



A Tree Talk by Charlie Platt in 1991

In a Tree Talk last summer, Al Southall talked about being willing to take risks — to accept new challenges. He pointed out that for many of you simply coming to Pasquaney was a new challenge. I agree and congratulate all of you who have taken that risk, which, of course means all of you, at one time or another. Be sure that when you do accept a challenge you continue it until it be thoroughly finished. There is nothing worse than jumping around from new task to new task without ever finishing any of them. The satisfaction gained from the beginning ends up as an empty feeling of incompleteness when you have not thoroughly finished. Quite simply “fun,” in the deepest sense of the word, is the tremendous pleasure derived from taking on a task — making a beginning — then continuing the same until it is thoroughly finished. Drake reminds us that such behavior yields true glory.