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TOPICS FOR DECEMBER 1894.

December.

1st Week—True wisdom—getting it, using it. Jas. 3:13-18.
2d Week—Helps and hindrances to a Christian life. Luke 8:4-15.
3d Week—Different ways of rejecting Christ. Mark 15:6-14; Heb. 6:4-6.
4th Week—Carrying to others the Christmas joy. Isa. 9:2-7. (A missionary topic.)
5th Week—Looking backward. Ps. 145:1-21. (An experience meeting.)

Send Reports.

We are anxious to have reports from the societies for this department. The reports need not be long; indeed, it is better that they be brief. What work are you doing? Tell about it in simple, terse language. The report of one society will stimulate the others.

A NEW SOCIETY.

An A. C. F. Society was recently organized in connection with the Snider Mountain, K. C. church. It begins with nineteen active and five associate members. Fred. Long is President, and Henry Ganong, secretary.

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READ YOUR BIBLE.

Young Christian, do you read your Bible every day? You have no time? Certainly that is a foolish excuse. How many things you do every day that are of trifling worth! how much time you spend in light and trifling conversation! Take some of these minutes unprofitably employed and give them to that great Book which Ewald says "contains all the wisdom of the world." We need more Christians with whom the Word of God has become the marrow of the bones and the iron of the blood. It is the Magna Charta of our Christian life. It should be the thing with which we begin the day. A good rule would be to read nothing until we have first read a portion of the sacred Word. The man of the world can find time to read the newspaper, no matter how many his engagements. He keeps it in his pocket and reads it on the cars as he goes to his work, or as he waits for his dinner. Keep the Bible about you, and use the occasional spare moment to scan its pages. The strong Christian must be nourished on the Word.

SUGGESTIONS FOR WORK.

The following is the report of the Committee on Missions at the convention of Free Baptist Young People held in Fairport, N. Y., in August. Embodying so much that is practical, I thought it best to send it, with slight changes to suit our people, to "our column."

There is nothing which is needed among our people in this province more than information as to our work. They are willing to do if the needs are but placed before them in an intelligent and clear way. There is special need of literature on our Free Baptist mission. Is it not possible to have its history and any special incident in connection with the work, in cheap pamphlet form or in small tracts, something similar to those now issued by the Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society, which comprises a full set of tracts at from .01 to .05 each entitled "Studies in Baptist Missions."

One society has purchased and used some of these publications, and found them to be of good service.

A. B. C.

Recognizing with gratitude the hand of our God in the raising up and banding together of our young people for Christian service, we recommend,

1. That each society, in co-operation with its pastor, do all in their power to revive the time-honored and profitable custom of holding a monthly concert of prayer for missions; and that at least once a quarter the meeting be a public Sunday-evening service.

2. As sources of information we urge upon the attention of all our young people the value of the INTELLIGENCER, *Our Dayspring* and

The Missionary Helper, also the "Missionary Reminiscences" and the "Life of Lavina Crawford." For General information *The Missionary Review of the World* and *The Gospel in All Lands* are very valuable.

3. Perhaps no one can have all these. Every one who can in any way afford it ought to have our own publications for himself.

4. "A knowledge of the missionary movements of this century is a liberal education." Furthermore, the reading of a missionary book has again and again been used of God to call workers to the work. Too much cannot be said as to the value of missionary literature, not only in arousing missionary zeal, but in stimulating Christian living. Therefore we urge upon each society its need of starting a missionary library, to be increased by regular additions of up-to-date books.

5. The young people of to-day are in training for the denominational work of the near future, hence we ask you to consider your obligation to yourselves, to your denomination and to your God, both to know about and actively support the work under the direction of the General Conference. Make yourselves familiar with the work and needs of the home and foreign departments, including the women's department, also with the educational work of the General Conference. To this end, hold occasional meetings at which the work of the various departments shall be presented. Also appoint appropriate committees to see that proportionate and generous support be given to each department.

6. In view of the great need of money to carry on the missionary and other work of the church, and in view of the fact that a majority of the church do little or nothing for such work, we would commend to your prayerful consideration the tithing system of contribution, as adequate to all the demands of the work at home and abroad, and as having the sanction of God's Word and the enthusiastic support of all who have adopted it.

7. In view of the immediate, pressing, and constant need of more workers in our ministry both at home and abroad, we would urge upon all our young people the importance of considering the need, and of making it personal to themselves by asking, "Does not God call me?" To such as believe themselves called, we recommend the most thorough preparation for the work possible.

OUR PRAYER MEETINGS—HOW TO CONDUCT THEM.

By Rev. J. B. Daggett.

We have all to regret that the Rev. G. F. Currie, who was to have discussed this question at the Convention, is unable to attend. It was not until a late hour yesterday that I consented to stand in his stead; and with some feelings of diffidence that I have undertaken the work.

We have all heard it said that the prayer meeting is "the thermometer of the church," the truth of which none deny.

Political parties, in the time of contest, concentrate their forces in the public gatherings. I think it no less important that in this work for the salvation of souls we, too, look carefully to the conduct of our meetings.

There is a text of scripture which reads, "Not by power or by might, but by my spirit saith the Lord." To suit my purpose and thought I will fill in that text, and make it to read, "It is not by power or by might, nor by machinery, form or ceremony, but by my spirit saith the Lord."

Then let me add, emphatically, that whatever form our meetings may take, we see to it that we are in the power and in the spirit of His might, that we may not plant and water in vain.

I. Our prayer meetings. In each of these three words there is room for thought. The pronoun "Our" must come near to us. It is *ours*, who have been led from the darkness of sin into the gracious and blessed light of God, who have been washed in Jesus' blood and made white as snow, who have been walking daily by the Saviour's side in whom we have found a friend ever faithful and true, who have learned to love God and his son Jesus Christ for their love and mercy toward us. The prayer meeting is *ours*. That is not to say, however, that we close the door to sinners; nay, we gladly bid them come in. But they know nothing of the blessings of which I shall speak, nor can they until they have been born again. Beloved it is *ours*.

Prayer. Much has been said about prayer. To pray is to petition, to beg, to beseech; but in its scriptural meaning it is broader and grander. To pray is to enter into the presence of God, to converse with Him, to listen to His voice, to feel His presence; if we have sinned, to confess our sins and ask forgiveness, to invoke His blessing and guidance.

Meeting. There is always pleasure in the meeting of friends. When

we come together in the prayer meeting may this thought be with us, that we are to meet our *Friend*, who so loved us that he died for us, pouring out His life that He might give life unto us. Let us go up expecting to meet Him, and verily we shall meet Him, for he has promised to be with us. It is not only a friend we meet, but friends, for if all Christians of every name and denomination are not friends they should be. With these thoughts leading us that prayer is converse with the Lord of Lords, the prayer meeting is the meeting of friends and brothers, heirs together of eternal life, that this privilege and blessing is ours.

II. When and where should the prayer meeting begin? Before we come to the house of the Lord? Yes, hours before. In the secret chamber, and thought of our hearts, in our closets, we should meet the Lord that we may have His Holy Spirit with us, that we may be fitted for the meeting with each other. If a subject has been assigned it should be carefully thought over; its text should be in our minds during the hours of the day as we are about our work. When we have come together let it be truly a prayer meeting. In some meeting we have testimony and exhortation at the expense of prayer. Let the meeting be a prayer meeting interspersed with song and testimony. There may be many who do not pray audibly, but whose hearts should be going up to our Father in heaven in silent breathings for his blessing upon the meeting. Has it never impressed you as you have sung many of our familiar hymns that you were breathing some of the most sublime prayers ever offered unto heaven, as in

"Jesus lover of my soul,
Let me to thy bosom fly" &c;
"Rock of ages cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee," &c;
"Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee" &c.
Then in our songs let us pray. With willingness doing our part, with the blessing of the Master we must have a true spiritual meeting.

III. A few words regarding the order of the service. I shall here submit the form which prevails most generally in the societies:—
Opening with hymn; responsive reading of some Psalm or other portion of Scripture; season of prayer; singing; lesson; testimony; active members reading pledge cards in concert, followed by the associate members; singing and benediction.

The meetings should be under the supervision of a good, live, efficient committee, whose duty it should be to arrange subjects, select leaders, &c. Great care should be taken in the selection of leaders; it would be unwise to assign a doctrinal or like subject to some weak and trembling one; instead give them some simple, encouraging subject, as God's love made manifest, or The Lord is my Shepherd. Hundreds of such subjects may be found in the old Book of Books.

Then the associate members must not be forgotten. While they may not have any particular part in the devotional exercises, give them to feel they have a part in the work; if nothing more let them arrange seats, welcome strangers, distribute Bibles and hymn books, or do something to hold them and bring them regularly to God's House. Is it not possible that He who beholdeth and who taketh note of even the cup of cold water, in his name may bless and lead souls to Christ.

IV. There is just one other point. Is it wise that all our services should be wholly prayer and social service? Here I am aware that I am touching what has become an established rule in church services. But is it not possible that some other mode of service can be introduced without doing violence to customs long established, and which will make us more efficient? If so, let us have it. I am not anxious for new schemes, nor am I wedded to old ways.

During recent visits among the societies I found one which has made a change which is proving very profitable, in that many others are being interested and are beginning to frequent the house of the Lord, on those occasions at least. The plan is to present a religious programme. For this purpose a number of very interesting tracts, upon various themes, have been procured. After the regular devotional exercises, one or more of these are read, then there is a privilege for comment, or an appropriate reading is given; perhaps there would be special music rendered. In this manner a change is given, and the danger of monotony is avoided.

He was Sorry One Dollar.
I once had the pleasure of working with the oldest Methodist in Wisconsin. Rev. John Holt, of Durand. He is a wonderfully active and eccentric man. One day he was standing at a street corner in company with six or seven business men, when another gentleman approached them and said, "It seems too bad that poor Widow—has lost her cow." "Yes," responded

one of the men, "it does seem hard, I'm real sorry." "What's that—what's that you say?" said Mr. Holt. "Did you say you were real sorry?" "Why, yes, I'm sorry." "Well, are you, and you, and you?" He put the question to each man in the group, and, after receiving a reply from each in the affirmative, ran his hand down into his pocket, drew out a shining silver dollar and exclaimed, "Well, I'm real sorry one dollar!" In five minutes he had collected eight dollars toward buying another cow. He laughingly bade them "good-bye" and went to "work" another group. In thirty minutes he had collected thirty dollars. Then he went to the widow's home and found her crying. He said, "I hear you've lost your cow. Too bad! Well, there are thirty of us sorry for you a dollar apiece; so here you are. Now quit your crying and go and buy another cow."—*Telescope*.

The Great Master.

"I am my own master," cried a young man proudly when a friend tried to persuade him from an enterprise which he had on hand. "I am my own master!"

"Did you ever consider what a responsible post that is?" asked a friend.

"Responsible is it?"

"A master must lay out the work he wants done, and see that it is done right. He should try to secure the best ends by the means. He must keep on the lookout against obstacles and accidents, and watch that everything goes straight, or else he will fail."

"Well?"

"To be master of yourself you have your conscience to keep clear, your heart to cultivate, your temper to govern, your will to direct, and your judgment to instruct. You are master over a hard lot, and if you don't master them they will master you."

"That is so," said the young man.

"Now, I could undertake no such thing," said his friend; "I should fail sure if I did. Saul wanted to be his own master and failed. Herod did. Judas did. No man is fit for it. 'One is my Master, even Christ.' I work under God's direction. When he is Master all goes right."

An Awful Arraignment.

I believe that strong drink is abhorred by God, and the main curse of the earth on which we live; that pauperism and crime, and disease and insanity are its natural offspring; that it is an invention of the devil; that it is fostered by the depravity of man; that it leads to untold suffering, sorrow, want, and woe; that it imposes the reason; that it crushes noble affections; that it sears the conscience and perverts the judgment; that it leads to a quick descent into a drunkard's grave and a drunkard's hell. But when manhood once comes under its power, it seldom has any resurrection, or knows the power of a better life; and that when Jesus Christ comes in glory, He will judge and condemn the drunk traffic and the drunk habit. I believe that strong drink is the direct foe of the influence of the Spirit of God; that it is a fruitful source of contention and strife in society, and even in the Church of God; that it promotes the most grievous sins; and that the drunkard shall never enter the kingdom of heaven, but will never be consigned to everlasting death.—*Dr. Pierson*.

Life is a short day; but it is a working day. Activity may lead to evil, but inactivity cannot lead to good.—*Hannah More*.

Baldness is either hereditary or caused by sickness, mental exhaustion, wearing tight-fitting hats, and over work and trouble. Halls Renewer will prevent it.

The most obvious lesson in Christ's teaching is that there is no happiness in getting anything; but only in giving.—*Drummond*.

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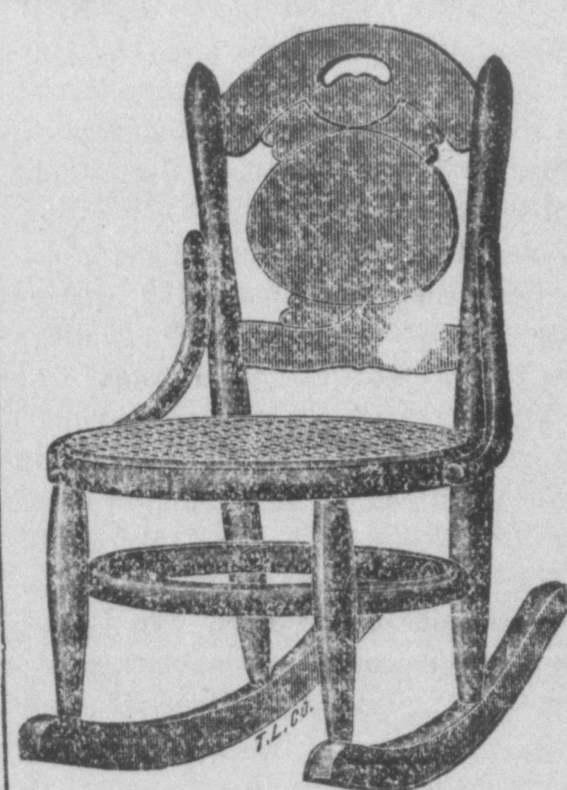
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