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## OUR TOPIC TALK.

August 2.—Lessons from Paul: How we may overcome our hindrances. 2 Cor. 12:7-10; 10:10.

Paul's hindrances were so trivial affairs, yet no obstacle ever daunted him. He lived the overcoming life. What is the secret of his success? He never mistook failure for defeat. Many times his efforts failed to realize the ends he desired, but Paul would try again with renewed energy. He may have been disappointed, but he was not defeated.

He did not waste energy bemoaning his weaknesses. It was his purpose to use the talents he had to the greatest advantage. He may have regretted his deficiencies, but he did not despise the small talent, nor did he neglect to use it.

He sought to submit to God's will in all things. Herein was the secret of his hopefulness. It was God's will that barriers should stand in his way, heavenly wisdom will use them for good.

Paul's faith never failed him. He did the best he could, and trusted God for results. He recognized that he had only to use the powers God gave him and the outcome was with God.

Let us emulate Paul's example of perseverance, fidelity, submission and faith. S. J. C.

## SECRETARY'S STATEMENT.

Two weeks from to-day is the meeting of our annual League. Below we give a statement showing how we have met our financial pledges made at our last year's meeting. To which of these classes do you belong in this list?

Let us see that every one of our names shall be prefixed with \* when the INTELLIGENCER is issued next week.

Remember that all monies, such as pledges, per capita tax, etc., must be sent to the Treasurer on or before July 31st, and that means only ten days from now.

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## THE LEAGUE.

Blank report forms were sent on the 16th inst. to all societies known to the Corresponding Secretary. Be sure and send one of these forms back to him, that your Society may be reported in case no delegate attends. *Don't fail to do this.* If any Society did not receive a report blank, make up a report and send it.

The Star Line steamers issue with tickets a certificate, which, when signed by Secretary, entitles all delegates to free return. If you come by railroad, buy a return ticket.

Among those who have signified their intention to attend are Rev. Prof. Anthony, Rev. S. J. Case, M. A., and Rev. M. L. Gregg, of the United States. These brethren have been at League before, and will receive a warm welcome. Any of our ministers will be welcomed by the League, and it is hoped a number will show their interest in our young people by attending.

May God very abundantly bless us, and make this the best League gathering yet held.

F. CLARKE HARTLEY,  
Cor. Sec., pro tem.  
Fredericton, N. B.

## CONSIDERATIONS FOR CONVENTION

As we near another annual convention it behooves us to consider well not only what it will cost us, of time, and effort, and money, but what it will,—yes, and what it may—profit us. Somewhat has been said already of the spirit with which we should look forward to this our tenth birthday as an organization. "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." Let us put ourselves in the place where he may do even greater. Despite what has been said in these columns heretofore on the subject, we will risk repetition, and think once more on a few points.

### AS TO DELEGATES.

Never let us yield to the temptation (if it be a temptation to us) of electioneering for ourselves or friends when the time for the appointing of our representatives comes around. Let us elect the best ones, regardless of whether they are our best friends or greatest rivals. Worth, not friendship, will be to the true Christian the determining factor.

### IF A DELEGATE.

If you go independently, paying your own way, this paragraph does not in its entirety apply to you. If you are

elected to go, whether you pay your own expenses or not, the whole means you. If you attend a convention as a representative, duly elected, of your Society, your whole time belongs to the body you represent. Too many who attend conventions as delegates think too much of the "sight seeing." No high-principled, properly-trained Christ-controlled Christian will think of doing this evil thing. The time of every delegate belongs to his society. If you spend too much of your time in self-pleasing, you are lacking in principle, in conscience, in ethical sense, in common sense, or in consecration.

### AT THE LEAGUE.

Keep calm, prayerful, thoughtful, peaceful, happy. Be ready to do anything in your power to help along in any way. Think more of others' comfort than of your own. Be considerate always of the feelings of your associates, be they in the church, in your home, or in the pleasant chats and walks "between meetings." Lay aside all criticism. At the services take notes.

### ON REACHING HOME.

You went to the League to represent your Society. Remember this while in attendance. You return to your Society to represent the convention. Keep this in mind. Too many returning delegates utterly fail to return to the Society (which sent them and honored them with the privilege and responsibility) any return for the honor conferred. Adequate return should ever be given by every returning delegate. At an average convention an average delegate ought to be able to bring back enough to amply repay all expenses incurred by the body sending him. Just a few words, expressing how glad you were to be there, a few witty remarks, a few laughable incidents, one or two anecdotes, etc.—these imply your having obtained value under false pretences. For a delegate to attend a convention and not to bring back that which will help the Society, its members, its work, the cause of Christ is, we must conclude, dishonorable and dishonest. You were not sent to "have a good time," "to enjoy yourself," you were sent to be a collector of helpful things, to bring back help to your Society. If we are purposing thus, happy are we,—happy the Society we go to represent; if we have not thought of these things in this light before, let us be glad it is not too late, and resolve in time to make our trip in the highest sense pay.

### HEAD LIGHTS.

#### V.

Not long ago I heard a prominent worker in a city C. E. union meeting complain that "the pastors of the city did not help the young people's societies, and it was about time they were doing something." Remember, this is only one of many departments in church work, and thus can receive only a part of the pastor's thought and attention. But, are we not in danger of getting the object of the society turned around, and come to look more to the help the pastor must bestow than to the assistance the society can give to the pastor? True, the pastor owes his fullest sympathy and co-operation to this his aid.

Can we help our pastor in the work of the church? You want to be set to work. Of course you do. Then read, decide, act.

1. Aid him by your prayers. The

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society is made up of those who believe in prayer. Pray that he may be able to deliver the whole counsel of God; that his words both in and out of the pulpit may be filled with love of God and souls. Many a sermon would be preached with more power and greater profit if the pastor knew that every one of his young people was in their place and that all were praying, especially for him and the message.

2. Speak for him. Watch for helpful things said and done, mention them to others. By all means do not look for