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From The Treasurer.

Last summer at our annual league meeting, it will be remembered that many of our Young People's societies—as well as individuals—pledged themselves to raise a specified amount before our next meeting, this money to be used for educational and missionary purposes. Some of these pledges have already been redeemed, and no doubt all soon will be. When we remember that every dollar sent to the treasurer, begins at once to earn more money for the league, we should try to forward the amounts of our pledges at an early date as possible.

Below we give the pledge list. In a few weeks this list will be reprinted, and at the same time credit given to those who have made payment up to that date.

T. A. LINDSAY, Treas.

Woodstock, N. B.

- Carleton, Y. P. S. C. E. \$80 00
Carleton Junior Y. P. S. C. E. 5 00
St. John—East Y. P. S. C. E. 30 00
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Gibson, S. S. 5 00
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Miss Keirstead 5 00
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Miss Allie Robinson 1 00
Miss Lewis 1 00
Geo. Bolster 1 00
Sussex, Y. P. S. C. E. 25 00
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D. P. Goseline 10 00
Mr. Shipp 6 00
Miss Warden 1 00
Miss Goseline 1 00
Cummings Cove, Y. P. S. C. E. 10 00
Rev. A. D. Paul 5 00
Wilson's Beach, Y. P. S. C. E. 10 00
Rev. A. J. Prosser 10 00
Lower Millstream, Y. P. S. C. E. 20 00
Grand Harbour, Y. P. S. C. E. 20 00
Dover, Y. P. S. C. E. 20 00
F'von Junction, Y. P. S. C. E. 5 00
Rev. S. J. Case 10 00
Rev. L. A. Fenwick 10 00
Rev. G. Swin 5 00
Mrs. S. J. Case 1 00

Woodstock Society.

FELLOW ENDEAVOURERS: The Woodstock Society is not sleeping, as might be imagined from the silence maintained. The society is wide awake and doing nicely. We have had our "self-denial", and a good amount was added to the treasury. As we had heard of no new way of conducting the self-denial meeting, when the money of which we denied ourselves was brought in we proceeded in the same old way, that was in having each one write on a slip of paper the amount and of what they denied themselves. These were read aloud in the meeting. I send a few so that all may enjoy them: "Denied myself a rain coat, and so was enabled to give the price of a new one to this good work—\$5.00." "Walked to and from work for a week instead of driving, and saved a quarter; did some work which I did not like to do, and earned a quarter; went without something I wanted, and saved fifty cents; making in all \$1.00."

"Two kids—\$2.00."

"Denied myself a pair of gloves and flowers for Easter—\$1.10." "It is only a little dime, but it took some very hard work. And quite a good deal of time. Would you care to hear how 'twas earned? If you'll listen I'll tell you now. 'Twas made by hard honest labour, 'Twas earned by the sweat of my brow. I only wish it was bigger. I would give more if I could, But I earned this little dime, friends, By sawing a pile of wood."

"I suppose I must give to the heathen A part of my money, oh dear! 'Twas a dimity waist I wanted, My print looks so faded and queer. 'Tis strange how that somebody always needs something I wanted myself. I think I'll hide my dear dollar Away from the upper most shelf. But if I begrudge my money The Lord for my gifts will not care; I'll wait for my dimity longer, And still my faded print wear. My heart I have given to Jesus, My feet all his errands to do. My voice, my hands and my dollar, That others may come to him, too."

The full amount received from S. H. Denial week was over \$20 00. Now a word about the committee work.

Our prayer meeting committee is progressing finely. We hold a meeting once a week, at the home of one of the members. At these meetings we take up the Endeavour lesson for the following Friday night; this is discussed as thoroughly as time will allow. We try to have each leader at these meetings. We find great good comes from these prayer meetings. The Social committee is working to bring the funds to a good round sum. The Willing Ten are still at work doing their best to help along the financial side of the society.

Yours in the work, AURABEL T. JOHNSTON, Cor. S. C.

Growth in Grace.

"Grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

There may be self-made men, but there are no self-made saints. God only can impart, and we can acquire if we but open our hearts to be filled by Him. We must first have faith in God, and that he means to do right by us even if His means seem to end in disappointment. To know God as we ought is an education, and there is a great deal in the way we begin for everything depends upon beginnings. Begin to-day to trust just a little more than you did yesterday; be a little more watchful over your words; a little more real in your prayers; a little more charitable in your judgment, a little more thankful, a little more patient, a little more day by day, until after a while you can see that a change has been wrought, and, as the years roll on, God will become the best part of your life. What you have attained at the end of one year, two or five years, you could not have attained at the beginning. On the contrary if you had been a little less trustful as the days went by, a little less watchful and prayerful the cable of evil habit which you had allowed to envelop you would have in time bound you with so strong a force, that renewed efforts would have been required to break it, if, indeed you broke it at all. It is easier to keep the enemy out than to expel him after he has gained an entrance. With the weight of a finger one can stay a rock on the edge of a precipice, but what power can control it should it begin to roll downward? If it be true that a soul can attain higher spiritual levels only by a process of growth, it must be equally true that no one sinks to the lowest levels of sin in a day. Do not let us deceive ourselves. It is easy for us to dream we have surrendered all when we may have self-love concealed in our hearts. It is easy to give ourselves the benefit of a doubt in an uncertain case, or shrink from tests of humility, but these are the poisonous insects that eat away, in all their littleness, the healthy plant which has sprung up within us. Let us then remember that our primary obligation is the cultivation of the inner life with Christ as the example; that under no condition must we forget our obligation; that if we allow outside things to come in they will paralyze spiritual vigor, increase self-love and demoralize the soul. Therefore let us strive to grow in grace; let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Christ, the author and finisher of our faith. C. E.

Declaring Your Mistakes.

Don't do it. Admit your mistakes, when it is necessary and honorable to do it, but do not declare them; they are apt to hinder your purposes for the future.

"Our mistakes" is not a proper subject for a young people's meeting or a convention program. We know them without talking about them; the more we talk about them the less likely are we to remedy them. Yes—manfully admit your weaknesses, but think more of the newer strength than of the older weakness. There is no place where this point is more applicable than in the work for young people all over the land. Here is one who says: "It is time to reorganize; come, let us discuss our weakness and our strength." Be careful how you discuss your weakness; there may be no strength left to reorganize. The children of this world are often wiser than the children of light. You never read an advertisement that says: "We are at the end of our tether; we are considering our weaknesses; it is time for us to reorganize!" Such a man would have many customers—going to another store. But does he not need to reorganize? Often. Has he made no mistakes? Many. Should he not admit them? Not in public. He will reorganize; he will take on new life; but he will only let the public see that he is growing and enlarging. To him it may be reorganization; to the public it simply marks progress. Do not expose so many breaks in your soul-life, your church life. If there is need of reorganization, go ahead and do it; do not shake the life or the institution to its foundations by making a special display of your weaknesses. There is enough in sight without digging up the foundation.

On every side people are talking about the need of reorganizing denominational activities. It is barely possible that we are hurting ourselves more than we are helping things. Let us go ahead, make changes where changes are necessary; tone up, trim down, wherever the vine seems to call for it; but no man ever saw a vine successfully pruned when it was pulled up by the roots. It is like reforming a man by cutting off his head.—Selected.

For Good-Literature Committees.

An eye on the Library.—If you have a public library in your town (and public libraries are fast catching up with the post offices), then you should have a good literature committee, if for no other purpose than to watch the accessions, investigate the most promising of the new books, and bring them to the notice of the society. Especially direct attention to the books of solid and permanent worth, and try to wean the members from trashy fiction. This can be done by some account of one new book at each meeting, with, perhaps the reading of an interesting extract.—Selected.

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A Young Philosopher

He was trudging along whistling merrily and looking so eagerly into the shop windows that he never noticed a slight unevenness in the pavement, and consequently he tumbled headlong, relates a writer in the Sabbath-School Visitor. It was a hard fall for so small a mite, and a good-natured man who helped him to his feet expected to hear some loud wailing. But he didn't. The little face had grown very sober and the whistle had died away, but there was no tears in the great brown eyes. You don't cry easily, do you, my little fellow? the man remarked with involuntary appreciation of his grit. What's the use of crying? said the diminutive philosopher; it doesn't help the hurt any. I shall just try to be more careful next time.

True To Principle.

Louis Albert Banks tells, in the Union Signal, of a Poughkeepsie business man, a widow's son, who started as a confectioner. He prospered in business, and became also a sincere Christian. By and by his principles were tested: One of his friends, who was one of the richest men in the community and the best customer he had, came into his shop and ordered ten pounds of brandy drops. The young confectioner did not make these, but he ordered them from New York by express. Before they came, however, his conscience began to trouble him. Was he doing right in having a hand in selling these brandy candies? He knew that the young man who had ordered them would give them cut among the young men and the young women of his acquaintance,

and the result might be that more than one would get their first taste of intoxicating drink in that way, and no one could tell what sad result would come of it. On the other hand, if he refused to accommodate his customer, he would, no doubt, lose his friendship and his trade, and only drive him to someone else who would procure them for him. He could not sleep that night, and the more he thought about it, the more thoroughly convinced he became that it was not a Christian thing to have part in any way in putting temptation in the way of another. Having come to this conclusion, he acted with promptness and firmness. When the brandy drops came he immediately expressed them back to the wholesale firm in New York, and when the young man came around after them he frankly told him what he had done, and why. As he expected, the young man was very angry and full of contempt for him on account of what he called his fanatical notion.

This was the parting of the ways for these two young men. The poor young confectioner that stood by his principles has grown to be a wealthy and honored citizen, while the rich young tippler has long since gone to a dishonored grave, eaten up by his sinful lusts and appetites as Herod was eaten by worms.

Our young hero maintained the same attitude as his business enlarged and broadened. He became after a while a caterer, and on his business cards through all the years, he has kept the plain and simple statement that not only would no wines and liquors be furnished by him, but he will not permit his servants to serve at a feast or dinner where they are used. He has many times lost hundreds and thousands of dollars by his fidelity to principle, but it has never tempted him so swerve for a moment, and, perhaps, in the long run he has gained by it, even financially. His splendid fidelity to principle has been a great object lesson for good to all who have known him, and has helped by example and influence to banish the punch bowl and the wine-glass from many a wedding feast and public dinner in that part of the country.

When the great Poughkeepsie railway bridge was nearing completion, a big dinner was given to the railway men of the country at that place. Our friend as the leading caterer of the region, was secured for the occasion. But as the time drew near and he learned they intended to use wines, he refused absolutely to have anything to do with it, and so steadfastly did he abide by his purpose, that the wines were banished.

Who can tell how wide the influence for good such a business man spreads through the community? Like Peter's healing shadow, on whomsoever the influence of such a man falls, its effect is to strengthen him in purity and righteousness of life.

A Word to the Guest.

When paying a visit, absent yourself in your own room or out of doors a part of the day; affect an occupation if you have it not, and invent an excuse if necessary, for leaving the family to seek the refreshment of solitude or their regular work. Above all, do not wear a 'What next?' expression, as if you constantly expected some entertainment to be offered. A hostess should not be expected to be on demand all the time.

SEASICK.—A bride and groom were crossing the Atlantic for their honeymoon. The weather was rough. The third day out the stewardess came to the groom as he lay moaning in his berth. Your bride—she endeavored to break it gently to him—last night gave up the ghost, and now is rocked in the cradle of the deep! Well, was the languid answer, what of it? I can't help it! Don't bother me about it now!

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A girl of fourteen, who had lately been converted, asked God to show her what she should do for him, and what was her special work. After praying for some time, said Mr. Bonar, who related the incident, the thought came to her mind that she should take her baby brother, only a few months old, and nurse him for the Lord. She took the charge of the child, and relieved her mother in the work and care of the little one.

This was Godly and Christ-like. Home duties and family responsibilities have the first claim upon every child of God. We need not go abroad for work, when God places work within our reach.

The daily round, the common task provides ample opportunities for serving God, doing whatsoever our hands find to do. We may feel capable of doing greater things but the Lord has put us in the very place where we can serve him best.

Steady brain work in time wears the brain, but fretfulness, worry, envy, jealousy, anger and hatefulness tear the brain. The wear and tear together use up the machinery rapidly.

Attachment to Christ is the only secret of detachment from the world.

Gratitude

Always seeks to find some expression for itself, and womanly gratitude will not keep silence. Cynical people sometimes say Why do women write these testimonials to the value of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription? The answer can be put in one word, Gratitude. When, after years of agony a woman is freed from pain, when the weak woman is made strong and the sick woman well, the natural impulse is to write a word of grateful thanks for the medicine which caused the cure. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription cures all diseases peculiar to women. It establishes regularity, stops weakening drains, heals inflammation and ulceration and cures female weakness.

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