

FOR THE BOYS AND GIRLS

THE GOLDEN RULE . . .

The beautiful story of how the Golden Rule working in two little hearts kept them bright and unselfish, shows how we can help our friends in many ways.

Miss Lucy had promised to give a lovely little Testament with gilt clasps to the one in the class who would learn part of the Sermon on the Mount best.

"I think I can get it," said Minna to herself. "I know Charlie is quicker than I am about learning, but he is very careless; he will forget to study his verse, and I just won't remind him."

So the days went by. Both children studied very hard at first, and said the verses over to Mamma; then Charlie, who was indeed a careless boy, got interested in his pet rabbits and forgot about the Sermon on the Mount, and the little red Testament; but Minna kept on studying. She had learned it as far as the twelfth verse: "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." And there she stopped!

Her conscience whispered to her: "If you had forgotten about the prize, you would like for Charlie to remind you."

Minna hesitated for a while, and then, with a sigh, said: "I 'spect that's my 'whatsoever'" —and a little later she was listening to Charlie say his chapter.

When the class met at Miss Lucy's to try for the prize, Charlie won it! He had, by far, the best memory of them all.

"But, Miss Lucy," he said, as he saw the teacher take up her pen, "write 'Charlie and Minna Brent' on it, 'cause if Minna had not reminded me, I would never have learned that chapter in time."

"Ah!" said Miss Lucy, "I see that some of my little people have learned this beautiful sermon by **heart**, as well as memory!" — Author Unknown.

HOME MISSION TREASURER REPORTS

Lower Hainesville Church.....	\$ 7.50
Lower Brighton Church	26.00
Jonesport Church	40.00
Wood Island Church	25.00
Jonesport Young People.....	5.00
St. John Missionary Society.....	20.00
Sandford Church	100.00
Fort Fairfield Church	230.70
Maple Ridge Church.....	20.00
Lower Hainesville Church	15.00

Thank you!

G. R. SYMONDS,
Treasurer

"We may betray Christ by our silence as well as by our speech."

MISS JEAN DOYLE DIES SUDDENLY

We have received word that Miss Jean Doyle, R.N., of Truro, N. S., died suddenly on Monday, January 21st. Let us prayerfully remember the sorrowing family.

An obituary will appear at a later date.—Ed.

"BUT IF NOT"

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of Jesus to His relationships with men and things; and he soon finds that he is in the pressure of business competition which threatens to sweep the very life out of him. God help such a man to say "**But if not.**" "If my application of the ethics of Jesus to my life's work is not successful, I will still go on with Him. I will take it all as the great governing love of God to me, who seeks to make my character, even though my fortune be lost." Or, there is the Christian worker, who faithfully preaches the Gospel to those living in the darkness of heathendom, or in the squalor and materialism of the home-field, and who sees that the Gospel of Christ wins its triumphs slowly, and that it calls for faith on the part of the one who proclaims it, even more than it does on the part of the one who receives it. God help such an one to say: "Success, or no success. Revival, or no revival. Ingathering, or no ingathering—I go on with Him." For, after all, the true faith of these men is not founded upon subjective experience, but upon objective principle; that God is love; that God is righteousness, and eternal justice; and that in the end God wins; and they that are with Him win also.

How did God respond to the faith of the three Hebrew children? Well, He did not deliver them from the furnace. Into the furnace they went. God' response to their magnificent faith was larger than they ever dreamed of. God did not deliver them **from** the peril; He delivered them **in** it—which was infinitely greater. He made the peril contribute to the strengthening of their whole being. They did not escape **from** the fire; but they experienced a fellowship **in** the fire which they had never known. God did not check the king's hand, but He changed the king's heart.

This is not really an isolated incident. Abraham hears the voice of God bidding him to sacrifice his son. And Isaac says to his father: "Here is the wood for the burnt offering; but where is the lamb?" And Abraham says: "The Lord will provide a lamb—**but if not**—you go to the brow of the hill, and we will raise the altar." There is another man, and he is sitting amid the ruins of a once prosperous life; his family has gone; his health has gone; his friends are taunting him. Listen to Job: "He knoweth the way I take, and when He hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold—**but if not**—though He slay me, yet will I trust Him." There is another man, a man whose heroic courage and marvelous self-effacement gives to him the place which Jesus assigned him, as the greatest of all men born of women—John the Baptist. He was persuaded of Christ's identity and His mission. He proclaimed Him as the Lamb of God. And yet John was frankly puzzled by the slowness of Christ's progress, and by the seeming impossibility of ever reaching the victorious side of His programme. And perplexed still more by Christ's non-intervention on his behalf as he lay in the prison house, he sends to Christ a message, saying: "Art thou he that should come:—**but if not**, do we still go on looking for another." And think of Paul, a man who more than any other proclaimed the Evangel of Christ. Listen to his words: "In all these things we are more than conquerors, through Him that loved us." Thanks be unto God who always leadeth us forth in triumph in Christ." I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." "The Gospel is the

WEDDING

Connors-Kimball

A wedding was solemnized at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Hollis Kimball, Bristol, N. B., on Oct. 9th, 1951, when their eldest daughter, Dorothy May, was united in marriage to Percy Harold, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Connors, of Blackville, N. B. The bride's father officiated at the ceremony.

H. M. KIMBALL

OBITUARY

Mrs. Lucy (Peabody) Smith, age 81 years, passed peacefully away to her heavenly home on December 5th, 1951. She had been a faithful child of God for many years and a blessing wherever she had been. Being a charter member of the R. Baptist Church of Jonesport, she is greatly missed by the church as well as those of the immediate family.

She leaves to mourn three daughters, Mrs. Ernest Palmer, Mrs. Charles Beal and Mrs. Leon Kehoe, all of Jonesport; two sisters, Mrs. Augusta Urquhart of Jonesport, and Mrs. Sophia Ahrens, of Brevard, North Carolina; also four grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren, one niece and three nephews.

The funeral service was held in the Church with her pastor, Rev. B. G. Bridgeo, conducting the service. Interment was made in the Jonesport cemetery family lot.

May God richly bless and draw unto Himself the sorrowing family and friends.

BETHANY TREASURER'S REPORT

Moncton	\$275.00
Port Maitland	110.00
Jonesport	36.00
Black's Harbour	175.00
Maple Ridge	25.00
Fort Fairfield	713.12
Seal Cove	400.00
Sandford	200.00
Wood Island	55.50
Doaktown	15.00
Head of Millstream.....	3.00
Killams Mills	10.00
Salem	17.00
Beals	128.00
Brazil	27.00
Westchester	25.00
Fredericton	200.00
Presque Isle	75.00
Millville	30.00

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power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth." And he finds himself in a prison with little opportunity to preach it. **But if not**—what then? Why, Paul's prison utterances are more magnificent in their faith than the words which he uttered ere the manacles were put upon him. "I know in whom I have believed." "I have fought a good fight; I have finished my course; I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness." But we must not close with Paul. Listen to Jesus: "Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me—**but if not**—Thy will be done." Jesus Himself is the Exemplar to us of disappointed faith's alternative.

The world and the devil are hopeless against the man who says: "But if not."—The Evangelical Christian.