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An Appeal.

DEAR FRIENDS OF THE LEAGUE:— It is a pleasure to me to write you a letter, but before we talk much together let us open our Bibles and read Matt 25: 14-30. Though I have read this scripture often before yet, immediately on receiving this letter, I shall read it once again. Will you each one do the same—not after you have finished reading this letter, but just now? Read it slowly and meditatively.

The chairman of the Press Committee asks me to write something reminding our young people that we are pledged to pay an amount of money for the support of our missionary elect. I cheerfully respond, yet there is some regret in the thought that our young people should need reminding. Less than a week ago, at the missionary meeting of the C. E. Society of this church, I held up the work of the Free Baptist young people of N. B. as a worthy example of energy and faithfulness in missionary enterprise, consequently I am loath to believe that they will prove themselves tardy or unfaithful in the noble work they now have in hand. I sincerely deplore the possibility of having to cease commending their zeal and fidelity.

Our past record leads me to believe that we shall prove ourselves worthy of this noble work. In the past years we have wrought well, far better than many anticipated when first our League was organized. In many ways we seem to have found favor with God. We have been powerful in prayer. When, at our annual meeting in Woodstock, we began in united petition to ask God to give us one of our own as our missionary, God approved our petition and gave a direct answer. When God shows so plainly his approval, it is not sacrilege for us to say that we have done well in his work.

Having done well may we now rest? No. One thing well done renders the doer capable of doing some other thing better, and the increased ability brings with it a new responsibility. The man who received the five talents cared well for the trust, and what were the consequences? Did his lord say "Thou hast done well, now rest"? By no means. The man by performing well his duty had increased his ability to fill a larger place, and his lord immediately placed upon him the much greater responsibility of ruling over ten cities. True, he was invited to enter into joy, but it was the joy of higher service and not the joy (falsely so called) of inaction. So we rise to higher responsibility this year than ever before.

In the midst of our new obligations we now find ourselves, and of course there are difficulties in the way. The enthusiasm of the last annual meeting has, in a measure, passed away; each society comes face to face with stern duty. Pledges have been made; they must be carried out; the money must be raised. It will not suffice to say that we are unable to do so much; what we have pledged must be done. Not able! There ought to be no such term in the vocabulary of the christian, and especially the young christian. When God entrusts some of his work to us what right have we to cry "not able"? Do you think the Almighty is so short sighted that he gives to us a work we are not able to do? He may entrust to us something we are not willing to care for, just as he left the one talent with the unfaithful servant. Our "can not" is a misnomer; the true name is "will not".

The only way to accomplish this work is to do it at once, and stick to it until it is done. When Thos. D. Evil makes your society his usual visit, and tells you to postpone the hard duty because it may be easier later, he is engaged in his professional business—he is lying. Heed not his word, but go to work and accomplish this one thing at once. Three months more will

bring the next session of League very near. You will need the remaining time for other duties so clear up this special work without further delay. In the next appearance of the Column we shall look for a word from each society which can report that it has raised the full amount pledged. If some societies cannot possibly report at that time, let them be sure to report in the next issue.

This must be made an individual work, each one doing something. Sometimes there is a tendency to leave all this work to a few in each society. As an individual do you find yourself deficient in this work of the society? Hasten at once to do your share, and more. Are you one of those whose zeal has not wavered? If so, good. Don't waste time in complaining of the other members' laxity, but swallow them up in the whirlpool of your own enthusiasm.

SHIRLEY J. CASE. New Hampton, N. H. April 8, 1901.

Letter From Miss Hartley.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,— Almost three months have passed since I last wrote you through the Column, promising at the same time, to write again, and now although I have nothing to say which I can believe will be especially interesting to you, I will proceed to fulfill my promise.

Since my last writing the winter has passed and spring has come, and here in this quaint old New England town the snow which has lain on the ground since Thanksgiving has disappeared, and the brown fields are turning green, and everything is touched and beautified with the indescribable charm of Spring. It is an inspiration to live now-a-days; just to watch the treetops, and the green leaves begin to appear, seems to bring in a sweeter way, thoughts of the One who, not only said so many hundred years ago, "Let the earth bring forth grass, and herb, and fruit tree," but who, even now clothing the grass of the field, we are assured has "much more" thought of us in our human frailties and weakness, and needs. As I have eagerly gone over the column of the INTELLIGENCER, as it comes to me week after week, I have felt especially glad that it seems as if a time of refreshing has come to our churches in N. B. From so many there comes word of a new interest being taken in the affairs of the Kingdom, and of many who have never known the Saviour as a personal friend giving themselves to Him, and his service, and with each new report I feel encouraged for our home churches, for without strong, warm life in our churches we can hope to accomplish very little in any department of work. I have been especially pleased, too, to hear of the new Societies recently organized and hope that they will very soon get in touch with our League, and set earnestly to work, with some definite end in view, since in these ways success is assured, especially when in all their efforts they are "Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength" and striving to do whatever He would have them do. It is to be hoped that every young person, and indeed it might be said every person who has lately come over to the Lord's side, will make it his or her business to join a Young People's Society at once, and after joining try to enthuse their Society with new life, and do their part, or a little more than that, of the Society work. All this will be encouraging to the workers who have the responsibility of this work on their hands.

There will be Societies, however, who will not receive this encouragement, and it is for them to show a strong and steadfast spirit, and to only redouble their efforts to make "the wheels" run smoothly, and to keep the interest up. Would it not be possible for us all to wake up to a greater realization of our opportunities and responsibilities. The time is fast approaching when we must make out our annual report for League. What have we to report? What have we accomplished since last August? Have we done all we planned to do? If not there is ample room for effort during these next four months. Let the Prayer Meeting Committee say each week, "We will have a better meeting this week than we had last," and the Social, "We will be more sociable this week than we were last," and the Lookout, "We will keep a sharper lookout this week than we did last," and so working together always planning for and expecting better things, things will be better, and where there is no room for improvement? One Missionary Com. chairman has said to me recently, "Our Society is only half interested in missions, and they don't know very much about our own work at all, that is in a definite way. What can I do? Now I believe if there is one thing we as Free Baptist young people need it is a definite knowledge of

the F. B. field, workers and work. Start with Miss Gaunce if you will, and learn as you would a lesson in history or geography if no better way suggests itself to you, of her life, work, and surroundings, but do not stop there, go on till you know all our co-laborers on the other side of the ocean. I believe that one reason our interest in Missions is so low is because we have so little personal interest in the workers over there. And that is a difficulty so easily overcome. As young people we want work, something to vent our energy and enthusiasm on, and where can we find a more interesting or a broader field than that of foreign missions. Believe me the more you know of them, the more you will want to know, and the more interested you will become. Sometimes when we look at the need, and the lack of interest at home, we are apt to be discouraged and give voice to the same old cry,—"What is the use? What can I do? What can a handful like our Society do? Do not look at it that way, rather say with that old-time saint,

"I am only one, but I am one, I cannot do everything, but I can do something, What I can do, I ought to do, and what I ought to do, by the grace of God, I will do."

If we all said that from our heart how much we could accomplish! Self-Denial Week is approaching and then we will have an opportunity of denying ourselves for this cause, and from our (comparative) abundance give to those whose need is greater, and whose right is equal.

The League Executive has met recently, and I hear have expressed a wish that I might visit some of the Societies next summer. In the main this would be a great pleasure to me, as I am anxious to meet our young people. If these visits are to be of an official nature it may detract a little from its pleasure, but if I could be of any help to any of the Societies I would be very glad indeed to do anything in my power for them.

Wishing all our societies every success in their efforts, and with many prayers for our increased usefulness in the service of our Master, I remain, Your sincere friend, GERTRUDE HARTLEY. Marquand Hall, E. Northfield, Mass.

But, Do Not Be Too Saving.

Once in a great while a youth is found with a morbid desire to hoard. Personally we have known but few such, but in them the habit grew until they became notorious for meanness. A story is told of a celebrated bishop who grew so mean that one day when he cut his finger with a pen-knife and no court-plaster could be found, a clergyman standing by brought out his card-case and took from it a five-cent stamp and gave it to the bishop to use to stop the flow of blood. The bishop accepted it gratefully, placed the five-cent stamp in his own card-case, and then took out a one-cent stamp and placed it over the still bleeding wound. This seems almost too much to believe. But a celebrated minister in New England was offered a hat by a hatter who was a friend of his, and who admired him in most respects. He asked him if he had another kind. Yes, he said, though not quite as good as that. He said he would like to see one, and asked what the price of the first one was, and was told five dollars, and of the second, three dollars. Well, said he, if you offered me the first one, as I should take the second, would you give me the difference in money? A young person should not be a spendthrift, neither should he be stingy.—N. Y. Advocate.

Save Your Money.

Most young people are not willing to save money; as it costs them little or nothing they are lavish in spending it. This is a great mistake. All should try to save money and never spend it without a reason, or without getting something worth what they pay for it. They will not always have parents to take care of them. As they grow up they will need money. Young men need it and young women need it. Persons should rarely or never marry unless they have some money saved or receiving so much for their labor that they can take care of themselves if they should for awhile be sick. Those who do not marry, and save nothing, are in a pitiable condition when old age overtakes them or sickness prevents them from working or leaving their homes.

Always Ready.

How many runs this month, Captain? I asked a friendly fireman. We didn't turn a wheel, came the positive reply. Didn't turn a wheel this month! I exclaimed. Well! well!

As I went on my way I mused: The city has had two great fires for one month and paid \$300 or \$400 in wages to five men for the same time, and all for what? Nothing. Didn't turn a wheel. That \$400 might have been given to the city's poor; it might have been invested in some manner so as to bring the taxpayers a return. Why, children could have—

Listen! As I muse, deep clanging bells send out a fearful peal. Fire! Fire! they cry on every hand, and a great business block gives indication of fire within. A few minutes more, and \$10,000 worth of property will be doomed, when from down the street sounds a rattling gong. I turn and see, coming with fearful speed, the horses plunging madly, the department which didn't turn a wheel for thirty days. There was the Captain holding the reins, his hat off, and shirt-sleeves rippling in the wind. They are the first on the scene, and within three minutes a line of hose is laid, and these same men are ascending ladders and diving into windows which belch with smoke and flame. Though we have lost sight of them we know they are fighting the fiend and soon they come out again covered with smoke, ashes and—glory. The fire is conquered, the beautiful building saved, and as the sweating horses and exhausted men go slowly back to their retreat, I muse again: For thirty days the city paid out a total of \$400. On the thirty first day it saved \$10,000. It paid the city to be ready to watch.

Watch ye! the Master says. Yes, if for thirty years the tempter does not come, do not close the eyes. It pays to be on the lookout. It may take time and attention, but it pays.—Robert Zaring.

In a respectable boarding-house in New York City, a number of years ago, were fifteen young men. Six of them uniformly appeared at the breakfast table Sunday morning prepared as to their apparel for public worship. They also actually attended both forenoon and afternoon. All became highly respected and useful citizens. The other nine were usually absent from the breakfast table on Sunday morning. At noon they appeared at the dinner table, dressed in a decent manner. In the afternoon they went out, but not ordinarily to church, nor were they usually seen in the place of worship. One of them is now living in a reputable employment; the other eight became openly vicious. All of them failed in business, and are now dead. Several of them came to an untimely and awfully tragic end.

Spirit and Life.

The Bible is not dependent on the dead letters of the monuments for its credibility, nor does the earthly life of our Lord require the attestation of some rock-hewn gospel. From age to age from generation to generation, the gospel is written in the hearts and lives of men, and Christ walks in his true Church to-day as really as among the golden candlesticks in the apocalyptic vision. It is not a dead gospel, nor an empty manger or sepulchre, which claims our interest. It is a living gospel, which is confirmed in the hearts of men rather than by any testimony of the monuments or ancient manuscripts. We bow before Him in loving adoration who liveth and was dead, and is alive for evermore.—Samuel Ives Curtis.

Life's best things take time. A character is not a creature of a day. An education can be bought only by the expenditure of years. Friendships that last are long in the growing. So it is with all things worth while. There is no treasure gained in a hurry. He who would be rich with life's best riches, must plan to spend long years in the securing of them.

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The Power of Kindness.

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A girl cannot too sedulously guard her mother, nor too gently bear with her, if the mother have reached a period where she is more easily wearied than formerly, and where little things vex her. To some of us there come days when our hearts are heavy because we were not so sweet and loving as we might have been, and God alone can help us when this realization comes too late.—Margaret E. Sangster, in the April Ladies' Home Journal.

When do two and two make more than four? When they make 22.

"Played Out"

Is one of the curious expressions used for worked out. Many a woman drops into a chair, in utter weariness "all played out," and wonders why she feels so weak. She has not yet realized that the general health is so intimately related to the local health of the womanly organism, that weakness must follow womanly diseases.



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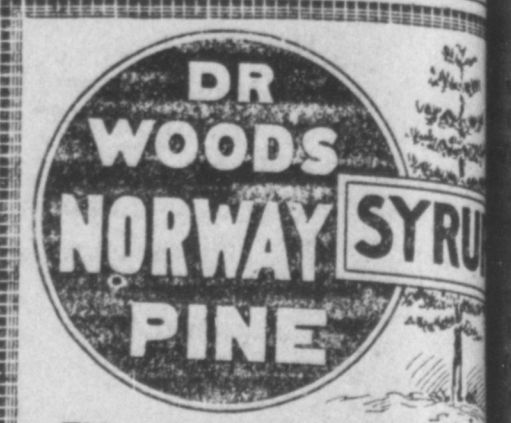
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