

B. Y. P. U.

B. Y. P. U. PRAYER MEETING TOPIC.

(Helps by G. R. White.)

For the week beginning Feb. 14th. John 19:1-16. Subject, "Christ before Pilate." "I see the crowd in Pilate's hall, I hear their wrathful mien."

The most unrighteous court that ever assembled in the name of justice was the one which tried and condemned the Son of God. That picture which we all have so often seen, "Christ before Pilate," always suggests another, when the Judge and the prisoner at the bar will change places, and we shall have, "Pilate before Christ." That will be a new trial, all will be there: Annas, Caiaphas, Herod, Pilate, witnesses and Christ. Justice will then be meted out to all concerned. Look at the mock trial and unjust court that tried Christ.

I. *This court was unjust in its judges.* Chief among whom were Annas and Caiaphas, who were High Priests. Herod who was tetrarch of Galilee, and Pilate governor of Judea, under the Roman rule. Such men were not capable of dispensing justice. Caiaphas and Annas were High Priests in name only, for they were men of no character. "Mitered hypocrites in white robes and with practised solemnity, pretending to minister before the Lord, as descendants of the Holy Aaron." The name of Herod is a synonym for all that is vile. Pilate, as his name signifies, was "warlike, cruel"—hated and hateful. These were the unholty judges, before whom the Holy Christ was tried. Read the rules of a Jewish or Roman court, and you will find them set at naught in the trial of Christ.

II. *This court was unjust in its witnesses or the evidence produced.* These were men of no character. "They sought for witness and found none," i. e. true. Their witnesses agreed not together. Christ could never have been condemned on the testimony of such witnesses according to Jewish or Roman law. Pilate heard the witnesses and said: "Behold . . . I find no fault in him! Then about the mob, after oriental custom, 'crucify, crucify.' "Take ye him and crucify," said Pilate. "I find no fault in him." Again they cried—"If thou release this man, thou art not Caesar's friend, everyone that maketh himself a king speaketh against Caesar." The fear of being charged before Caesar, led Pilate to violate his conscience and his better judgment, and deliver the sentence of death upon an innocent man. "Then delivered he Him therefore unto them to be crucified. And they took Jesus and led him away."

LESSONS.—Christ is still on trial before an unjust court, the world. Men still bear false witness against him. All this is a loud call for his disciples, to bring in refutation evidence, do so in your meeting to-night. Testify of his goodness and kindness to you, tell what He hath done for you.

"Ye are my witnesses saith the Lord. Come forth, young disciples with your consecrated lives, and bear testimony to His saving, keeping power."

Halifax County.

Halifax County, B. Y. P. U. District met with the Cornwallis Street Baptist Church Union on Friday evening Feb. 12th. The various unions were well represented. Vice Pres. Mrs. Mary Phelps, in the chair. Pastor Lawson conducted devotional exercises for 15 minutes, then business followed. The Dartmouth union was received by unanimous vote into the union. Pastor Lawson read a paper on the "Missionary

Committee" and their duties. "He emphasized a strong vigorous committee of 5 persons. Missionary Literature meeting once a month, etc. Minutes discussed on this paper, by several members soon found we had a large work on hand. Miss I. Norton read a paper on, "The Devotional Committee." She too emphasized competent leaders, use of topics cards, and believed a praying committee helpful. Suggested the pastor taking active part in all the work of this committee, would greatly aid the work, 5 minutes discussion on this paper was allowed, several taking part. Bro. Geo. A. McDonald in the absence of Bro. Chute conducted a consecration service lasting half an hour. This season of consecration to Christ and renewal of life and all to Him for service was cheerfully and heartily rendered by a very large number present, all went home feeling it was good to be there.

Corresponding Secretary for B. Y. P. U.

Quarterly Meeting.

The St. John and Kings Counties' Baptist quarterly meeting convened with the Tabernacle Baptist church, St. John, Friday Jan. 29th, at 8 o'clock p. m. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Carey. Text, Mark 1:28, Luke 24:47, and was an able and impressive presentation of the gospel truth. Saturday morning at 9.30 a very interesting devotional service was led by Rev. S. W. Kierstead. At 10.30 the order of business was taken up. President S. D. Ervine in the chair. Ministers present: Revs. Dr. Carey, J. H. Hughes, J. W. Manning, T. W. Kierstead, J. A. Gordon, G. R. White, J. B. Champion, E. A. Allaby, E. E. Daley, E. K. Ganong and S. D. Ervine. A very important discussion relating to the need of a quarterly meeting, and the best methods of carrying it on took place, after which the constitution was taken up section by section, discussed, amended, and adopted as a whole.

Saturday, p. m., a very enjoyable, religious conference was participated in by all present. In the evening a prayer and social service of an inspiring character was led by Rev. S. D. Ervine. Before its close a resolution was presented by Rev. E. K. Ganong, seconded by N. B. Cottle, endorsing the action of the brethren in their effort to raise \$3,000.00 on the Seminary debt, and earnestly entreating a hearty response on the part of all our people in assisting to pay an honest debt.

On Sunday at 10 o'clock a social service was conducted by Deacon N. B. Cottle. At 11 o'clock the quarterly sermon was preached by Rev. S. D. Ervine. Text, James 1:27. Subject, Pure Religion. The leading thoughts were that pure religion consists of (1) knowledge, (2) experience, (3) practice. The sermon was full of thought, and one that will not be soon forgotten by those who heard it.

The p. m. session was devoted to S. S. work. Able and interesting addresses were given by Rev. Mr. Halse of Victoria, St. F. C. Baptist church. Rev. E. A. Allaby, our General Missionary, and Rev. J. W. Clark, of Waterloo St. P. C. Baptist church. Sunday evening service was devoted to Foreign Missions Speakers: Rev. J. W. Manning first who delivered one of the most powerful addresses that we have ever listened to. He was followed by Mrs. John March, who with her usual earnestness presented the claims of Foreign Missions.

Quarterly meeting adjourned to meet on the last Friday in April at the place hereafter determined.

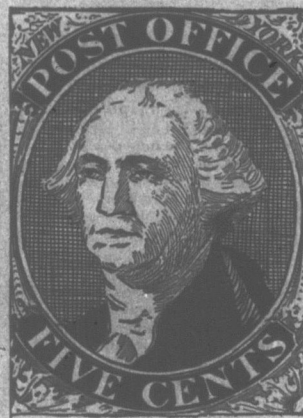
The following appointments were made for next session to preach the quarterly sermon, Rev. E. K. Ganong. His alternate, Rev. S. Cornwall, B. A. To preach the opening sermon, Rev. G. R. White.

T. A. LEONARD, Sec'y. Treas.

The Annapolis Co. Conference of Baptist Churches.

Met at Stony Beach on Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 18 and 19. The day having been very stormy, the attendance at the first meeting on Monday evening was in consequence small. Rev. W. V. Higgins was present and added much to the interest of the service. A sermon was preached by the secretary from Ezra 8:15. This was followed by an earnest and practical address by Bro. Higgins.

On Tuesday the weather changed and was severe. The zeal of the people of Stony Beach, however, proved equal to the inclemency of the weather, and a good proportion were present at the three meetings held that day. The indomitable Cohoon had been visiting the Baptist church at Litchfield, but all the fury of the Frost King could not hinder his journey from the Bay Shore to Stony Beach, and with Bro. Samuel Sproul as guide, he arrived in time for the morning meeting. This was



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devotional, led by Rev. A. Cohoon. All present seemed heartily to enjoy this service.

In the afternoon the following churches reported: Granville, a conference held on this field every Saturday, and two prayer meetings every week. The present pastor has baptized 21 since coming to the field (14 months). In the same time he has buried 25 people. The prospect is hopeful. Litchfield. Our aged brother Achilles supplies them most of the time when they are without a pastor. Their meeting house is occupied one half the time by Adventists. Nictaux, Reported some quickening of the Spiritual life of the people, and a fair prospect generally. Special services held at Bloomington, resulted in the baptism of nine and four added by letter.

In the absence of those who had been appointed to prepare papers Rev. A. Cohoon, W. V. Higgins and Bro. C. F. Armstrong were pressed into service.

Rev. A. Cohoon addressed the Conference on the "Qualifications for church membership." This was followed by a spirited discussion. Bro. C. F. Armstrong spoke on the "Relation that should exist between church members and their pastor." The discussion that followed showed that this was a live subject. Rev. W. V. Higgins then spoke briefly on "Systematic Benevolence." The address was timely, pointed and practical.

In the evening a very interesting missionary meeting was held under the auspices of the W. M. A. S. of the county.

As the most of the pastors of the county were absent, it was left for the Secretary to find a place for our next meeting. He has since corresponded with the pastor of the

Bridgetown church concerning the matter, and in consequence has received a cordial invitation to hold their March session, which will now also be the annual meeting, with that church. Executive—Revs. F. M. Young, G. J. C. White and J. T. Eaton. J. W. BROWN, Secretary. Nictaux Falls, January 29, 1897.

A MINISTER'S STORY.

THE PAINFUL EXPERIENCE OF REV. C. H. BACKHUS.

For Five Months He Was Helpless and Endured Agonizing Pains—Could Neither Rise Up Nor Sit Down Without Aid—He Tells How He Found a Cure.

The Rev. C. H. Backhus is a resident of Bayham township, Elgin county, Ont., and there is probably no person in the county who is better known or more highly esteemed. He is a minister of the United Brethren Church. He also farms quite extensively, superintending the work and doing quite a share of it himself, despite his advanced age. But he was not always able to exert himself as he can to-day, as a few years ago he underwent an illness that many feared would terminate his life. To a reporter who recently had a conversation with him the rev. gentleman gave the particulars of his illness and cure, with permission to make the statement public. The story as told by Rev. Mr. Backhus is substantially as follows:—About three years ago he was taken ill and the doctor who called in, pronounced his trouble an attack of la grippe. He did not appear to get any better and a second doctor was called in, but with no more satisfactory results, so far as a renewal of health was concerned. Following the la grippe pains of an excruciating nature located themselves in his body. He grew weaker and weaker until at last he was perfectly helpless. He could not sit down nor rise from a sitting posture without assistance and when with this assistance he gained his feet he could hobble but a few steps when he was obliged to be put in a chair again. For five months these agonizing pains were endured. But at last relief so long delayed came. A friend urged him to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. He yielded to the advice and had not been taking them long when the longed for relief was noticed coming. He could move more easily, and the stiffness and pains began to leave his joints. He continued the use of the pills for some time longer and the cure was complete. Seeing Mr. Backhus now it would be difficult to think of him as the crippled and helpless man of those painful days. Mr. Backhus is now past his 80th year, but as he said, "by the aid of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills I am as able as those ten years younger. You can readily judge of this when I tell you I laid forty rods of rail fence this year. I am glad to add my testimony in favor of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills."

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