

B. Y. P. U.

The Union of Immanuel church has had some commotion in the B. Y. P. U. columns recently respecting the time and place of holding the Annual Meeting of the Maritime Union.

Two correspondents in this issue discuss topics that are of interest to our young people, see that you give their articles a careful reading.

That we may have our union in the church know what the B. Y. P. U. pledge is, we insert it. We think it reads well, and the spiritual life of the young Christians ought to be such that this pledge should be so burdened.

The pledge of C. E. Societies is a little fuller than the above, but not less strict. Dr. Clark, whose experience in this young people's department of church activities ought to be valuable, regards the pledge as the indispensable requisite to a regularly organized C. E. Society.

We would like to once more urge upon our young Baptist host, the necessity of being "out and out" Christians. "One is no Master," before him bow in willing service.

I have been pleased to see some communications in the B. Y. P. U. columns recently respecting the time and place of holding the Annual Meeting of the Maritime Union.

The whole matter turns on the question, what constitutes a successful Annual Meeting of the Union? So many elements enter into the gathering of Christian young people east, west, north and south, that there is danger of difference of opinion amongst us as to details.

Now, if we are prepared to accept these conditions as calculated to give us a successful Annual Meeting, we have in them a test for the various churches that are to be held.

While willing to work with my brethren in any cause they may take my own opinion is that the best results will be obtained, if the Baptist Institute will graciously give up Friday to the B. Y. P. U. work.

Canoe, Dec. 4, 1895.

WHO WAS THE MOST GUILTY?

Crash! Bang! "Matty, is that you?" called Mrs. Nash from the kitchen, where she was baking pies.

"Yes," came in low, broken tones. "Well, what have you broken now? We won't have fish in our name, the way you break and smash. What have you broken, I say?"

"Nothing of yours this time," returned Matty. "It's the bowl Mrs. Weaver sent over with the broth for Friday."

"She didn't give me the bowl, and it should have gone home long ago." A critical ear, and Matty's were very critical where mother's tones were concerned.

"Well, she has a right to see if it was not her bowl! Matty was openly glad that it was not a dish from their own poor stock."

"Oh, ma," Matty called from the dining-room, as she carried the thickened milk carefully to Jenny, "what do you think of All the wood's been stolen out of the school-house shed, and they think that Fred Carleton did it!"

"I'll be bound he did. Those Carleton boys are born thieves. Is he in jail?" "No, but they are going to arrest him. Oh, Miss Wade is in such a state of indignation! Are you awake, Jenny?"

"Yes," returned a low voice, "and with a little bit of an appetite." "I'm so glad. Maybe you are getting better. This is only thickened milk, but it is nice, and I am sure you will relish it," said Matty, as she sat down by the bed.

been going gradually, and Miss Wade has just bought the Fred Carleton boys are regular thieves. Every one knows."

"Why? Because they take what does not belong to them?" "Why, of course! Don't you call that stealing and isn't it wrong? What are you talking about, Jenny?"

"Certainly it is wrong. No one says it isn't. I wonder how many ways there are of breaking that commandment, and who are the most guilty?"

"What do you mean? You say such queer things since you were sick." "Do I? Well, you know I lie here, and think and think. I have nothing else to do. One thing I have thought of, often and often, is that 'Pilgrim's Progress' Miss Green loaned me. You remember I mislaid it, and when I found it again it was so torn I did not like to return it."

"Way, Jenny, Miss Green's gone away long ago, and likely has forgotten all about it. Don't worry about that." "I am not worrying. I am regretting my carelessness and dishonesty."

"Dishonest? She did not give me that book. She loaned it to me. She did not tell me to keep it. I kept it, doubtless against her wishes. Was not that dishonest? I might just as well have stolen the book from her shelves, as have kept it without her permission."

"Oh, Jenny, I am sure you are mistaken. You cannot mean what you say. You look at it too seriously." "No, Matty, I am not mistaken. Neither am I too slow. It really a great wrong to keep or destroy any property that is kindly loaned us by a neighbor or a friend. It is keeping what is not ours. Oh, so many are careless about the things that are loaned to them. Don't you remember when I spilled that ink on the dining-room wall, I said, 'No matter, that house don't belong to us.'"

"How could that be wrong? You couldn't help spilling the ink." "It was the spirit, not the act. Another thing; if the house were ours," returned the elder sister, "I should have tried to get the stains out. There they are, to this day, a living witness against me, that did not mind besting the Lord's commandment. You know it is the spirit always, the heart, that the Lord cares about. The act is secondary."

"Jenny, eat some more, won't you?" "Thank you, I can't. It really is very nice. When I am up, I shall have more appetite." Matty sat still with the half-filled bowl in her lap.

"I suppose that bowl cost ten cents, and she said it was white; 'Mrs. Weaver loses that much.'" "You wouldn't like to take ten cents out of her pocket, would you?" "That's putting it pretty strong."

"Maybe it is; but just look at it. Mrs. Weaver doesn't know. She will have to take ten cents from another one. Isn't that taking money from her?" "No," Matty burst out. Then she added, "I'll take ten cents out of my bank, and buy a new one for her. I've got just twenty-five pennies. I am saving that up to buy a book. There was a bit of earnestly in her tone, as if her sister might be won to take pity on her small possessions. Jenny was strong in her convictions, and immovable."

"I would, Matty," she said simply. Matty took the remains of the thickened milk to the kitchen. When she returned to Jenny's room, she carried three books. Two of them were decidedly worse for the wear.

"These were new books when Miss Crowbridge loaned them to me," she said. "Look at them now. I've read for great joy, but they are so tumbled down, and the back got loose. I am ashamed to take them to her. What shall I do?"

"I don't see what else you can do. She'll be sure to notice them. When in that condition, don't have them to use." "I would rather buy her new ones, if I had the money," she said.

"But you haven't, you know, and maybe it's that, I don't want to teach all winter. So I'll have to give you, else I would. I'm sorry, Matty."

"Well, no one is to blame but my self." Nevertheless, Matty looked at the books as if, in some way, they were to blame. "I have been just as careless of my neighbor's property. I have put my hand into the pocket of many a person, and have taken out money."

"It's nothing else." "Well here goes! I'll go buy the bowl, and I'll take these books back with the best apology I can make. You may rest assured, I'll do no more of what you call stealing. I don't care to be on a level with Fred Carleton. Jenny, you are right," she added, gravely, standing with her hand on the door-knob. "Suppose we form a society, you and I, that we will respect the property of others, and care for it as we would our own. You be president, and I will be vice-president. Good-by, I'm going to buy the bowl!"—Sunday School Times.

Sabbath School.

BIBLE LESSONS.

Adapted from Palmes's Select Notes.

FOURTH QUARTER.

Lesson XIII. Dec. 29. Psalm 78, or Hebrews 11: 24-40.

REVIEW.

GOLDEN TEXT.

"Thy Kingdom come."—MATT. 6: 10.

SUBJECT: DEVELOPMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

TIME.—This Quarter's lessons extend over about four hundred years, from B. C. 1445, the beginning of the period of the Judges, to 1053, the close of the reign of Saul. If we include the lessons for the past six months, the period is four hundred and fifty years, beginning with the year A. D. 1491 B. C.

CONTRAST.—The map of Palestine should be carefully studied, and the events located in their place. This map should become so familiar that whenever a Bible event is mentioned it will immediately be located mentally.

Palestine proper, the land west of the Jordan, extends from Mount Hermon on the north to the southern end of the Dead Sea, about 180 miles, which also is the length of the coast line. It is twenty-five miles wide at the north, and sixty from the Dead Sea to the coast through Gaza. It has an area of about 6,000 square miles, a little less than Massachusetts. But the tribes at the time occupied also a large area east of the Jordan, so that the whole domain of the twelve tribes was about 12,000 square miles.

Most of the history of this period is connected with leading persons, whose history will furnish one view of the history of the times. Let the scholars tell what part each of the following persons had in the process of events.

- MOSES GIDEON SAMUEL AARON SAMSON SAUL JOSHUA RUTH DAVID GALEB JONATHAN ABRAHAM ELLI'S SONS GOLIATH

REVIEW BY EVENTS.

This review covers the same ground from a different standpoint. Show what each event had to do with the unfolding, through the divine Providence, of the Kingdom of God in the Jewish nation.

- 1. How the Lord trains a people by rewards and punishments. 2. How the people sometimes choose the second best. 3. Two instances of victory over great enemies, and the lessons they teach us toward gaining the victory over our spiritual enemies. 4. Three great men chosen in youth for great deeds that would help on the kingdom of God. Their early training and preparation, the effect of their personal choices, their possibilities, and how they used them. 5. A beautiful example of choosing God and his people, and its application to us. 6. God's call and our answer. 7. Rejecting God by disobedience, and its effects. 8. Obeying the least of true religion. 9. God's part aid an encouragement in present difficulty. 10. An example of true friendship. Apply to friendship with Jesus. 11. How all these things helped to prepare for the coming of Jesus into the world, and the founding of his kingdom. How the Saviour helps us to make the right choice, do brave deeds, live right lives, and possess true virtues.

Oh heavy burden! Why 'tis borne and none know save those who bear; and Him whose hand Has laid it on the shoulder, and said: "Stand upright."—Mrs. Charles.

Go and do something for the least of these." That is how we work for our Christ who have been lifted up. Do their errands; enter into the sacrifice with them; be a link yourself in the divine chain, and feel the joy and the life of it. The moment you give yourself, you shall feel that.—A. D. T. Whitney.

None Thy holy heaven may win Stained with earthliness and sin; They must in white robes appear, Who Thy whitens were near. Cleanse us, fill us, rear divine, With a purity like Thine, That within, without us, we In clear vision God may see.—Lucy Larcom.

We sit, in turn, must face our forlorn hours of bereavement. For us, sooner or later, our house must be left unto us desolate. But . . . these natural sorrows are, and are meant to be, full of blessedness; the light of God shining upon them transmuting them into joy. The wounds which God makes, God heals. The fire which kindles the grains of frankincense upon His altar, at the same time brings out their fragrant. All that He sends, if born with wisdom, becomes a blessing in mercy. Upon the troubled soul which seeks Him His consolations increase with the gentleness of a sea which caresses the shore it covers."—Glean Farris.

The Century for the Coming Year.

The Century Magazine celebrates its quarter-century in its November issue with an "Anniversary Number." In honor of the occasion it does a new dress of type, with new headings, etc., and it appears in a new and artistic cover. Although The Century has reached an age that is unusual among American magazines, it continues to show the youthful vigor and enterprise that have always characterized it.

The program that has been arranged for the coming year contains a number of interesting features. Much has already been written concerning Mrs. Humphry Ward's new novel, "Sir George Trevelyan," which has been secured for its pages. There was a very spirited bidding for this novel on the part of several prominent publishers, with the result that the author will probably realize from the serial and book rights of it one of the largest sums she has as yet been given for a work of fiction in the English language.

The story describes life in an English country-house, and also touches somewhat upon industrial questions. It begins in the November number with an account of an English parliamentary election. It will be the leading feature in fiction for the coming twelve months, other and shorter novels being contributed by W. D. Howells, E. Hodgkinson Smith, Mary Hallcock Poole, and Amelia E. Barr. There will also be contributions from Mark Twain and Rudyard Kipling (the latter furnishing to the Christmas Century one of the most powerful stories he has ever written); a series of articles on the great naval engagements of Nelson, by Captain Alfred T. Mahan, author of "Influence of Sea Power upon History"; three brilliant articles on "The Mountain and the Mountaineers in the Eastern Caucasus," describing a little-known people; articles by Henry M. Stanley and the late E. J. Glave on Africa; a series of papers on "The Administration of the Cities of the United States," by Dr. Albert Shaw. The Century will also contain during the year a great number of papers on art subjects, richly illustrated.

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