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Let Every Society Notice This.

"The week commencing on Monday preceding Easter Sunday shall be observed by members of the Society as a Self-Denial week in which a special contribution be made to any of the funds of the League as the donor may desire."

Our special "self denial work" therefore begins on April 9th. Don't forget the date. Why that is the anniversary of the close of the civil war! Thirty-five years ago many of the brave men of the north freely gave their lives that every black man that comes under the stars and stripes might be free. Their cause triumphed. But those days also commemorate the fearful close of a mightier conflict. Nineteen hundred years ago the Son of Man laid down His life that all who will come under the banner of the cross may be forever free. His cause gloriously triumphed then and to-day, thank God, its march is from "victory to victory."

During "Self-denial week" make special prayer for our work, try and bring into the society as many new members as possible, help the needy poor in your church or congregation, and be sure and make a large contribution toward the Ministerial Students' Educational Loan Fund and Missions. At the close of "Self Denial Week," let each society report to these columns what it did for the Master. And may it be that that week shall be the means of deepening and widening the spiritual interest in all of our societies that we may be willing, if need be, to make all weeks, weeks of self denial for "Jesus' sake."

Fulton, N. B.

Self Denial Week.

At the last annual League Meeting it was resolved "That the week commencing on the Monday preceding Easter Sunday be observed as a week of self denial, at which a special contribution be made to any of the funds of the League."

It is desired that each society and as many individuals as may be in sympathy with our work should in compliance with the above resolution set aside the week commencing Monday Apr. 9th, as a time of special prayer for our League and its work and that during that week such contributions should be made to our funds as may express our thanksgiving to God for all his past and present blessing.

These contributions may be largely increased if for that week we would all seek to lose sight of self and self's demands and should strive to fix our attention upon Jesus only.

Life may be lived about either of two centres—self or Christ.—The natural life is self-centred—the spiritual life is lived not after the will of the flesh or of the world but after the will of God. The Christian's daily prayer may well be "Less of self and more of Thee."

It may be a practical question for us to ask ourselves. Do we regulate our financial affairs seeking to please Christ or self? Perhaps as we answer that question we may find some opportunity for improvement. Let us make the improvement real. Last week Mr. Sheldon, author of "In His Steps," experimented in newspaper work. He undertook to conduct the "Daily Topeka Capital," as Jesus would. Those of us who have seen the paper must have noticed the vast improvement over the old way. It may be possible that many who read these lines would like to try the experiment at least for a week of spending each cent as Jesus would if he were here in our places; well for us it is, and happy are we, if we are striving to do this all the week, but if not, and

let us be candid with ourselves and before God, will we not try it just for a week. Let us make it our prayer each morning "Oh God bless our League and its work, bless our officers, the local societies and all our members, and help me this day to lose sight of self and keep my eyes on thee and may I use my means this day, this week and always as Jesus would have me do."

The funds to which contributions are invited are the Missionary fund and the Educational fund, through these funds we can reach out and help our brothers and sisters in the far away land as well as help our home churches in providing for them an educated ministry. The educational fund is expended in helping and encouraging in a practical way young men who are endeavoring to prepare themselves for the Master's service.

We are hoping for good results from this week of prayer and self-denial. Let no society allow it to pass unobserved and individuals who are situated as not to be connected with any local society, are invited to unite with us in this observance. Contributions may be sent to Mr. T. A. Lindsay, Wood stock.

I find in referring to the topic card that the topic for that week is the quarterly missionary topic. This may be helpful in arranging for the week's work. Let each society arrange for a rousing good missionary meeting and at the meeting distribute to all envelopes marked "Self Denial for League purposes." These may be collected on the next night of meeting.

May God whose we are and whom we ought to serve, help us to measure our faith, prayer, and works by scriptural rules.

F. CLARK HARTLEY.

P. S. Let this letter be read in the societies.

From Our Missionaries.

A PART OF SOME LETTERS WRITTEN BY MR. AND MRS. LOUGHER THE LAST MISSIONARIES SENT OUT BY THE FREE BAPTIST OF THE U. S.

Oh, if you could see the great need of the people here knowing Christ. These who do not know in are in such dreadful condition, and these who do are as yet scarcely comprehending his ability to help them. The church here has been for some time quite cold, but each missionary has had so much to do that the church has been somewhat neglected. Now you will think this strange and that that ought to be the first care, but let me tell you. Education is a very important thing. All missionaries acknowledge this, for in the school room many Hindus are reached. Almost without exception, a Hindoo educated in a mission school loses his strict ideas of caste, and often looks down on his gods. Many times he becomes a Christian, but if he does not, his influence will be felt in different ways against his own religion. Till the caste system is broken (as it is rapidly being, especially by the younger people coming on) India will never become a Christian nation. Educating the people is one of the quickest ways of doing this. Educated people are, in some cases, easier to convince than the ignorant, who are intensely superstitious.

Now, Mr. Hamlin has charge of the high school, with 150 scholars. School from 10.30 to 4 every day. Every boy who goes there has to have a Bible lesson every day. Then they have the orphanage of 55 boys to look after and take care of. This takes much of her time and some of his time out of school hours. You can readily see they have very little time to spend in the village among the people. Miss Scott spends half of every day in the Zenanas doing work and looking after native women who teach in the Zenanas. Then she has the widows of the Home to look after. What time has she? Miss Gaunce has the girls' orphanage and the girls' school, which is on that compound. Also the Bible women to look after, of whom there are ten. She has, too, an outside station, which she visits at least quarterly. Don't you think she is busy?

I forgot to say the Hamlins also have an outside station to look after, and now the building on the other compound of a cook house for themselves and a house for the boys to live in when they move.

Miss Phillips teaches the kindergarten, with 45 pupils, a half day each day in the afternoon. She spends an hour, usually more, in teaching some of the young women how to teach, hoping to establish kindergartens in other stations. She has four other day schools under her charge. She visits one of these each week. Sunday she has three outside Sunday-schools at different hours that she teaches. Besides she has all the little ones in the Sunday-school here—about 50 of them. She is a great temperance worker, and this year is editor of

The White Ribbon for India. She seems to have plenty to do, don't you think?

Now, I have only given you a general outline of the work of each one, and each has 101 little things I haven't mentioned at all. Do you wonder if they haven't done as much church work as was needed? Now, you will see, perhaps, why another missionary was so much needed here. It will be our work as soon as we are able to take it up—the general mission work of the station. Then we hope to go out through the cool season to work in the villages. And we hope in time we may even be able to get into that great tract of land where none of our missionaries have yet been. God help us. Another man and his wife could be used right here in Balasore, if we only had them.

Sometimes my heart gets so full it bubbles over, and then you hear what I think. I must add that we have all been making an extra effort, and in the last two weeks every family in the Christian villages has been visited with good results. The people seem to be waking up somewhat.

MRS. E. H. LOUGHER.

FROM MR. LOUGHER.

Every point of the work here in Balasore seems to be growing. In the high school the number of students is larger than ever before, and a real spiritual work is going on among them and much inquiry is being made by the Hindu scholars. One boy, who not long ago put his fingers in his ears so as not to hear what was said about Christ and christianity, has just bought himself a New Testament and seems eager to learn. Among the native Christians there are many real signs of growth. Village prayer meetings among the women are growing, and Mrs. Hamlin is doing a good work among them. The Sunday-school has reached a high point, and yesterday, including the Hindu schools in the place taught by our young men, something over three hundred were in Sunday school. Last night 45 were present at the English service.

"There is much courage in our hearts for the work and the workers and it's real refreshing to hear from the home land of men and women getting ready for the grand work for India. What a mission God has given us! My countrymen, let us be true to its accomplishment, until all the world shall know that Christ like manhood stands for all that is grand, and good, and true.

E. H. LOUGHER.

Patriotic Meetings.

Now, when our patriotism is at white heat, and all things pertaining to our country or our flag are in vogue, it might be well to try some of the Patriotic Meetings described in the "Endeavor Herald" of last July.

A "Union Jack" meeting, with an account of the History of the flag, the different kinds of flags, the stirring scenes in which it has figured, recitations bearing on the flag, a flag salute, possibly a flag drill, a talk by some old soldier.

A Bird's eye Meeting to get some comprehensive notion of the size, resources, population, and other elements of greatness of our country together with some feeling of responsibility for its welfare. Use a variety of illustrations.

A Biographical Meeting, to study some of the Nation's heroes, with anecdotes, pictures, poems, quotations and the like.

A Great Moments Meeting, in which each Endeavor will describe some great moment in Canadian history drawing some lesson from it.

An evening spent with the patriots of the Bible, one being assigned to each member, with instructions to discover from his hero some lesson for modern patriots.

Patriotic sharpshooting, for which each Endeavor will furnish three things: One fact about Canada, with possibly a comment on it; one pertinent quotation from some great Canadian; one expression of a wish for Canada. Set apart three different times in the evening for these three classes of contributions.

At an Appreciation Meeting, each Endeavor tells why he is proud of his country, illustrating what he says, by some fact, incident or poem.

Marysville Society.

An encouraging report comes to us from Marysville. We are most glad to hear of the healthy state of our pioneer society.

The report says:—"I will not attempt to write you a report, will just give a very short account of our six months work.

"In November we changed our night of meeting to Sunday night after the prayer and social meeting, which we have found to be a good

move, as our attendance has increased greatly. We also turned a choir of the young boys and girls, ranging in age from 12 to 15 years. This choir takes charge of the musical part of our meetings, and does it very well indeed. We appreciate their efforts so much.

In January our League President, M. L. Gregg, and Cor. Sec'y, Rev. F. C. Hartley, came up and gave us very profitable and inspiring addresses. That evening we received \$22.00 in voluntary promises towards our League Funds (the Missionary and Student Loan Funds.) "At our last Roll Call" we received four new Active members. Next Sunday evening we expect to receive several Associates. We are working, praying and hoping for the conversion of a large number of our S. S. scholars. We are always glad to read the reports from the different societies and pray that they may truly be a most successful year."

A later note says:—"Since reading the report of our Society we held a very interesting and profitable meeting. Seven young sisters came in as Associate Members. We are praying for more.

"We had our pastor read Mr. Hamlin's letter in 'The Morning Star,' on the famine in India, at the close of our service this afternoon. Next Sunday we are to make special offerings, in all our services, toward that relief fund. We hope others may follow."

J. J. ROBINSON,

Cor. Sect.

Note "Business" and "F. S. C." will find the answer to their questions in Our Box in the next issue.

Mother's Prize.

The late Dr. John Hall once told of a poor woman who had struggled to send her son to college. When graduation day came, he wrote to his mother to come and witness the exercises, but she declined because of her shabby clothes, thinking he would be ashamed of her. Finally, in response to his entreaties, she came. On the day of his graduation, he accompanied his shabby-dressed mother down the aisle and placed her in one of the best seats in the house. He was valetudinarian of his class, and had won a prize. As soon as it was given to him, he went down to his poor mother, and before the whole audience kissed her and said: "Mother, here is the prize. It is yours. I would not have it if it had not been for you."

That young man possessed the element of true greatness, for he owed much to the love and sacrifice of his mother. Thousands of young men and women are away from home at our schools and colleges. They are the constant objects of a mother's prayers and thoughtful remembrance. Their parents are toiling and sacrificing them an education that shall equip them for life's work. Every day, from their entrance to the hour of graduation, students should gratefully think of what they owe to their parents who cheerfully sacrificed to make it possible for them to secure a good education.

Christ was God's idea of what man should be.

When we try to please everybody we shall please nobody.

Let us be ourselves and nothing else, only let us be our better selves. Let us not cease to breathe from the four winds of heaven; let us not give up our enthusiasms; let us not grow callous and tarnished with the passing of years. As one has said: "That only is great in which art comes from the depths of a pure and true soul."—Robertson Nicol.

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A Poster.

Charles Bradlaugh, the English free-thinker, once engaged in a discussion with a dissenting minister. He insisted that the minister should answer a question by a simple "Yes" or "No," without any circumlocution, asserting that every question could be replied to in that manner.

The reverend gentleman rose, and said: Mr Bradlaugh, will you allow me to ask you a question on those terms?

Certainly, said Bradlaugh. Then, may I ask, have you given up beating your wife?—Woman's Journal.

No wound can hurt so badly as the one inflicted by a friend.

Even with your most intimate friends it is best to knock before walking into their affairs.

The error we regret are those we can't blame on somebody else.

"Doctors failed to reach my case and advised me to try a higher air."

There is no greater irony than a recommendation of change of climate to those whose circumstances make change of climate impossible. How many a sufferer in such a case has wistfully watched the flight of the south-seeking birds, and cried with the Psalmist, "Oh that I had wings." But suppose you can fit the lungs to the climate instead of fitting the climate to the lungs. That is what has been found possible by those who have used Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It so purifies the blood, removing the clogged and poisonous conditions favorable to disease, that the whole body is strengthened. With new strength comes new power, and disease is resisted and thrown off.

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"I feel that I owe a debt of gratitude to you for preparing such grand remedies for chronic diseases especially, which the doctors failed to reach," writes I. B. Staples, Esq., of Barclay, Osage Co., Kans. "I am a railroad agent, and four years ago my work keeping me in a warm room and stepping out frequently into the cold air gave me bronchitis, which became chronic and deep seated. Doctors failed to reach my case and advised me to try a higher air, but, fortunately for me, a friend also advised me to try Dr. Pierce's medicines. I commenced taking your 'Golden Medical Discovery,' and by the time I had taken the first bottle I was better, and after taking about four bottles my cough was entirely gone. This was a year ago last winter, and again last winter I took about three bottles to prevent a return of the trouble. I have found no necessity for seeking another climate."

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I am a farmer located near Stony Brook, one of the most malarial districts in this State, and was bothered with malaria for years, so I could not work, and was always very constipated as well as years I had malaria so bad in the spring, when engaged in plowing that I could do nothing but shake. I must have taken about a dozen of quinine pills besides dozens of other remedies, but never of any permanent benefit. Last fall, in peach time, I had a most violent attack of chills and then commenced to take Ripans Tablets, on friend's advice, and the first box made me all right and I have been without them since. I take one Tabule each morning and sometimes when I feel more than usually exhausted I take two a day. They have kept my stomach sweet, my bowels regular and have not had the least touch of malaria nor splitting headaches since I commenced using them. I know also that I sleep better and more refreshed than formerly. I don't know how many copies of Ripans Tablets will help, but I do know they will cure any other condition I was and I would not be without them at any time. I honestly consider them the cheapest-priced medicine in the world. They are also the most beneficial and the most convenient. I am twenty-seven years of age and have worked hard all my life and I have never enjoyed such good health as I have since last fall. My neighbors have all remarked my improved condition and said, "Say, John, what are you doing to look so healthy?"

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