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### THE C. E. TOPIC—Aug. 21.

BY AMOS R. WELLS.

STANDING ALONE FOR GOD.

Rom. 8: 31-39.

Standing alone! It is not an easy thing. It calls for all the manhood in us. If we do it for God, it makes men of us.

Dr. P. S. Henson, in a lecture on "Backbone," once gave some stirring instances: "It is one thing," he said, "to touch elbows; it is one thing to feel the inspiration of fellowship as you stand awaiting the charge—but to stand alone, as Noah stood in the midst of a surging sea, in the midst of a mocking multitude; to stand as Abraham stood beside the altar on which his only beloved son was stretched, and lifted the gleaming knife while his heart was in his throat, and yet obey God; to stand as Moses stood in the presence of the king, with the proud consciousness that he was God's ambassador; to stand as Elijah stood in the presence of the wicked Ahab; to stand as those young Hebrews stood in the vast multitude who debased their manhood before the image that the king set up—three that stood erect in their God-given manhood; to stand as Nehemiah stood when he proudly said, 'Shall such a man as I flee?' to kneel as Daniel did, though the lions were snarling yonder in their den; to stand as John the Baptist stood in the presence of guilty Herod; to stand as Paul stood, reasoning of righteousness, temperance, and judgment, till he made Felix tremble on his throne; to stand as Savonarola stood in the presence of the guilty duke; to stand as Martin Luther stood in the Diet of Worms; to stand as Columbus stood in the midst of a mutinous crew with his eyes searching for the world that lay beyond,—ah, this standing alone is heroic work; it needs heroes, and it makes them.

But, after all, no man is alone who stands for God. David did not face Goliath alone. The mountains were full of chariots and horses round about Elijah. Christ could at any time summon twelve legions of angels. Paul always felt himself encompassed about with a great crowd of witnesses.

The best way, then, to get courage to stand alone before men is to spend much time alone with God. As we come to realize his presence always with us,

we care less and less whether human forces are with us or not.

But God's presence with us is not enough. There is a phrase often heard in the prayers of old-fashioned people: "Be with us, and that to bless." God may be with us a judge, condemning us. It is thus he is with the wicked. We can face men only as God is with us as a Friend.

The secret of courage, then, is obedience. We are Christ's friends, he said, if we do whatsoever he commands us. It is the well-disciplined troops that defend Thermopylae! the mutinous soldiers are quickly put to rout. If we have placed ourselves unreservedly and boldly on Christ's side, then he will stand at our side against all the world.

"He has not learned the lesson of life," said Emerson stoutly, "who does not every day surmount a fear." And the best way to surmount fears is with Christ to surmount Calvary, sharing his cross-bearing, his crucifixion, and with him conquering even "the last enemy." There is no "red badge of courage" equal to the blood of the cross.

### THE LEAGUE.

The eleventh annual session of the Young People's Provincial League was held at Grand Harbor, Grand Manan, August 2-4.

The League opened Tuesday evening with a service of song, led by J. Barry Allan, after which J. Clement Wilson preached the annual sermon, taking for his subject, "Life, and our relation to it." At the close of the service a half hour was spent in making and renewing acquaintances.

Wednesday morning's session opened at 8.30 o'clock with a quiet hour service led by Bro. S. Baxter. The service was a very helpful one.

At ten o'clock the president, Rev. J. B. Daggett, took the chair. After prayer by Rev. A. D. Paul, the reports of societies were read. The following societies reported: Bear Island, St. John (East), Woodstock, Grand Harbor, Gibson, Marysville, Oak Point, Jerusalem, Beaver Harbor, Knoxford, Salisbury, Fredericton, St. John (West), Rowena, Norton, Fair Haven, and Pembroke.

These societies reported verbally, and four submitted no report.

The president appointed the following committees: summarizing, nominating and resolution.

The report of the corresponding secretary, Rev. F. Clarke Hartley, was presented. The report will appear in full in a later issue.

On motion, \$150.00 was voted to the three native workers in India.

At eleven a. m. a twenty minute address was given by G. Fred. Bolster on the subject of "Progress in Christian life." After prayer by H. Manzer, the session closed to meet at two p. m.

The afternoon session opened with a devotional service, led by J. J. Bonnell, after which the president took the chair, and after prayer by Rev. A. M. McNinch, business was resumed. The minutes of the previous session being read, H. M. McCutcheon was introduced, and addressed the convention on the subject of missionary work. Following this were two very excellent papers, one on the prayer-meeting and prayer-meeting committee, by J. Barry Allan; the other by Miss Edna G. Alexander, on sociability. These papers will be published in a later issue.

The treasurer, T. A. Lindsay, submitted his annual report, as follows:

Balance on hand from last year:  
 For missions, . . . . . \$717 37  
 For education, . . . . . 658 64  
 For General Fund, . . . . . 5 79

Total of . . . . . \$1,381 80

Receipts for the year, including amount on hand from last year, are:

For missions, . . . . . \$971 87  
 For education, . . . . . 846 64  
 For orphans in India, . . . . . 6 00  
 For General Fund, . . . . . 50 79

Or a total of . . . . . \$1,875 90

The expenditures for the year are:

For missions, . . . . . \$597 88  
 For education, . . . . . 75 00  
 For orphans in India, . . . . . 6 00  
 For General Fund, . . . . . 24 41

Total of . . . . . \$703 29

Balance on hand to date:

For missions, . . . . . \$373 99  
 For education, . . . . . 771 64  
 For General Fund, . . . . . 26 38

Total on hand to date, . . \$1,172 01

On motion, the report of the treasurer was referred to the auditor.

The summarizing committee presented their report, showing that 17 societies had reported, with a membership of 717; 521 active members; 196 associate members; an increase of 105 had been made during the year, and 42 have joined the church.

The average attendance at the weekly meetings of the societies is 454; at church prayer-meeting 446; at Sabbath schools 547.

The amount of money raised this year for missions \$194.50; education \$122.00; local church \$119.18; society and other purposes \$116.44. Total amount raised \$542.12.

On motion, the report was laid on the table until a later date.

Thirty dollars was voted to the INTELLIGENCER for the use of our column.

The location of the next annual session of the League was left with the executive.

The nominating committee submitted their report as follows: President, J. C. Wilson; 1st Vice-president, T. D. Bell; 2nd Vice-president, Miss Lulu Vince; 3rd Vice-president, Samuel Baxter; 4th Vice-president, Ernest Tracy; 5th Vice-president, Miss A. A. Flewelling; 6th Vice-president, G. Fred. Bolster; 7th Vice-president, J. J. Bonnell; Corresponding Secretary, Rev. J. B. Daggett; Recording Secretary, Miss Sadie Dakin; Assistant Recording Secretary, Miss Julia Pugh; Auditor, T. A. Lindsay; Treasurer, Rev. F. C. Hartley.

On motion, the report was taken up section by section and adopted.

Prayer being offered, the convention adjourned to meet at 7.30 p. m.

The evening service opened with a service of song, led by G. L. Dakin. At 8 p. m. a public missionary meeting was held, at which addresses were delivered on home missions by the Home Missionary, Rev. A. D. Paul, Rev. F. Clarke Hartley, and the President, Rev. J. B. Daggett.

Thursday morning's session opened with a quiet hour service, led by H. Manzer. The service was one of great blessing.

At 9.30 a. m. business was resumed. Prayer was offered by S. Baxter.

On motion, the matter of supply for our page in the INTELLIGENCER was left in the hands of the corresponding secretary, who, if possible, would get twelve

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The committee on resolutions being called, presented their report, and on motion it was taken up section by section. After some discussion, it was adopted as a whole.

The report of the committee on resolutions will appear in full in a later issue.

A resolution, urging the need of a home missionary for the ensuing year was moved by S. Baxter, and after some earnest discussion, was adopted.

J. L. Newton, auditor *pro tem.*, having examined the report of the treasurer, reported it correct.

On motion, the report of the summarizing committee was taken from the table, and adopted as a whole.

At eleven a. m. T. A. Lindsay held an open parliament. Many questions touching difficulties found in C. E. work were discussed with great profit.

The evening service opened with a service of song, after which the new president, J. C. Wilson, was introduced, and, after a few remarks, took charge of the meeting.

Bro. J. B. Daggett was called upon and presented the financial obligations. Many societies and personal pledges were received.

Rev. F. Clarke Hartley preached the closing sermon. His subject was, "The man who said he would and did not." After the sermon, Rev. A. D. Paul led a consecration service. Many took part in the service, speaking of the many blessings which they had received from the League.

On motion, the League adjourned to meet in annual session one year hence at the call of the president.

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