flower,
The more it fragrance yields,
The' taken from its native bower,
Or birth-place in the fields.

As mid the storm the oak grows strong,
And deeper root doth take;
Just so should we when trials throng
More earnest prayer but make.

As evergreens more verdure show
Mid winter's gloomy days;
In wintry age so should we grow
More bright in wisdom's ways.

ZION CITY, ILL.

Just a line to let you know we are
having good meetings every night.
Strange young people are coming in
and are being saved. Praise God!
Pray for us.

Yours for Jesus,

—Burt Bosworth.

"It is not where you are wanted
But where you are needed most.
The call is not to the noble
Who of wealth or fame can boast.
Not many wise are chosen
Not many mighty are called
But those who are weak and willing
Whose lives are by Christ
enthralled."

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

I wish you could have seen how
the power fell last night. Five came
through to the Baptism, and there
were seven more of the most prominent
members in the M. E. church
came to the altar, eleven of their
members over thirty years of age be-
ing at the altar, and four husbands
with their wives among that num-
ber. About 20 altogether received
the baptism last week.

—L. V. Roberts.

(NOTE.—Brother Roberts returned
to the tent-meeting at Brightwood on
his way to Grand Rapids.—Ed.)

MARCELINE, MO.

Dear Brothers in Christ—I want to
thank you for two copies of your
paper, "The Christian Evangel,"
which I received. The last one came
today and I enjoy it very much. I
was much pleased to read an article
from Brother Awry. May the Lord
bless his ministry to the missionaries.
He was made a great blessing to me
and others in India. Also noticed a
short note from Mrs. Susan Chester
of Dodbhallapur, India, my dear co-
worker. I returned from that station
in May this year because of my
health. I hope to interest the people
in the work of which Mrs. Chester
has charge.

The Lord has opened several doors
to me and I hope to go east in a
week or ten days and will be glad to
stop for a few days at Plainfield for
the "Feast of Tabernacles."

Yours in His service,

—Sarah White.

(NOTE.—Sister White arrived in
Plainfield Saturday morning, August
10. She is very much worn in body
but full of victory in soul. The Lord
has already made her ministry a
blessing to us. Her eyes are ever
turned toward her field of labor—
India.—Ed.)

Sin is man's bold attempt to live
without God, and hell is God's blaz-
ing monument to their failure.

REPORT OF WOODWORTH- ETER CAMP MEETING.

S. Frauningham, Mass.

We are having fine meetings. I
never saw so many perfect healings
out of the total number as here. God
certainly has marvelously worked—
all manner of diseases. The enemy is
stirred and tried to stop us. Had us
arrested. We appeared today at 9:00
a. m. with a great crowd of witnesses
but they postponed it until next Tues-
day. Now we are thronged with re-
porters. When we came we tried to
pay for an ad in the Boston Herald
but they would not accept it; now
they are printing columns. Praise
God!

People here from many states; way
from the South, Ohio, Indiana, Illi-
nois, New York, Pennsylvania, Wash-
ington, D. C., a good body of good
preachers to help us. Praise Him!
Our next meeting is at Hot Springs,
Ark., commencing September 22, last-
ing from thirty to sixty days. Love
to Brother Myland and all the saints.
Salute all in your paper in my name.

Your brother with love,

—Earl W. Clark.

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So you see that we are not to flee
nor to grieve in the time of darkness,
since from the darkness light is born.
Through the contrary of virtue, virtue
is won. Out of impatience is won
patience; for the soul that feels the
vice of impatience becomes patient
over the injury received, and is im-
patient toward the vice of impatience,
and is more hurt because it is hurt
than over anything else. And so out
of the very contrary its perfection
comes to be won. It is not aware of
this! it finds itself become perfect in
many storms and temptations. In no
otherwise does one ever arrive at the
harbour of perfection.

—Catherine of Sienna.

"The work of the world is done by
few.

God asks that a part be done by you."

Grace is not only pardon of, but
power over sin.—Murray.

When God puts His hand to the
plow in a human spirit He never
looks back.—F. B. Meyer.

Naught is so dry, so cold, so hard,
so shut up as a heart which loves it-
self alone. Naught so tender, open,
quick, sweet, lovable and loving as
a heart possessed of and filled with
the love of God.—Fenelon.

If God calls thee to work thou
never didst. He will give a strength
thou never hadst.

What is gold for but to be used in
extending the kingdom of our Lord.

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that the worker permits the Holy
Spirit to work the Word of God into
him.