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TOPICS FOR NOVEMBER 1894.

November.

2d Week—How may we preach Christ? 2 Tim. 4: 1-10.
3rd Week—Some applications of the Golden Rule. Luke 6: 27-38
4th Week—Thanksgiving and thanksgiving. Eph. 5: 15-20.

Marysville, N. B.

The Marysville Epworth League and A. C. F. Societies held their first local union in the Free Baptist Church on Thursday evening, 25th ult. Both societies were well represented, the church being nearly filled. The meeting was led by Miss Julia Collings. After the regular exercises and roll call, Rev. W. W. Lodge gave a five minutes talk on the lesson, followed by Rev. J. T. Parsons.

An excellent programme had been prepared, consisting of solos, duets, readings and recitations—all of which was much enjoyed by all present.

It has been suggested by a member of the League that these unions take place, at least, once a quarter. It is hoped that each society may be greatly blessed and encouraged. The collection amounted to six dollars and ten cents, not including a dollar received from an absent sister.

Since the INTELLIGENCER has so kindly given a column to this part of the work, we will all be glad to hear from the different societies. Write often, brothers and sisters. We like to hear how you are getting along.

J. J. R.

Letter From Miss Wile.

The following letter from Miss Wile was intended for the annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Young People's Union. As it did not arrive in time for that meeting, the Secretary of the Union, Miss Lizzie V. Prosser, sends it for publication in the Young People's Department. The young people, and the older ones too, will, we are sure, be glad to read it.

To the N. S. Young People's Union.

To each one of the members I send a most cordial greeting, and earnestly do I wish you a helpful session.

I think I told you that I am particularly interested in O. E. work, and to you my heart is very warm.—What can I say but "God bless and keep the young people pure and unspotted from the world."

Nearly a year has passed since I met with some of you in the first session at Argyle. Of the changes and experiences I have had since then, I have not space to tell you. Everything is so strange to me that, at first, I sometimes almost doubted my own identity.

The language, with its many strange characters, seemed most formidable, but it is gradually straightening out, so that I can talk and understand with comparative ease—certainly not everything, but in a conversation about ordinary things I usually understand without difficulty.

I have been at several C. E. meetings since I left home—one in Liverpool, Eng., one in Calcutta, and one at Bhimpore. We have a society here in our church, too, of which I am a member.

The one at Bhimpore is very interesting. The Santal language is very musical, and their singing is sweet and altogether pleasing. They work with a will, too, and when I was there they were doing their utmost to stop the use of tobacco and "paru." They do not smoke pipes but "hookahs," and the use is almost universal, so that a non-user is looked upon as a very singular person, to say the least. Well, these boys waged successful war, and Mrs. and Mrs. Burkholder are very glad to tell the story of the tobacco campaign.

You, doubtless, all know what paru is and that it is much used here. The little thing they eat looks like a small cylindrical green leaf, and is made by taking a paru leaf and putting a bit of lime on it. Then into the leaf is put betel nut,

cardamon seeds, cloves finely broken and many kinds of other spices, though but a small quantity of each. Many put tobacco in, too. The betel nut makes the mouth of a blood-red color, and the teeth look simply dreadful. The paru leaf, lime, betel-tobacco are very injurious. Our boys and their have been quiet successful and we are very thankful for it.

One thing which greatly hampers our work is the absence of Christian literature. You say, "Cannot some of the missionaries translate from English?" Well, but a very few are able, and then it does not meet the needs of these people. Illustrations which would be fraught with interest and be really forcible to us, would have not the slightest meaning to them.—It really needs a literature of its own, and as yet the C. E. has not become strong enough to supply it. Our stock in Bengali is very limited anyway. I am hoping to get the language sufficiently well to be able to translate readily and correctly.—That means to have a fair knowledge of Sanscrit, the ancient language of this land.

The work here is very dear to me, and especially that pertaining to the young people. There are many forms of temptation about them, and, to help others, they are obliged to be among the grossest abuses nearly every day, so that it needs a strong hand and a stout heart to stem the passions within and assist others.

The class I have in the Bible School is a source of much pleasure. Some are Bengalis, some are Oryias and some are Santals, but all speak Bengali to me. They are such bright earnest young men that as I look into their dark intelligent faces, I can't but think that surely better times are in store for India. One sad thing in connection with these people is the fact that they need supervision. For centuries under the austere rule of the Brahmins, they have not yet learned to think and act for themselves in religious matters; but the young people coming up will, all are hoping to be improved.—Strong and child-like their faith often is, and many of them make good and efficient workers.

We have a Christian girls' School here, of which I have the main superintendence, as Dr. Mary Bachelor is so much occupied with medical work, and the zennana work, also, is under her care. There are 58 pupils on the roll now, and the school is in fairly good condition. We have been so cramped for room that it was impossible to do the best work. The house was being repaired, and the entire school were obliged to occupy one small verandah all through the hot weather.—Sewing, which had been dropped, has been recommenced and I am with them an hour each day, cutting, teaching, &c. How many times I have wished you could see them at work. Their little dark fingers are very supple and apt. Much of their work is very creditable. We make clothing and sell it, at cost price, to the native Christians. We have more orders than we can fill.

The American cotton is very highly prized, and, indeed, it wears almost twice as long as the country calico. May I ask you, when you send a box for the school to put in pieces of pretty, durable cotton and gingham—not too dark? One and one quarter yard makes a nice jacket to wear beneath the saris, and a half yard makes a small garment for a baby. Very small pieces can be used, and, indeed, we use a good deal. I have been teaching them some Kindergarten songs which have been translated into Bengali, and its a pretty sight to see their happy faces. We are going to do all we can to make them earnest, happy Christian women.

You must not think everything is bright and pleasant, but there is so much to be thankful for that one does not want to mention the dark spots.

When your prayers for Foreign Mission work ascend to our Father will you not remember these right here at Midnapore, of whom I have been telling you? And do not forget India's countless young people. With higher civilization has come new vices, which, added to their own, makes Hindu society shockingly wicked and vicious.

The tide is strong, but in the end this broad, lovely land shall become the kingdom of our God.

The officials here—I mean the English civilians, are now much more favorable to missions than formerly.—Lord Elgin, the Governor General, in a speech a few months ago made this remark,—If there were no missions in India and no earnest workers for the peace-creating gospel of Christ, I am sure the wisest course of the government would be to create the former and import and support the latter." Coming from such a man as Lord Elgin, it means considerable.

And now I must conclude, this rather lengthy letter. Please let me assure you individually that I shall be glad to hear from you at any time. Any letter from a Society

will be welcomed most cordially. We are all workers together for Him, and I do not want you to forget that your own missionary is working here and you there; and for us both I pray that the coming year may be fully devoted to His service. "The Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent from the other."

Yours Sincerely,
EDNA WILE.

This Year Should Witness.

More zeal.
More system.
More oneness of aim.
More devotion to home.
More kindness to the aged.
More loyalty to the pastor.
More hours devoted to study.
More sense in planning work.
More prayerfulness and faith.
More hope in the coming days.
More personal effort for others.
More gentleness and sympathy.
More attention to small details.
More sunshine in heart and life.
More friendliness towards strangers.

More harmony between say and do.
More patience when things go wrong.
More consecration and concentration.
More charity for people who are weak.
More consideration for crooked sticks.
More persons in the devotional meeting.
More promptness in keeping appointments.
More good-nature constantly bubbling over.
More young people at the preaching services.
More of our friends brought to a knowledge of personal salvation.

A Good Way to Conduct Business.

A merchant in New York had pledged to the Lord a certain portion of his business receipts as fast as they were collected. He called this the Lord's insurance money, for, said he, "so long as I give, so long will the Lord help and bless me and in the same way will He give me the means to give. It is a blessing to my heart to keep it open in gratitude; a blessing to dispose of it to gladden other hearts, and the surest way to keep the Lord's favor with me." The results of his experience were blessed, indeed, as he said: "I never realized before, how He helps me in all my plans."

"Things happen daily which show me that some one who knows more than I, is protecting me. Bad debts have been paid that I did not expect. Errand boys just getting into sly and bad habits have been discovered ere their thefts proceeded far. As I needed competent help in my business, it has come just as I needed it."

"When customers were about to fail, somehow their debts were paid although they failed to pay others. A severe fire came to my office and seemed to have swept all my valuables away, but it was stopped at just the right moment, and not one valuable was lost. The insurance company paid me enough to replace every damage, and the office was renewed better than before. The Lord sends me business enough to pay all debts, while others are dull."

"I cannot tell why it is, except that I always pray for my business, and ask the Lord to bless it for the good of others, and that the means which come from it may be used for His cause."

"When I stop giving, business stops coming. When I stop praying for it perplexities arise. As long as I pray for it, all moves easily and I have no care or trouble."

"The Lord is my banker, my insurer, my deliverer, my patron, and blessed guardian of temporal things as well as spiritual."—Wonders of Prayer.

The Business Man's Lesson.

He was an upright business man. In his heart he believed the religion of Christ to be true. But he was very busy, and when Sunday came he was thoroughly tired. He had become interested, too, in his Sunday paper, so he gradually dropped off going to church. His wife went regularly, and sometimes the children. One morning, just after his wife had set out, he was comfortably seated reading the money article, when he heard his boys talking in the next room. Said eight-year-old Willie:

"When you grow up, shall you go to church as mother does, or stay at home like father?"

"I shall do neither," said the one decidedly. "When I'm a man I shall have my horses, and be on the road Sundays, and enjoy myself."

The newspaper suddenly lost its attraction. Between the father and it there came a picture of his boys associating with loose men, and drifting into a godless, reckless, life, and of himself looking on it in his

old age as the fruit of his self-indulgence. Five minutes after he was rapidly walking toward the church. When the service was over, his wife, coming down the aisle, saw him waiting at the door. There was questioning, glad surprise in her eyes, but he only remarked that he had taken a walk, and thought he would join her on her way home. Next Sunday, however, the whole family were in their pew, and all the rest of the day there was a kind of peace about the home that reminded him of his boyhood happy days in his father's home. And who will say that he was the less fitted for another week of business life by his share in the services of God's house, instead of "staying at home all Sunday to rest?"—Sunday School Times

Danger to Wealthy Young Men.

It fell to our lot for many years to teach young men. The experience was of at least as much value to us as to any of our students. On some subjects, as we went forward, we found it necessary to revise our opinions. At the outset we had a great sympathy for those who had to struggle against all the odds in order to get an education. In the end we had a similar feeling for those who did not have to struggle at all. That it is tremendously difficult to win the diploma of a good college and work for one's bread at the same time we very well know. But there is heroism in the doing of it. Hats off to him who has the manhood for the task. On the other hand, the young man whose father gives him a liberal supply of pocket money is in constant danger of relaxing his efforts. Money is temptation. Many do not yield to it. They, too, are worthy of the greatest honor. The son of a very wealthy man has a terrible gauntlet to run. If he goes through unscathed, he has the elements of high character in him.—Nashville Christian Advocate.

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"How THE LITTLE GROW.—A lady, canvassing a part of the parish to obtain pledges for missions, entered a shoemaker's shop, and enquired of the man on the bench if he would be willing to pledge \$18.25 a year in weekly instalments for missions."

"Eighteen dollars and twenty-five cents!" he replied. "No, indeed; I seldom have so much money. I would not promise one-half as much."

"Would you be willing to give five cents a day?"

"Yes, and my wife will give as much more."

"I do not wish to play any trick on you, but if you will multiply 365 days by five it will make just \$18.25."

"Don't say any more; I am good for five cents a day."

He gave his pledge, and took the book to his wife, who took in washing and ironing, and she cheerfully gave her name for five cents a day.

Weeks came and months passed, and the shoemaker said, "I enjoy this, for I can give thirty-five cents a week and not feel it. It goes like current expenses; and it amounts to so much more than I ever gave before, it gives me a manly feeling. I feel that I am doing my duty."

Selfishness is a glass prison; we do not know we are in it till we try to get out of it.

The proper work of man, the grand drift of human life, is to follow reason, that noble spark kindled in us from heaven.

If here on earth we do not delight in holiness, we have no preparation for that world where God is to be all in all for ever.—Melville.

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