

## Young People's Column

### BOBBY'S TRUST

"Mother, there's to be a meeting tomorrow night for the boys and girls, and Johnnie Black has been giving away tickets at the school today, inviting everybody to come. Will you let me go? Johnnie Black says it will be out in good time for us to do our lessons after we get home, and I would like to go."

Bobby was greatly excited and in dead earnest about going to the meeting; and when his mother gave her consent for him to go, his joy knew no bounds. The thing was new, no doubt thereabout. There was only one sermon on Sunday, and it was a pretty dry affair for lads like Bobby, who believed in something stirring.

But there was another reason for Bobby's being so anxious to get to the meeting. Johnnie Black, his school companion, was a converted boy, and had several times spoken to Bobby about getting ready to die, and prepared for eternity, and these things had troubled Bobby not a little. In fact, he was in real soul trouble, dreading to meet God, and afraid to think of death. But there was nobody to point him to Jesus, except Johnnie Black, and he was not able to "clear it up" to him very well.

The meeting night came, Bobby was there. So was Johnnie Black and a lot more of the boys. Bobby listened as for life, but he could not make out what "believing" was. He tried to "believe," but he never was sure whether he had "believed right" or not.

At last the speaker said, "Can any of you lads swim?" "Yes," answered a number of voices, Bobby among the rest. "How did you learn? Was it by keeping one foot on the bottom? No; but by casting yourselves entirely upon the water, and trusting yourselves to it. And it's just in that way you must be saved. Not trying to trust Jesus, and keeping a hold of yourselves, or your own good works, but by casting yourselves wholly, solely on Him, and on Him alone. Then Jesus will save you, and you will know it, too, and thank him for it."

What a happy journey home it was, and how he ran into his mother's cottage and told her he had "trusted Jesus, just like swimming, and was saved."

Dear reader, have you trusted Him, "just like swimming?" Or do you keep one foot on the sand?

—Youth's Companion.

### A LITTLE ERRAND FOR GOD

Helen stood on the doorstep with a very tiny basket in her hand when her father drove up to her and said: "I am glad you are ready to go out, dear. I came to take you to Mrs. Lee's park to see the new deer."

"Oh, thank you, papa, but I can not go just this time. The deer will keep and we will go tomorrow. I have a very particular errand to do now," said the little girl.

"What is it, dear?" asked the father.

"Oh, it is to carry this somewhere," and she held up the small basket.

Her father smiled and said, "Who is this errand for, dear?"

"For my own self, papa; but oh, no I guess not—it's an errand for God, papa."

"Well, I will not hinder you, my little dear," said the good father, tenderly. "Can I help you any?"

"No, sir I was going to carry my orange that I saved from dessert to old Peter."

"Is old Peter sick?"

"No, I hope not, but he never has anything nice; and he's good and thankful. Big folks give him only cold meat and broken bread, and I thought an orange would look so beautiful and make him so happy. Don't you think that poor well folks ought to be comforted sometimes, as well as the poor sick folks, papa?"

"Yes, my dear; but I think we too often forget them until sickness and starvation come. You are right; this is a little errand for God. Get into the buggy, and I will drive you to old Peter's and wait till you have done your errand, and then show you the deer. Have you a pin, Helen?"

"Well here is a five-dollar bill for you to fix on the skin of your orange. This will pay for old Peter's rent for four weeks, and perhaps this will be a little errand for God, too," said the gentleman.

Little Helen, who had taught a wise man a wise lesson, looked very happy as her fingers fixed the fresh bill on the orange.—Selected.

### LITTLE CHILDREN

1 John 2

I wonder how many boys and girls will find this chapter in their Bibles and read it through? You will be surprised to see how many messages are given to the children in this one chapter. The apostle starts out in the very first verse with, "My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not." Now, someone may think that children cannot live without sin, but do you think that God would inspire John to write something that couldn't be done? What is sin? 1 John 3:4 tells us that sin is the transgression of the law. To violate or break God's law or commandments is sin, and His law is His word, the Bible. Of course unsaved children cannot live without sin, so first of all they must be saved. Yes, the devil will tempt and try saved boys and girls the same as he does grown-up people, and I think the trials and temptations of children require as much grace as the older ones need. They must take the jeers and teasing of their playmates and keep sweet. They have temptations that we older ones perhaps are not aware of, and I wonder if we pray for them as much as we might?

John is writing to saved children, as the twelfth verse will show, "Because your sins are forgiven you." Jesus has bid the children come to Him, and there is no better time to come and seek the Lord than while you are young. The latter part of verse thirteen shows us that converted children may really know God. If we go back to verse three we understand that we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. So even children can be sure and positive that they are converted. What commandment is there that children cannot keep? Of course they have not the same understanding and judgment as a more mature mind, and will probably make many mistakes, but God looks upon the heart and see the motive, and knows when they are serving Him to the best of their ability.

Well, let's go to the eighteenth verse and see what we can learn there. John warns the children in this verse against antichrists. Oh dear, what does that word mean? Suppose we see what 2 John 1:7 says about it. Have you found the verse? We see that many deceivers are in the world, who deny that the man Jesus was divine as well as human when here on earth. They say that Jesus was a good man but He couldn't be man and God at the same time. The Bible says they are liars; so we don't want to listen to them. You will find that in the twenty-second verse of our chapter. Now, if we come down to the twen-

ty-eighth verse he says to abide in Jesus. The only way to do that is to obey God and walk in the light. We get light in different ways, by a sermon, or testimony, or studying the Word of God, etc., and while we walk in every ray of light, then we can trust God to help us. We will not be ashamed or afraid when Jesus comes, because we know we are washed in the blood of the Lamb, and every one, whether old or young, that is born of God "doeth righteousness," that is, lives uprightly and according to the Bible teaching. Read and study your Bible and you will see there are many messages for the children. Can you find these? "Little children, let no man deceive you"; "Little children, keep yourselves from idols"; "My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth"; "Ye are of God, little children."

This will keep you busy some Sunday. You will find them in 1 John.

Jesus loves you and wants to save you so that you can enjoy His love in your hearts. Then you can live to please Him and help someone else to know Him.

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### SAWED-OFF SERMONS.

"On every Christian experience God has written indelibly, 'Use it, or lose it.'"

"God wants you to be a channel of blessing, not a jug with a cork in it."

"Unite with the church of your choice, but be sure it is a live church and not a cold storage plant. Then be a live member and not a dead one."

Getting ready to meet Jesus fits us for all kinds of difficulties we may meet in the Christian warfare.

### OBITUARY

Mrs. M. F. Watson

The death of Mrs. Miriam F. Watson occurred at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Nevers, Perth Junction, on Sunday, July 15th, at the age of 74 years. She leaves to mourn two daughters and two sons. The daughters are Mrs. Frank Nevers and Miss Bessie Watson, of Perth Junction. The sons are Rev. F. A. Watson, of Beals, Me., and Errol C. Watson, of West Saint John.

The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon from her late residence in Perth. Service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Lester, pastor of the Reformed Baptist Church, Woodstock, assisted by Rev. Smith Dow, of Hartland. Favorite hymns of Mrs. Watson, "After the Tears there will be Sunshine," and "Does Jesus Care," were sung effectively by the choir of the Reformed Baptist Church, Woodstock. Miss Sadie Blair, of Fredericton, assisted with the singing.

The floral offerings included: Pillow from the family; crescent, Margaret, Wendal, Viva, Evelyn and Russel; wreath, Reformed Baptist Church, Woodstock; crescent, Mrs. R. Allingham and Charlotte; wreath, Mrs. Lewis Saunders; spray, Mr. and Mrs. Barry Nevers; spray, Mrs. Percy Sisson; basket, Mrs. M. I. F. Carvel; cross and cut flowers, Mrs. Carolyn Armstrong; cut flowers, Mrs. Harvey Clowes; spray, Miss Carrie Adams; cut flowers, Mrs. Reynolds.

Interment was in Greenwood cemetery, Saint John, on the arrival of the noon train Wednesday.