

The Prayer Meeting and the Prayer Meeting Committee.

Every society has its different committees. The prayer-meeting, lookout, missionary, and information, are the most important ones, and have each their different work in connection with our societies. The thought comes to the committees as they are appointed and assume their different responsibilities, that they will try to excel the last committee in work. Perhaps this may be very easy to do, for they can readily see wherein the last committee has made mistakes and have this opportunity to do better work.

But the subject we thought to write on was the Prayer-meeting, and the Prayer-meeting Committee. We read in our constitution that the duty of the Prayer-meeting Committee shall be to "provide leaders for each meeting, to have full charge of the prayer-meeting, see that the topic is assigned, and do what it can to secure faithfulness to the pledge." But we, as Endeavourers, should try to perform our part of the pledge as well. How often it is that the Prayer-meeting Committee is censured for things that they thought were for the upbuilding of the society. Perhaps the plan has not proved as successful as they thought it would, and how heavy the clouds seem to hang about this time. This is the time for the society to help the Prayer-meeting Committee. Instead of some of the members going to the committee and telling them that such a thing is liable to happen, taking them by the hand, how often do we hear it said, "I told you so." Just imagine the feelings of the committee. The first part of the duty of this committee is to "have a leader appointed for each meeting." Here the committee tries to do the best it can, and right here Endeavorers fail to do their duty. The chairman goes to one person and asks them to take the lead of the meeting, to do the best they can. What answer do they get, sometimes? Is it "Certainly, trusting in Jesus Christ, for strength, I will try." Is this the answer? Oh! no. It is too frequently, "Oh you better get some one else. Such a person can talk better than I. Such a person always leads the meeting so much better than I do." And so it is he is sent from this one to that one, and at the end "such a person," who is always a willing worker has to take the lead of the meeting. We must each one bear the cross for Christ, and in this way gain strength. "The cross bearers shall be crown wearers."

And then, sometimes, the leader who has been appointed fails to put in an appearance. Perhaps sickness or something else may keep them from coming, and there is another drawback for the committee. Let each of us as we are asked to take charge of a meeting, answer willingly and cheerfully, "I will try and do my best," knowing that we are doing it for our Master, and in this way try to lighten this one part of the burden of this committee.

The second is "to have full charge of the prayer-meeting." Now this is not to take all the responsibilities of the active and associate members. We have to each take responsibility for ourselves. We pledge ourselves to "take some part aside from singing in every meeting." The committee appoints its leaders, distributes Bibles and hymn books, and then comes the time for each Endeavorer to do his part. Let us then, as our motto is, "For Christ and the church," be willing to do it for His sake

who has done so much for each one of us.

The third is "faithfulness to the pledge." We pledge ourselves not to one another but to God. Oh, that we would realize that! How faithfully God has kept all his promises and pledges to each of us! As we look into our Bibles and then in our daily lives, is there one promise that He has been negligent in fulfilling? We have to answer that there is not one. We each one know our C. E. pledge. We promise "to take some part, to make it the rule of our lives to pray." This should be the happiest time of the Christian's life when he can leave aside the weights and the sins that so easily beset us, and come to our Heavenly Father and tell Him all our cares and know that He careth for each one of us. We should bring our meetings to Him and He will own and bless our labors there. Let Him then take the guide of our lives, leaving everything in His hands, and he shall guide us all aright.

Our other subject was the "Prayer-meeting." It is a place to come together to pray and worship God. "It should be our delight to meet in the prayer-meeting. How often it is that just some trivial thing keeps us from the meeting, when if we were there we do not know what good we could do. Let us then be always ready for the prayer-meeting. In unity there is strength. On the Day of Pentecost they were all of one mind in one place, and we read how God blessed them. So it is that Endeavorers want to come. Think that no work is too humble for us to do, for the example that Christ left us was one of humility and He has told us not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together.

Now as the prayer-meeting comes round let each feel as though they have a part to do and not leave it all for the Prayer-meeting Committee, for "United we stand, divided we fall."

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OAK POINT SOCIETY.

It has been several months since we reported to the INTELLIGENCER. Since that time we have been holding our meetings quite regularly, weather at times preventing. During the first of the winter months we felt quite discouraged and thought it impossible to carry on the meetings; but we started afresh, and we feel our efforts have not been in vain. Our meetings are well attended and I feel all are interested. A number of our members (active) have moved to other parts to live and we very much feel their loss. We who are left have taken up the work that they have laid down, hoping that ere long some of our associate members will become active and help in the good work. We have no pastor to assist us in our meetings; but we have sought the aid of our Heavenly Father, and we feel He has helped us when no earthly friend could. Instead of our regular prayer-meeting on the 18th, we held a temperance entertainment. The programme consisted of recitations, readings, solos and choruses. An admission fee of ten cents was taken at the door, which amounted to four dollars and forty-five cents. This sum is to help fulfill our pledge taken at the "League." As our paper has come to our home each week we have enjoyed reading the reports from the different societies. We have felt helped and encouraged by their words of cheer. How blessed to think

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that our desires and aims are one; that each and all are wending their steps the same way, upward and onward to Christ. Dear fellow Endeavorers let us pray that each year will find us stronger in the work of the Lord. Let us do all things to the honor and glory of Christ our Saviour, whose we are, and whom we are each trying to serve. In our prayers let us ask God's richest blessing to rest upon us as soldiers fighting under His banner, and by thus doing I feel we shall prosper as societies.

SECRETARY.

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A third boy gave a penny, saying to himself: "I suppose I must, because all others do." That was the gift of a selfish heart.

As the fourth boy dropped his penny into the box, he shed a tear, and his heart said: "Poor heathen! I am sorry they are so poor and ignorant."

This was the gift of a heart full of pity.

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