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### THE C. E. TOPIC.

MAY 1—ANSWERED PRAYERS.—Acts 4: 23-31.

BY AMOS R. WELLS.

Sennacherib, Emperor of Assyria, had come against Jerusalem with a vast army. Utterly impotent against the invading hordes, Hezekiah the king and Isaiah the prophet laid their cause in faith-filled entreaty before the Lord. That very night—and the record is confirmed by Herodotus—the angel of the Lord smote the Assyrians—whether by the plague, a simoon, a sudden attack or a wild terror matters not—and in the morning 185,000 of them were all dead corpses.

For all time this event has been to God's people a token that, as the commemorative Psalm has it, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." The angel of the Lord encampeth round them that fear Him, and delivereth them. The mountain is full of horses and chariots of fire, round about Elisha, and all who serve Elisha's God.

On November 27, 1892, the Sprée was tossed on the Atlantic in a severe storm with seven hundred souls on board. The main shaft broke and tore through the ship's bottom. The water rushed in. The vessel rolled and plunged as if about to sink. D. L. Moody organized a prayer meeting. General Howard was also there. "God answered us," said Moody afterward, "as I knew He would. He sent a rescuing ship and He calmed the sea so that for a week it was smooth though there were storms all round. It was the grandest test of prayer I ever knew."

The kind of prayer that is answered is the Moody kind, that expects an answer. As Meyer says, "There is no sense of always telegraphing for God to send a cargo of blessing, unless we are at the wharf to unload the blessing when it comes." "Prayer is the bow," as Salter says, "and the promise is the arrow." But bow and arrow are dead in themselves. "Faith is the hand which draws the bow, and sends the arrow with the heart's message to Heaven."

Therefore only earnest prayers are answered prayers. It has well been asked: "Will petitions that do not move the heart of the applicant move the heart of omnipotence?" Phillips Brooks spoke truly when he said: "Prayer is not the conquering of God's reluctance, but the taking hold of God's willingness." Yet still, though God loves to

give, He gives no answer to flabby, half-hearted petitions.

And the answered prayers are those of humility. They do not set up our own judgment against God's. They pray definitely for what we want, but they always end with "Thy will, not mine, be done." They see an answer in the denial of their petitions, and precisely the kind of answer they are seeking; because, however much we want a thing, if we are wise Christians we have always an over-wish, that God may have His way, which is best for us and the world.

Every true prayer, therefore, is an answered prayer. The answer begins immediately, though it will have blessed outreaches and onreaches through eternity. How happy is he who prays such prayers and recognizes such results!



### THE COLUMN.

There is not a single Young People's worker who will not hear with regret of the removal from the province of the chairman of the Press Committee, Miss A. Gertrude Hartley, so well and favorably known to so many of us. Her work in the care of the Young People's Column of the INTELLIGENCER speaks for itself. It has been most painstaking and faithful. Having removed to Portland, Maine, she has resigned her place on the Press Committee. The other members of the committee assisted by the League officers will endeavor to arrange to supply the column with matter until next League. Will the Societies and others interested please take notice that hereafter all reports and correspondence relating to the column will be sent to the Secretary at Fredericton.

The young people like to hear what is going on in the societies. Write a line and let us know the conditions.

Miss Hartley took much pains and spent much time in providing matter for this department. No one else will be able to give as much time to it as she did. We must all help. Will you?

The notes on the topic, by Amos Wells, will be continued. F. C. H.



### NEW SOCIETIES.

We are pleased to report two new societies organized, one at Fair Haven, Deer Island, and the other at Millville, York Co.

At Fair Haven, Bro. J. J. Bonnell, who has always been an active worker in young people's societies where he has lived, is pastor. He has only been on Deer Island a few months, but has been greatly blessed in his work. During a recent revival some score or more of people have been added to the church, and Bro. Bonnell has organized the young people (all Christians should be young in spirit) into a society. They start with an active membership of twenty-four, with good prospect of growth. We shall expect to hear of good results.

The society at Millville was organized by our missionary, Bro. Paul, who has been assisting the pastor, Bro. J. J. Barnes, in special work. As a result of this work a new church was organized and the brethren felt that a Young People's Society would be of benefit. Bro. Paul reports the prospects as very bright. The new society will certainly find plenty of work to do. A new church building is to be erected at Millville. Take hold, young people, now, and do your best. F. C. H.

### NOTES.

Is there one or more societies within easy distance of your own? If so, why not have a union service. Have it in a central place and send invitations to as many young people as you possibly can. Appoint a good leader and look for a good meeting. A brief opportunity for exchange of thought would be helpful. Try the plan.

What about your pledge for the League work. Have you paid any part of it yet? Money is going out of the League treasury this year very freely; it is time some of the pledges were being paid. If our society made no pledge last year you can at least make a liberal offering for the work and send it to the treasurer, Mr. T. A. Lindsay, Woodstock.

At the annual meeting of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, held recently in Boston, Rev. Dr. F. E. Clark was re-elected president, as was Mr. Wm. Shaw re-elected treasurer. The treasurer's report shows the sum of \$8,622.27 expended in extension work. The secretary's report brings out the fact that there has been since Jan. 1st an average growth of sixty-six societies weekly. This does not look as if Christian Endeavor work was on the decline.

F. C. H.



### ST. JOHN WATERLOO ST. SOCIETY.

The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor in connection with Waterloo Street Free Baptist Church has recently elected the following officers for the term of six months from April 1st: President, Miss Maud Phillips; Vice-President, Miss E. Parlee; Treasurer, Amos Gibbs; Recording Secretary, Miss M. Hoyt. Corresponding Secretary, Peter L. Cosman.

Quite an active interest has been taken by the young people in this department of church work, and the weekly meetings have been interesting and of assistance to the spiritual progress of those who attend them.

On Monday evening, the 11th inst., the Waterloo Street Endeavor visited Epworth League of Queen Square Methodist Church, where a very pleasant evening was spent in the discussion of the topic: How the world's standard conflicts with Christ's. Rev. Dr. Sprague, pastor of Queen Square church, and Rev. C. T. Phillips, pastor of the Waterloo Street church, were present and spoke of the pleasure it gave them to have the organizations in connection with their churches united in the service of God.

P. L. COSMAN,  
Cor.-Sec.



### THOROUGH WORK.

If you do not want your society to run down, insist on painstaking work. Do not accept a report that is not written. If a committee appears before the business meeting with an oral report, instruct it to report in writing at the close of the meeting or at the next one. Break up the habit of reading Bible verses as testimony; they may at least be committed to memory. Cultivate the habit of rising when you take part in the meeting. It is easier to speak thus, and one is more likely to prepare carefully. Let the Prayer Meeting Committee consult with each leader, to make sure that each meeting is well planned beforehand. Insist that the secretary keep the record with extreme neatness, and give him a good record-book. Take pride in Christian Endeavor work that is of the very best. Whatever is worth

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### IS IT ANY HARM?

"Don't be saying, 'Can I do this, and can I do that?' or 'Is it any harm?' Christianity is not a no-harm religion. It always means good. When you face a question, don't stop and ask, 'Is it any good?' If you study your Bible carefully and pray faithfully, trying to be a winner of souls constantly, you will neither be barren nor unfruitful. Keep away from the danger line. The devil has practised on this old world for over six thousand years now, and he is pretty skilful at his trade. His joints never get stiff; he never has the rheumatism, the asthma, or neuralgia. I never heard of his being short of breath, and if you get over in his dooryard, playing tag, sooner or later he will beat you and get your tag. But work for the Lord Jesus and the devil will have no power over you."—Selected.

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