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This department of our denominational paper is reserved, as its name suggests, for the Young People's Societies—for reports, questions, suggestions, anything, in fact, that would increase interest and create zeal in society work. To make the column strong and helpful every society must do its part. Have you had a good meeting? Report it! Your plans will be new to many societies. Is there a point in the work that perplexes you? Ask a question about it through the column and the answers of the various workers will help us all. Have you had conversions and new members coming in? Tell us about it! It will encourage and inspire others. Remember, the success of the column depends upon you, Cor. Sec. Let us hear from you. In sending material to this department please address GERTRUDE L. SEELY, Charlotte St., West, St. John, N. B.

Our Question Box.

Ques. (27) In a small Society say of 25 members would it be better to have only the necessary committees—the Look-out, Prayer Meeting, and Social—taking in all the members or to have smaller committees and include the Missionary, Music, Flower, etc.?

Look-out Committee.

PAPER READ BEFORE THE Y. P. P. LEAGUE, SUSSEX, BY ANNETTE FLOYD.

If there is one committee in the Christian Endeavor society that is of more importance than the others, it seems to me that one is the look-out committee.

Let us consider what the term "look-out" means. The duty of the look-out man on the vessel is to watch. He is ever to be on the alert for dangers, and surely the world must be full of dangers to the Christian, else we would not be so constantly reminded to watch.

We find it ringing out all through the Bible, watch and pray. The look out man is under heavy penalty if found sleeping. Many a goodly ship that might easily have carried its cargo safely into the harbor, has gone down because the man on the look-out has been unfaithful to his trust, and many a Christian Endeavor society that might have borne precious souls into God's Eternal Haven, has gone down because its look-out committee slept.

What shall be the penalty of that look-out committee? In regard to the qualifications of the look out man, his duty and his responsibility. He is chosen with care. Not always the same man, but he must be reliable and wide awake. He must realize the responsibility of his position. He must not be afraid to give the word of warning, although others may not see the danger. So with the look-out committee, they should be carefully chosen and wide awake.

It is very necessary to have an active convener, so that there shall be no time lost in calling the committee together. Then a chairman should be chosen with care and the work carefully mapped out so that no part shall be neglected.

If the look out man should keep his eyes fixed on one side of the ship, it would surely come to grief on the other. So the look-out committee should meet often to pray over and plan their work and to carefully divide it so that no part shall be neglected. It has been found helpful for the committee to meet at the various homes of the members, say once a month to consider what has been done in the past month and plan work for the coming month. The evening can be made pleasant and profitable.

Let us note for a moment some of the shoals unto which the Christian Endeavor society may run, which may be avoided by a vigilant look-out committee. First the Shoal of Neglect. Neglect of the mem-

bers in attending the prayer meetings. This is a well known danger spot to every Christian Endeavor society. Many a one has foundered here. Especially is it dangerous in the low tides of Summer, in the balmy evenings when the very air and skies seem to be wooing us from God's House, and it is not nearly so pleasant to turn our faces to the prayer room as it was when its bright lights shone out on the frosty air. It is at a time like this that the look out committee needs to be at work in the highways and byways, and by the help of the Spirit, compelling them to come in.

Then there is the neglect of strangers. Not willingly, oh no, no Christian Endeavor society would willingly neglect the stranger, but we have so much to say to each other, and they get out so quickly after the prayer meeting. Man on the look out be careful of that shoal, "take heed that ye offend not one of these little ones."

Then there is the shoal of sensitiveness or shall I call it selfishness. People getting their feelings hurt and standing in God's way. Oh this dangerous spot that has shipwrecked so many lives and societies. Look out committee, be you an example to the society of doing the work which God has bidden you although some one may have hurt your feelings.

"There is only one thing should concern us, To find just the task that is ours, And then having found it, to do it With all our God-given powers."

God grant that our Look-out committees may say,—

"I'll go where you want me to go Lord Though tedious the journey may be, I'll say what you want me to say, dear Lord, I'll be what you want me to be."

Consecration Meeting Echoes.

SUSSEX, AUG., 1900.

Each member has a work to do, a duty to perform and as God does not answer prayer that we can answer ourselves, let us go forth determined to make this the grandest year of our organization.—PRESIDENT.

What is our purpose for the coming year? We can do great work for the advancement of God's kingdom if we only live close to God. Good resolves made and kept form defences for the soul.—REV. A. D. PAUL.

It is impossible to keep the blessings received during these meetings unless we transmit to others, 1st, by a readiness for service. 2nd, a willingness to attempt hard things for the glory of God.—REV. F. C. HARTLEY.

In looking back over the past year, we see our failures. Let us renew our pledge, do our duty, leave the result with God.—T. A. LINDSAY.

How little I have done, during the past year. How few the opportunities I have accepted. I trust these mistakes will be the means of helping to do better work for the future.—REV. L. A. FENWICK.

Those who live nearest the Lord are the ones the Lord inspires to carry forward his work.—REV. A. J. PROSSER.

In military life success depends on obedience. The same in God's army success depends on obedience to the commands of God.—LIC. FERGUSON.

I want to be a real Christian Endeavorer.—LIC. A. H. RIDEOUT.

I want to be some use in God's vineyard and win souls for Him.—MISS J. ROBINSON.

I want to add one name to the roll up yonder.—MR. GEO. BOLSTER.

I feel anxious to carry the blessings I have received to my own Society.—MRS. F. C. HARTLEY.

My trust is in my Maker and Redeemer. God is true to every promise and if we fulfil the conditions and rely on Him, He will fulfil all promises.—REV. T. J. CASE.

I do not have the privilege of attending a Young People's meeting regularly and so appreciate it more than those who are regular attendants can. I have received much help and strength these days at Sussex.—MISS G. A. KEIRSTEAD.

These have been days of sunshine and I trust this Society has received a blessing and that some young man or woman through the effects of these meetings, may be led to consecrate their life to God's service. God leads his people to victory.—MR. L. M. GREGG.

It was in a League meeting I made my first public testimony for Christ, but none of the sessions have been to me just what this one has been, for a very dear friend has consecrated her life for work in the Foreign field and I have a stronger determination to work for Christ and the Church than ever before.—MISS SEELY.

I am not as young as some here tonight but I never expect to get so old I cannot enjoy a Young People's Meeting. I have always been with the young people and they with me. I can thank God for the help the young people of my

church are to me. In some ways these meetings have been tender ones to me as it is here that my daughter has made public her desire to go out and work for her Master. If you accept her as your missionary will you not support her by your sympathy and prayers? May she not feel that the Young People's League of New Brunswick daily remember her at the throne of grace?—REV. DR. HARTLEY.

I like the thought that good resolves made and kept, strengthen the soul. May our souls be strengthened by the good resolves made during this session and may we go home to keep them.—MRS. JOHNSTON.

I want my life to serve Him. "I know not where his islands lift Their fringed palms in air, I only know I cannot drift Beyond his love and care."

MISS A. G. HARTLEY. I have a stronger determination to serve God than ever.—MISS SNOW.

God has answered our prayers and given us his blessing, and may it inspire each of us to do better service.—MR. HALLETT.

These meetings have been a rich blessing and I go back to my society to work for souls.—MISS LEWIS. Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength I promise Him to do whatever He would like to have me do.—MISS ALEXANDER.

This place has been blessed tonight.—REV. B. H. NOBLES. The blessing of last year's League has been with me through the year and trusting in Christ for strength I am looking for a year of service.—MISS GOSLINE.

Thank God for Christian Endeavor and if we go forth in the strength of what we have heard here tonight we will do valiant work for our Master and King.—MRS. J. E. GOSLINE.

I wish to go with him all the way.—MR. KNOWLIN. I go home with this prayer in my heart, "Nearer my God to thee."—MISS ALLIE ROBINSON.

I wish my motto to be "Saved to serve."—MISS JOHNSTON. "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most high shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty."—CLYDE WATSON.

Thank God that he has put it into the hearts of so many young people to serve Him.—MR. SLIPP. I want to live nearer the Lord.—MISS COGSWELL.

I want to realize that whatever God sends into my life is for my strength and his glory.—MISS S. E. SMITH. I am glad we have such a loving kind father.—MRS. S. J. CASE.

A life without an object is like a bird without a song, a flower without an odour.—PRESIDENT.

Cornhill, K. Co. Society.

Owing to certain circumstances the Cornhill K. Co. did not elect their officers at the regular time, and so were not in a position to report at the League Convention at Sussex. On Sunday, 19th Aug., after the regular prayer service of the society, a business meeting was held and the officers elected Miss Sarah B. Dunfield, President; Miss Ethel M. Rouse, Vice President; Mrs. J. E. Kirth, Cor. and Rec. Sec. and Treasurer; Miss Ethel Burlock, Organist. Our society has had some very helpful meetings in the past, and is now going straight again. We ask that our society be remembered in prayer by the other societies in New Brunswick, that our Father may continue to lead us in our endeavour to go forward in the work before us. We feel that God has been with us in the past, His presence has been in our meetings and some have been saved. We trust Him for His blessing in the future.

MRS. J. E. KEITH, Secretary.

Shoes for the Dead.

BY ALETHEA T. COBS.

The Chinese say that immediately after death the spirit crosses a wide river filled with blood and snakes; the bridge is narrow; if the soul has been wicked, it falls into the river and is lost, but if good it passes over the bridge, treads a piece of muddy ground and then comes to the gate of hell, where all souls are judged, and the dread king of hell renders to every one according to the deeds done in the body.

Some souls are sent back to this world in the form of dogs, mosquitoes, etc., some good women are rewarded by being permitted to return as men, but the highest imaginable blessedness is perfect annihilation—absorption into the great Buddha.

The Chinese are anxious to appear well dressed before this grim Judge, and to that end the bodies are lain away in the finest garments of silk and satin, richly embroidered; these, the soul is supposed to wear after it leaves the body.

The daintiest embroidered satin shoes encase the dead feet, and, that they may not appear muddy before

the king of hell, a pair of overshoes of dark blue cloth, likewise embroidered, are slipped over the first shoes; before the gate is reached these are thrown aside, and the soul, clean shod, passes to meet the Judge.

Some years ago, a Chinese woman lay so near death, that her friends made ready her burial garments and shoes, and were waiting momentarily for the breath to leave her body; when, suddenly she began to revive, and slowly, slowly to climb back to life.

Months afterwards, when walking, one day, past a foreign chapel, she was attracted by the words "Jesus my Saviour." "A Saviour," she said to herself, "why, I want a Saviour." So, quickly obeying the cry of her hungry soul, she turned into the chapel, where she heard the sweet old story of Jesus and his love, and "anon with joy received it" into a believing heart.

Her subsequent life proved the genuineness of her conversion. Once when relating her experience to Miss Safford, she expressed a fear that her heathen children might ybury her in those shoes so suggestive of gloomy superstition, but Miss Safford at once set her mind at rest on that score by purchasing them from her as a curio to be shown to friends in America.

Again old Wong Nang's feet pressed the brink of the dark river, but all was light and peace. Like Hopeful, she "felt the bottom, and it was good." Her last audible words were—"Oh, to think! I am not going down to the dreadful gate of hell to be judged, but up, up to be with my Saviour."

So she passed over, her feet shod with peace; and her spirit clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness.—CHRIS. OBSERVER.

A Scoffer Won.

A noted scoffer was a constant attendant at church; the minister was always training his batteries upon the wily infidel. One Sunday he had an unusual message for the man. He came to the church in high hopes, and preached his sermon. That will fix him, I am sure, was his thought. Sure enough, a few weeks after that the infidel presented himself for membership in the church. In the conversation with the pastor and deacons, naturally the question of his conversion was an important one. I thought that I would bring you sooner or later—and my sermon did it as last, didn't it? was the self-complacent remark of the pastor. No, said the man, your sermon had nothing to do with it; there wasn't any argument that I couldn't overthrow. But you will remember the day, possibly; it was very sleety; as I went out at the door there stood an old colored aunty, the hunchback member of your church; everybody knows her and esteems her highly. Well, she stood at the top of the stone steps, and looked hesitatingly to the sidewalk. I at once said to her, Let me help you, aunty, and took her by the arm and helped her to the sidewalk; as I turned away, she looked up into my face, and said, O, sir, I wish you were as kind to my Master as you are to me. That brought me, sir; your sermon had no effect,—but I couldn't get rid of that simple soul's desire for me.—BAPTIST UNION.

Do SOMETHING.—Each member of a Christian church should be a worker for Christ. Our Lord has never granted a dispensation to a single one of us; would any of us desire that He should? His vows are upon us all without exception. Are we each obedient to His word, Occupy till I come? Are we putting out our talents to interest? If we are not doing so, we can never enter into rest. Rest implies previous labor. We are bidden by the Holy Spirit to labor to enter into the rest of God; it is the way thereto. Idlers are unrestful, fidgety, worried and worrying, fretful and fanciful, troubled and troublesome. They are happiest who are most completely consecrated to the service of God, and most fully absorbed in obedience to His will.—C. H. SPURGEON.

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The Personal Touch.

In a great meeting a young man was leaning forward on the back of a seat, with his face covered by his hands. There were many like him, and the workers were all too few. "Go speak to that young man," was the loving command of the leader to another young man who happened to be in the forefront of young people's work in that church.

Fear took possession of him, he trembled as a leaf, and said, "O, I cannot go; I never did such a thing before; I am not able to do it." The leader was firm in his loving demand. "You must go," he said. Going down the aisle, he dropped into the seat of the young man, put his arm over his shoulder, and in a half sobbing tone said: I have been sent to talk to you, but I do not know what to say. But Jesus loves you, and I know He is ready to save you. They both dropped on their knees, and it was only a moment or two before a soul was born into the kingdom. The personal touch of the loving heart was the means, and God, of directing and winning a soul.—REV. W. H. GEISTWEIT.

Farmer Thrifty got the idea that if he could keep a horse without the cost of feeding, it would be a great economy, so he reduced the horse's food a little every day. Unfortunately the experiment promised to succeed, the horse laid down and died. Farmer Hard-sense says Farmer Thrifty was a fool. But there are people as much worse



than old Thrifty as it is more foolish to work your own body under starvation conditions, than your horse's. But every farmer has plenty to eat. Yes, but it isn't what is eaten, it is what nourishment is obtained from food that decides the question of starvation. It wouldn't do the farmer any good to run a stack of wheat through a thrashing machine which was so out of gear that it didn't get the grain out of one head of wheat in fifty. That's just the way with the disordered stomach. It doesn't get the good out of the food that is eaten.

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