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FROM THE SECRETARY.

The very pleasant session of the League held last month at Marysville has been fully reported in these columns; and now that we are all back home and should be settling down to work, it will do us good to keep in mind the work mapped out for us this year.

In the first place there will be the home missionary to be sent out by the General Conference Board. The League has become responsible for the salary of this missionary. It is a heavy task, but we can easily do it, and not draw too extensively on our reserved funds. This missionary will be expected to visit, as far as he can, our societies, and to work especially in the interests of the young people. Further announcements about this matter will be made in a few weeks; in the meantime do not let the subject be forgotten.

Second, we are planning to do some foreign mission work. At present, the executive contemplate the support of two or three native workers. This is the same work as that in which the Conference is engaged, and I am sure that all the young people throughout our societies will be glad to make a contribution to this fund. Then there is the Students' Educational Fund. It is a source of great gratification that so many young men are entering the ministry, and we should esteem it a privilege to assist in any way in their preparation for the work.

Let us begin early to bring these matters before the young people; and let us not too long delay the making of our annual contributions to these different funds.

I will be in a position very soon to supply any society desiring it with literature, books or method pamphlets, leaflets, pledge cards. Any society in need of these can write me. Also let me say that any society wishing a visit from some member of the Executive, might correspond with the secretary in reference to the matter. Do you know of a place where a new society can be organized?

F. CLARKE HARTLEY,
Cor. Sec.
Fredericton, Sept. 9, 1903.

In hot countries Pain Killer finds many uses. Colic, cramps, diarrhoea, and all such troubles readily give way to its use. Dose, one teaspoonful in hot water. There is but one Pain Killer.

A PLEDGE PRAYER.

Here is a pledge prayer. Will you not earnestly pray it?

Blessed Lord Jesus, in token of my gratitude to thee and my love for thee, and because I want my whole life to be thine, I have taken a few acts and promised to perform them for thee.

I have promised to read the Bible every day and to pray every day. I have promised to attend the worship of thy house and support thy church. I have promised to testify to thy goodness each week among my comrades in Endeavor. I have promised to make thee alone the judge of my excuses, and to rely on thee for strength. I have promised to try and do thy will in all things, and for all time.

How poorly I have done this, with what selfish regard for my own ease, with what fear of men, what carelessness of honor, what heedlessness of eternity, and thee! Wilt thou forgive me, merciful Saviour.

And wilt thou grant me thy strength for more faithful endeavor.

I will try to enter into the secret joys of prayer. I will try to find thee in the temple of thy Book. I will seek after thy house, until its courts are my desire and its service my supreme joy. I will look for larger things to do for thee, and wiser things to say for thee, I will put aside my false excuses, my selfishness, and my sloth, and I will try to serve thee with all my powers.

Receive this, my new pledge, dear Master, and go with me into my new endeavors, for thy name's sake. Amen.

SEED THOUGHTS.

To be faithful, one must be full of faith.

A backslider soon begins to wonder if he is not a hypocrite.

If you desire to hold out, hold on. Self-mastery is always preceded by self-surrender.

It is not work, but worry, that kills. Self-indulgence rots the soul.

An excuse is first cousin to a lie. The flame of consecration is kindled from on high, but we must keep the altar supplied with fuel.

Christian joy is not shown by a stereotyped smile, but by taking up duties with gladness of heart and by communicating the hopeful spirit to others.

The trouble with many prayers is that they have too many words and too few wants.

We do not get God's approval until we have done something to warrant it.

There is a crown of glory for youth as well as age. The laurels of a conqueror may be worn by triumph over early temptations as well as by victories over the sins of mature years.

PREPARING FOR JUDGMENT DAY.

In a small village there once lived an industrious little lad who was desirous to earn his own spending money. So he began the gathering of bones and old iron. One day a buyer came, and as the old colored man was weighing in his balances the boy's merchandise, a bystander said: "Now, old man, don't cheat the boy." I certainly won't," he replied, "as I am not going to stay here long." "Where do you propose going?" he was asked. "I am going to judgment. As I weigh here, so shall I be weighed there, and in that balance I do not want to be found wanting."

What are We Doing with the Book?

BY REV. FRANCIS E. TOWNSLEY.

One thing to deplore, among Christian women, too, against which our evangelistic department ought to be at work, is the lack of general Bible knowledge. Our Young People's Societies give the youth different courses of study, doctrinal, missionary and ethical. But for our everyday, hard-working women, there must be Bible lessons of a carefully planned sort. For while many are familiar with the twenty-third psalm and the fourteenth chapter of John, they seem to forget that there is any more Bible for them. Nibbling round the edges of the pasture isn't enough for our symmetrical growth and development.

Lately I have been giving to the women of my town a series of studies calling for lessons in the epistles. The lack of ability to read smoothly these letters, some parts of which relate expressly to questions of parenthood and wifely duty and privilege, and woman's place in the church, indicates an utter neglect on the part of too many women of these portions of the word. Many a woman will fret at Paul who hasn't any idea of what he said, or even what he is translated as having said. And if its meaning is blind to some who do read his message, they might at least stir themselves to demand its proper explanation from their pastors who are supposed to read the Greek Testament. They have the right to ask why a word is translated in the authorized King James' version, to read "sound mind" when it refers to a man, and "modesty" or "shamefacedness" when it refers to a woman.

We have a good many Bible readings given that make me think of the prosy man's speech to a Sabbath school, "Be good, children, yes, my dear children, be good; and next, always be good, my children. And lastly, for I must not take up your time, my children—er—er—yes—er—be good, my dear children."

No one will deny that was noble advice. But if we pursue just that line of work in our devotional meetings, we shall be like a certain untaught, would-be skeptic, who was asked by a Christian who heard him berating the Bible, "What do you know about the Bible, anyway?" and answered, bluntly, but honestly, "Well — if you must know, nuthin', only what I mistrust around."

Of all our study meetings, the local Bible study should be led by a well informed Bible student, a godly woman, and yet not necessarily very learned, or grandiloquent. Only let her know the Bible, and then invite many in to hear her carefully prepared exposition, and stay her up by more than the one formal prayer, "with which we now open our services."

Whatever else we do, let us ask God to open the word anew to us at our Bible meetings. The Spirit who inspired can alone illumine, and, would it be a grave error to ask some woman well versed in Holy Writ who is not a member of our organization to lead such a meeting, occasionally? Possibly she would thus become more interested in us and better acquainted with our views and methods. Possibly—for all things are possible to him that believeth—she might some day join your membership.

Agriculture is comparatively easy work in China. The soil is so rich that a square mile of it is capable of supporting a population of 4,000.

"He Won't Die"

Of consumption" is a remark often made of a fleshy man. The remark expresses the popular recognition of the fact that the sign of consumption is emaciation, loss of flesh. On the other hand, a gain in flesh is a sure sign that wasting diseases are being cured.

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