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The League.

Notice is hereby given to all concerned that the date of the holding of the Annual League meeting has been by the Executive changed. The League will convene at Sussex N. B., on August 7th, 1900. The League meeting is held a week earlier this year to accommodate the number of school teachers who would be unable to attend on the regular date.

F. CLARK HARTLEY, Sect.

F'ron, June 11th, 1900.

Our Question Box.

Note.—This feature of our Young People's Department will appear as often as the questions submitted may require. Readers are invited to make free use of the "Box." Address all questions to Press Com. Care of A. G. Hartley, St. John West, N. B.

Ans. 14. "Do you think it necessary for a Christian to pay one tenth of her income into the Lord's treasury. Was not Tithes paying only a Mosaic law, and hence abolished by Christ?"

Ans. 14. I think every Christian owes Christ "one-tenth of her income." Tithes was no more "only a Mosaic law, and hence abolished by Christ" than was the Sabbath Abraham paid Tithes hundreds of years before Moses was born. So did Jacob. So it is fair to suppose as did all the Patriarchs. In giving the law to Moses the first mention of the Tithes is the simple statement: "The Tithes is the Lord's." Not shall be, but is, and it was twenty years after this before God directed that the Levites should be supported by it.

Christ both indirectly and inferentially commended the law of Tithing. He said of the Pharisees who boasted how careful they were to tithes everything. "These ought ye to have done." Can you find in his teachings any stronger language than this regarding the Sabbath? Can you find any so strong?

Ans. 15. "Should the rules of the Constitution be strictly observed?"

Ans. 15. Yes. They should be interpreted according to Christian common sense, and adhered to conscientiously and faithfully.

Ans. 16. "How often should the Lookout Com. visit delinquent members?"

Ans. 16. After every Absence from a Consecration Meeting. Sometimes a kindly note will accomplish as much or more than a visit.

The next time you drop a question in the Box, Aquila, kindly enclose your name. It will not be published.

The Last Five Minutes of the Meeting.

Well begun is half done, but the task is not finished. It is the clinched nail that holds longest and surest. What some of our meetings need is the right finish. The runner who starts out to set the pace may find that he cannot keep it up to the end. Then the man behind him forges ahead. Speed must be coupled with endurance.

Many a leader needs to pray, "What shall my end be?" One of our Michigan pastors exchanged pulpits with a friend who was evidently embarrassed by his surroundings and the strange congregation. The sermon was somewhat prolonged. Finally the regular pastor's little child leaned over wearily to her mother, and whispered, "He can't stop, can he, mamma?" To be sure you are right and go ahead is important, but to be sure you are ready and can stop is equally important. What some meetings

need is a power to stop them at the right time and in the right way. What makes the last five minutes so hard? It may be that the precious moments of opportunity have been lost at the beginning. The time element is important. A leader should never wait for people to come. A meeting should open at the hour announced, even if there is no one there but the leader. He can at least read the Scripture. It may be well to have a neat motto on the wall, as did one society, on which is inscribed, "On Time." After seven minutes from the opening the motto was reversed, and on the other side every one read, "Late."

Some meetings have altogether too much machinery to get them started. A successful Christian Endeavor meeting does not need a whole church service beforehand to introduce it. There may be such a thing as too much singing. Our football teams are urged to get into the game quickly. The loss of the fraction of a minute means the failure of the play. One man loses his position on the team because of an inability to "start with the ball." Some of our leaders need "coaching" by the prayer-meeting committee or by older members so that they shall understand the value of a prompt, simple, and informal opening.

Other meetings start right; the songs are appropriate, the leader's remarks are suggestive and not ex haustive, the testimonies prompt and incisive. Everybody "takes hold well," we say. Then there comes a lull. We sit tense with feeling. Every one is under the influence of the Spirit. Upon what is done now much depends. Said Napoleon: "There is a crisis in every battle, a ten or fifteen minutes on which the fate of the battle depends. To gain this is victory; to lose it is defeat." There is such a crisis in the meeting.

Humanly speaking, we look to two sources to direct the meeting at this point. The leader may say, do, or suggest just the right thing. What some one says, or a verse that is given, may lead to the deepest consecration of many lives in these closing moments, if the leader is alert and responsive to the guidance of the Master. Yet a leader may be fully consecrated and unable to make the last five minutes effective. He may be like the travelling man who had the spirit of prayer, but had no idea how to close his position. So he said reverently, "Yours truly, Samuel Porter."

Here a leader needs help from those who are older or more experienced. This help will not come if the workers sit still in an agony of longing that something may happen or in the spirit of disgust at the evident ignorance or anxiety of the leader. Some member must lovingly and quietly do the thing needed, pray, speak, or invite, whatever it may be. We must be as ready and willing to grasp opportunity as was Paul when he showed the way of salvation to the awakened jailer at Philippi. A man who can use the confusion incident to an earthquake to lead a soul to Christ is fit to urge us, "as we have opportunity," to "do good unto all men." We shall find many "of the house-hold of faith" who need and will value our suggestion and help.

We must silence criticism and do our duty. Roosevelt is said to have shouted to his Rough Riders when they were attacked by a foe they could not see, "Don't swear! Shoot!" If you see, therefore, that something ought to be done, do it! Don't criticize. Don't smile knowingly and superciliously to that non-Christian at your side. It brings confusion to your friend the leader, and sorrow to your Master, for whom you have promised to try to do "whatever" you can in the last five minutes of this particular meeting.

The strongest point which it was originally intended this brief article should introduce has already been splendidly presented by President Clark in his suggestion of another forward movement; namely, the pastor's five minutes. This should be studied by every Endeavorer and practised by every pastor.—C. E. World.

Working With God.

It is a grand thing to work for God; it is still grander to work with God. To be in the employ of the President of the United States would be an honor; to be permitted to work with him would be a still greater honor. But O, what honor is conferred upon the child of God in being permitted not only to work for Him, but to be a very co-worker with Him! To be asked of God to perform the lowest service, or to be trusted by God with even the smallest responsibility, is honor greater than the world can ever bestow. Do we as Christians so consider it? Do we in every God-given task seek to magnify our office? Think how

great must be a work that God is interested in; and He is interested in all work. He is a fellow worker; and when God and I work together, there can be no failure, if I follow His guidance.

What power God puts into my hands when He permits me to be His helper! As an apprentice has power to spoil the work of the master sculptor or painter or builder and so bring the master into ill repute, so by working contrary to His commands I can bring God into ill repute. O, how God has been wronged by bad workmen! Yet in reality man has only injured himself, for the work was no for God, as if God would use it for Himself, but for us. We have spoiled that which God was making for us.

But O the greatness of my labor looked at from another standpoint! It will stand in the ages to come as a monument of my faithfulness or unfaithfulness, to be a blessing or a curse. God has declared that His word shall not return unto Him void; so then every time I speak His words or in His name, if my desire be to glorify God, it is not only not vain, but will be blessed of God to the good of His cause. Why, that which God asks me to perform, if done according to His will, may change the affairs of a nation. How do I know how great in its results may be any God-given task? And the smallest task God gives me is greater than anything the world can give; and the smallest and meanest God-given task will result in—or has in it—more good for humanity than the greatest thing the world has ever done, or any work the world could give me to do. Every God-given service has in it a great blessing, to myself as well as to others. Every hour of service for God, and with God, is preparing me for that higher service above. Every hour of service performed for the Master is adding to my account in "eternity's bank."

But O to think that I may be the means of turning a soul to God, and thus opening the gates of heaven to that soul! O the joy and happiness of one soul saved! To help finish the work Christ began; to walk in the very steps of the great and noble who have gone before. To bring to men blessings that all the wealth of the world cannot buy. What honor in being permitted to work for or with God! Dear reader, has God in the past honored you by a call into His service? Did you accept the work and the honor that went with it, or did you reject what in eternity you would give worlds to possess? Are you seeking honor? God offers the greatest, and the only real. Would you have joy such as you have never dreamed of, and satisfaction in your work such as the world cannot give? Then count every God-given task a greater honor than the world can give, and be sure to magnify your office.

It was Christ Himself who said, "My yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Can the same be said of the work of the world? With regard to all worldly work is not the truth found in the opposite,—"My yoke is heavy, and my burden is grievous"? Would you be happy? Christ's service always brings happiness. Remember, when you plead with a soul, or plead with God for a soul, you are not alone; there is One who stands by your side in all your work on earth, and there is One who pleads with you, and for you in heaven. O child of God, look up! O servant of the Most High, rejoice because of the great honor conferred upon you! O my Father, forgive the unworthiness and blindness of Thy servant in the past. Hast Thou no other service for me? Because of my unfaithfulness wilt Thou no longer trust me? I hope in Thy mercy. Since Thou hast opened mine eyes I know that it is for a purpose, and because Thou hast something for me to do. I pray for grace to honor Thee even as Thou dost honor me.

A Friend In Need.

To risk a friendship in order to do a friend a service is to be a friend indeed. Such an act calls for courage of a high order. Henry A. Wise, of Virginia, says his biographer, used to tell this story of his friend, Colonel John McCarthy: It was at the entrance of a far-bank. The colonel was about to go in, and urged me to accompany him. I declined shortly. You have no right, said I, to set such an example. He said he should go alone, and went in. I followed him to the head of the stairs and stopped him. Looking him in the face, I said: You are rich in everything. You have a mother and sisters. Are they provided for by you? He turned black in the face. The veins in his temples curdled. I expected he would strike me with his cane. It was the only moment of our acquaintance when I had

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reason to suppose that we should no longer be friends. Do you take me for a dog? said he.

Yes, said I far baser than a dog, if you have the heart to give of your abundance to the keepers of faro bank hells instead of giving it to a mother!

He dropped tears, took me by the arm, went in, but a few moments, and then came out, completely subdued. Ever after that he would permit me to chide him like a little child.—Youth's Companion.

Which Way Are You Going?

A little girl went home from church one Sunday full of what she had seen and heard. A day or two afterwards when talking with her father, who was not a godly man; she said, Father, do you ever pray? He did not like the question and in a very angry manner asked her:

Is it your mother or your aunt who has put you up to this? No, father, said the child, the preacher said all good people pray, and those who don't pray can't be saved. Father, do you pray? This was more than the father could stand, and in a rough way he said: Well, you and your mother and your aunt go your way, and I will go mine.

Father, said the little creature with great simplicity, which way are you going? The question pierced his heart, it flashed upon him that he was in the way to death. He started from his chair, burst into tears and began to cry for mercy. Which way are you going?—Echoes from the valley of Blessing.

Shifted Responsibility.

A woman employed at a Yorkshire factory took her five-year-old boy to the hospital and asked the surgeon to look at his hand. By some freak of Nature his finger and thumb had interlocked, causing him great pain at times.

Why didn't you come here earlier my good woman? said the surgeon in a tone of sharp reprimand. The little chap has evidently been suffering from this extraordinary defect since the day of his birth. If you had brought him soon after he was born I might have done something for him, but I very much fear I cannot now.

The woman, aware that she was sadly to blame, but loath to take the full responsibility, immediately turned upon her unfortunate offspring.

Dost ta hear what the gentleman says, Tommy? she cried. Tha ought to 'ave mentioned it five years sin'. Oih've no patience wi' folk 'at suffer an' say nowt.—London Spare Moments.

Take Time.

Take time to breathe a morning prayer, asking God to keep you from evil and use you for his glory during the day.

Take time to read a few verses from God's word each day.

Take time to be pleasant. A bright smile or a pleasant word fall like sunbeams upon the hearts of those around us.

Take time to be polite. A gentle I thank you, if you please, Excuse me, etc., even to an inferior, is no compromise of dignity, and, you know,

True politeness is to do or say The kindest things in the kindest way.

Take time to be patient with children. Patience and kindness will open a way for good influence over almost any child.

Take time to be thoughtful about the aged. Respect gray hairs, even if they crown the head of a beggar. Christian Observer.

Unbecoming forwardness often proceeds from ignorance than impudence.—Greville.

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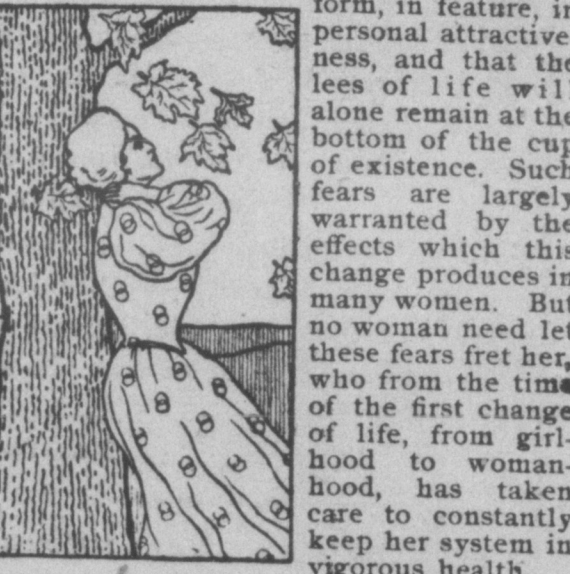
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Jesus was willing to preach a sermon to one woman—the woman of Samaria—perhaps went out of his way to enjoy the opportunity. He has, in this, left us an example that we should follow his steps.

When life's autumn comes, women worn out by the burdens and obligations of motherhood, yet shrink from that second "change of life" which will banish these burdens forever. They fear a change in form, in feature, in personal attractiveness, and that the years of life will alone remain at the bottom of the cup of existence. Such fears are largely unwarranted by the effects which this change produces in many women. But no woman need let these fears fret her, who from the time of the first change of life, from girlhood to womanhood, has taken care to constantly keep her system in vigorous health.



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