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PRAYER-MEETING TOPICS.

Nov. 3. Our enemies; our weapons; our allies. Eph. 6: 10-18.

10. My favorite promise, and why it is dear to me. 2 Pet. 3:814. (A memory meeting suggested.) -17. Rejecting Christ - the con-

sequences. Matt. 10: 11-15, 32, 33. 24. Praise and purpose. Ps. 116; (A thanksgiving meeting.)

-Dec 1. Is my heart right with God? Prov. 4: 20 27. field. Ps. 67: 1-7.

(A missionary topic.) 15. What is true friendship? Prov. 27: 9, 10, 17, 19. tianity. Isa. 50: 7-15.

(A Christmas meeting.) 29. How next year may be made | confession has not yet come? better than this has been. Phil. 3: There are many reasons why you

THE ORPHANAGE FUND.

How are you succeeding in raising money for the Orphanage? We will be glad to hear from Societies, stating what they have done, and what they are planning to do, in this work.

## The Devotional Meeting.

Begin promptly.

Have your meeting planned, but do not hold so closely to your plan as to make it stiff and formal. Get as many as possible to take

Give special prominence to prayer. Discourage long prayers and talks. Keep the spirit of the meeting

Keep the meeting going. Avoid

long pauses. Condense what you have to say and be prepared to say it as well as it is possible for you to do.

Do not overrun the allotted time. See that the singing is in keeping with your subject and let it be spirited.

If the meeting is slow, do not call attention to it.

Begin your service with songs of prayer and devotion; end it, if at all practicable, with hymns of praise. Study success as a leader.

## Forming Committees.

To get the best work, how should the committee be formed?

The chairman, at least, of the new committee, should come out of can accomplish to-day. You will the old one.

go to work at once?

Induct them publicly into office, and on the first consecration night as committees.

What should the society furnish the committees to encourage and secure work?

Roll-books, tracts, papers prepared for the reports, sc. ap-books, etc. What should the scrap-books contain?

Every helpful suggestion to the tality. committees or members that the members of the society can gather.

case at the church. To get work done what should be strenuously insisted upon from the

committees? The rendering of written reports every month. Enough here. Get your chairman out of the old committees, induct them into office publicly. Have them consecrate themselves together the first month, provide all he has been here." · needed material and helps, and require monthly reports.

## Pledge Breakers.

Can it be that we are too eager to increase the number of members in our societies? This much at least is true, we have in all of our societies those who seem to have more the binding madical the pledgadt This side dedrable beraversthe The profile. pledge has not been utxplained to them-but what words are heeded to explain a simple, straightforward you have a Friend who will stay promise.

If you promise your employer to he at your desk at 8 o'clock Monday morning, and perform certain duties, you do not need to explain to yourself, or to have any one explain to you what you have done.

The trouble with the majority of the pledge-breakers is just here: They interpret it by the conduct of you. some who have taken it before them The young man who finds that others in the office, where he has Endeavorer, or A. C. F. who finds were in the clergyman's eyes. that others in the society break faith with the Lord Jesus Christ, to whom often comes to regard his own into a mine, and among the work- straight, and don't be too long pull promise lightly.

The member who goes to the meeting without any intention of ity—the one who, when he is absent from the consecration meeting sends | best of the gang." no response, though he might have own word of little worth. He is harming the whole society. One shone. "Do you know me?" he said. pledge-breaker can lower the tone of the whole society, and thwart the plans of half a hundred live, consecrated members. See to it that you are not the one.

### Are You a Christian?

This paper goes to many young dise. persons who, although perhaps in Christian households or amidst Christian surroundings, are not 8. God's triumphs in the mission | themselves Christians. Are you one of these? Are you saying that some time, when circumstances shall be more favorable, or when your own moral self shall have become 22. The good tidings of Chris- stronger, you will confess Christ and be enrolled among his followers, but that the time for such a

should not wait. Life is too uncertain to make delays either wise or safe. There is no reason why you should make your young life gloomy through a constant contemplation of death, but you ought to become accustomed to the plain fact that many young persons die, and that you are subject to the same laws and conditions as the rest of the

But suppose you do not die There is a graver danger than the danger of death before you. There is a possibility that you may cease to care for the things of God, that the accumulating burdens of life may draw you down and away from that which seems to you now the most precious gift in all the world. Such things have happened again and again, in the lives of others. Can you be certain that your life will prove an exception?

And even suppose that it should. Suppose that at thirty or forty or fifty years of age you should still have the opportunity and the de sire to become a Christian. Circumstances will not be then, after years spent in the world and among worldly people, more favorable than they are now. Your own moral nature will not have been strengthened by your remaining outside of the place appointed for moral growth. And you will not have done a grateful thing or a brave thing in withholding from God the years of service that are his rightful due.

There has never been before a time when earnest young men and young women could accomplihs as much for the cause of Carist as they have no part in their work unless How get the new committee to you begin very soon. Resolve that another week shall not slip away without witnessing your vow of allegiance to Him who gave His have them take consecration vows best for you, and for whom your best is not too good .- The Look Out.

## A Good Word.

An itinerant minister, some years ago, was passing through a prison crowded with convicts, showing every phase of ignorance and bru-

alone in a corner, his feet chained giveth to the poor, lendeth to the Where should these things be to a ball. There was an unhealed Lord." The whole sermon was, "If uniformly successful in coloring a wound on his face where he had you like the security, down with the brown or black. Hence its great Always in the society's drawer or been shot while trying to escape. dust." The sight of the dumb, gaunt figure touched the visitor's sympathies.

"How long has he to serve?" he asked the keeper.

"For life." "Has he anybody outside to look after him-wife or child ?"

"How should I know? Nobody has every noticed him all the time

"May I speak to him?" "Yes, but only for a minute." could he say in one minute? He touched the man's torn cheeck. " am sorry," he said. "I wish I could cession.

help you.' The convict looked keenly at him, and the hard lines of his face | Bible, that of Solomon at the dedisoftened, and he hodded to indicate that he believed in the sympathy

here with you.

waiting and eager. "You have heard of Jesus? "Yes."

"He is your friend. If you are they seem likely to "go on forever." good and true, and pray to God to O.ten, where there are several help you, I am sure he will care for speakers, the first one will occupy

"Time's up."

The clergyman turned sorrowfulgone to work, recklessly break faith ly away. The prisoner crawled after tude: "Blessed is he who makes a with their employer, is in darger of him, and, catching his hand, held it short speech, for he may be called becoming careless himself. So the in his own while he could. Tears upon to make another.

> men saw a gigantic figure bent with | ing the trigger. — Onward. hardship and age. "Who is that?" he asked the

"A lifer and a steady fellow; the

Just then the "lifer" looked up. done so, is not simply making his His figure straightened, for he had recognized the clergyman. His eyes

"Will He come soon? I've tried to

At a single word of sympathy the life had been transformed, the convict redeemed. Turning to the malefactor by His side in the agonies of death we hear his voice, "This

### "Gather Out The Stones.

day shalt thou be wi'h me in para-

It is such a stony little path between here and Mrs. Harvey's, that can't bear to go over it,"said Jem. And Dick Harvey doesn't like it any better when he comes over here.' said Frank. "I heard him say he had got ever so many stone bruises in that path. He was grumbling about it yesterday."

"Why don't you clear the way between here and your neighbor's? a ked Mr. Morris. "You would much better do that than to take time to grumble about it."

"Why, we never could get all the stones out of that path !" cried Jem. "Not all in one day, nor by taking all the stones at once," said the father: " but if each the boys who cross there would take a stone out

of the way every time he goes, the work would be done. Try it." The boys did try it. There were a half dozen young lads who used the path, and each one helped to clear it by doing a little every time he went that way. By this means the stones were cast out, and the

path was cleared. This is exactly the way to make it easier and pleasanter for others in this world. Let each one make it his business, as he goes through life, to take some little hindrance out of the way whenever he can. Little faults should be cured, and little temptations which cause unwary feet to stumble should be removed. Small unkindness should be confessed, and careless ways amended. Trifling slights should be smoothed over, and sharp words, dro ped in fits of ill temper, should be taken back, as far as may be. All these things will make the path of life smoother. It is well worth while to clear the way.

"Go through, go through the gates; prepare ye the way of the prople; cast up, cast up the high way, gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people."

## Brevity.

Condensation is the order of the day, and brevity one of the modern virtues. The preachers of "ye olden time" might spin out their discourses to ninthly and tenthly, but the preacher who gets a hearing to-day must be quick and alert.

It is said of Cotton Mather, that he had an hour glass before him in the pulpit, and after the sands had all run out, he would invert it, and we will take another glass."

Perhaps the shortest sermon on ness record is Dean Swift's famous charity One gigantic fellow crouched sermon, from the text, "He that

> A speaker appointed to plead on behalf of a school of crphans, simply pointed to the children, as they sat before him, and exclaimed, "There they are."

It is said of one of the early American Methodist preachers, that he would never preach a sermon over twenty minutes long; and as in those days people so seldom had the opportunity to hear the Gospel that they would not be satisfied The minister hesitated. What with such a brief discourse, he would often take other texts, and relieves but permanently cures Dys preach three or four sermons in suc-

be brief. The longest prayer in the cation of the temple, can be said in ten minutes. The Lord's prayer sums up all human need in six petitions. Our Heaveny Wather

It was said of a certain brothe that he prayed the people into

The small, keen eyes were on him | good frame of mind, and then praythe prisoner dragged himself up, ed so long that he prayed them out of it.

Many speakers never know when to stop. Like Tennyson's brook, much of the time that properly be-"Come, sir!" called the keeper. longs to the others. This is both selfish and unjust.

Someone once added a new beatt-

He who is concise and direct, will Fourteen years passed. The con- never lack for an audience. Young vict was sent to work in the mines. speakers in conventions, should they have pledged certain things, The minister went down one day make a note of this. Aim low, fire

## A Dangerous Pet.

There are some things which are too dangerous to be petted.

There is a story of a gentleman who got a serpent called a python, fifteen feet long, and kept it in his warehouse to clear out the rats. It was allowed to creep about at its will, and the workers got used to it, as it seemed perfectly harmless and was as docile as a dog. They could stroke it and amuse tnemselves with it, and even ventured betimes to tease it. But one morning a shriek attracted the attention of the workers of the warehouse, and on looking a German boy engaged in the office was seen holding on to a cask, while the serpent uncoiled its body playing with and teasing the reptile. At last, venturing to tread on its tail, it caught him by the throat and threw three powerful coils around him, crushing nearly every bone in

The workers were surprised that creature so gentle as this python had seemed should so suddenly change its aspect. But they need not be surprise 1-the sarpent was just acting out its real nature.

There are men who seem mild and meek, and even pious, who yet are really serpents and a generation of vipers, and will by and by show their real nature to those who trust

There are habits and passions and sins which seem mild and meek, and innocent and harmless for the present, but bewa e! Satan, though transformed into an angel of light, is still the same old serpent as from the beginning. The hidden sin petted and cherished will break loose at last and ravage and destroy. The wine cup, though it sparkles and dances to-day, at the last "bitth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder."-The Christian.

## Sweet Home.

How many hearts have been touched with the words, "Home, home; sweet, sweet home;" and yet how many homes are anything but sweet homes. There are homes where pride, selfishness, willfulness, hastiness of temper, bitterness of speech, uncharitableness, and impatience make home an uncomfort able place, and lay upon the hearts of those who care for the home a burden heavy to be borne. But if every one will seek to walk in charity, in patience, in tender love, in long-suffering, in kindness, in sympathy and in truth, then a home thus ordered will be indeed a sweet home. "Sweet people make sweet homes." God would have our homes full of joy and brightness and while Egypt is in darkness and discomfort of idolatry and sin, it is the Lord's will that his Israel should have light within their dwellings and peace within their hearts. Let us try to make home a sweet home. H. L. Hastings.

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