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PRAYER-MEETING TOPICS.

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

8. God's triumphs in the mission field. Ps. 67: 1-7.

(A missionary topic.)

15. What is true friendship? Prov. 27: 9, 10, 17, 19.

22. The good tidings of Christianity. Isa. 50: 7-15.

(A Christmas meeting.)

29. How next year may be made better than this has been. Phil. 3: 7-14.

The Orphanage.

A little girl at Gibson—Myrtle Dennison—collected \$2.90 for the Orphanage Fund, which she handed to the editor a few days ago.

Are there not little girls in many places who can do a like commendable work? We think there are, and hope many of them will undertake it.

ONE WAY.—The Pacific Coast Endeavorer tells of a little society whose members earned money for religious purposes by picking berries, and of another country society that made a good deal of money for the same purpose by raising and selling vegetables. The will always finds a way.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR has made great progress among the Indians of the Northwest. The saying that there was no good Indian but a dead Indian, has always breathed heartless injustice, and those of us who have had the pleasure of making the acquaintance of the Christian Endeavor Indian know that his sincerity and courage are not to be surpassed, even by the Caucasian specimen.

THE SPONGE of the prayer-meeting! Who does not know him? He is always taking in and never giving out. He does not give so much as a handshake to the stranger or a word of appreciation to those who have spoken wise and helpful words. In the Young People's meeting it is he who grumbles because church members are not taken into associate membership in the society. A firm believer in the associate membership, is the religious sponge!

"A Society Rally."

We would suggest a society rally for the opening of the fall work. Of course, every true worker and Endeavorer will find his place in the meeting as soon as he returns from his summer outing, but there are some others who need to be aroused. They have been sleeping during the summer, and need to be awakened. A well planned and enthusiastic rally of the society will do much toward calling their attention to their duty.

Some definite plans of work should be entered upon with the opening of the fall work. These plans should be definitely decided upon by the president and his cabinet—the executive committee, consisting of the pastor, the officers of the society, and the chairmen of committees. Some one should be delegated to submit the plans for new work at the rally, and an effort be made to enlist all in the work.

Have good speeches, good music and much prayer in the meeting. Advertise it thoroughly. Do not put it off too long but begin at once to arrange for it.—Look Out.

Something to Do.

When the society president or pastor begins to plan for the year's work, he asks the questions, What shall I ask the society to do? What work shall we undertake? Each society and each community has its own needs, and these should be studied. Then, there are general lines of work that every young people's society should be engaged in. Perhaps not all the avenues of effort that may be named can be entered by each society, but there

are some that should not be neglected by any society.

To help answer the question of what the society shall do, the following suggestions are offered:

Committees better informed as to their duties, and more faithful.

The devotional meetings more spiritual, and having greater variety.

The systematic effort at visitation and invitation in the community.

A definitely planned effort to save the associate members and those who ought to be associate members.

The introduction of the young people's reading course.

The adoption of a plan of systematic and proportionate giving.

The study and regular support of missions.

The holding of religious socials, with the distinct object of helping young people to a better life.

The making of the society into a prayer circle, pledged to pray for the pastor every time he preaches.—Watchword.

Toughs Touched by Love.

A city missionary in London accomplishes much good by going about and reading the Bible to the toughs of the metropolis. An English periodical tells how on one occasion he read the passage beginning, "A certain man had two sons." As sometimes happened, he was interrupted by the running remarks of an impulsive youth, a London thief, who had evidently never heard the story before. When he read the younger son's request "for the portion of goods that fell to him," his astonished hearer interpolated, "Cool that—rather cool!" When he came to the story of his subsequent degradation and want, "Served him right!" was the ejaculation. But when he heard the account of the prodigal's reception by his father, the impressed and delighted listener exclaimed, as the tears rolled down his cheeks, "Oh, what a good old cove!"

At the close of the service he waited on the missionary with this strange request: "Will you come and read that 'ere account o' the kind old cove to some fellows I know, that would get somewhat o' good from it like me?" When the missionary expressed his readiness to go, the only stipulation added was that he would bring no bobbies, for the bobbies knew them all. Down in a den in the depths of London that missionary read that parable; as of old, "publicans and sinners had drawn near 'to hear him.'"

"This is the gemman wot has come to read us the story of the bad lad, and the kind old cove wot I were telling ye of. It's a regular stunner." Thus introduced and recommended, the missionary began again, "A certain man had two sons." As the narrative proceeded verse by verse, he who had raised the expectations of the company so high kept exclaiming, "Did he ever hear the like o' that? Bill, wasn't I right? Isn't it a regular stunner? But when the reader reached the account of the embrace and the kiss, the marks of approbation from all the auditors, to whom also it was quite new, were so loud that he was compelled to stop. But wait till ye hear what the old fellow did for him! was the last exclamation of his patron. And when they heard of the robe and the ring and the rejoicing, they all rejoiced together; for they seemed, by a kind of Pentecostal intuition, to conclude that even so would the God of the Bible treat them.—Ram's Horn.

Good Humor in The Family.

Good humor is rightly reckoned a most valuable aid to a happy home life. An equally good and useful faculty is a sense of humor or the capacity to have a little fun along with the humdrum cares and works of life. We all know how it brightens up things generally to have a lively, witty companion who sees the ridiculous points of things and can turn an annoyance into an occasion for laughter. It does a great deal better to laugh over some domestic mishap than to cry or scold over it. Many homes and lives are dull because they are allowed to become too deeply impressed with a sense of the cares and responsibilities of life to recognize its bright and especially its mirthful side. Into such a household, good but dull, the advent of a witty, humorous friend is like sunshine on a cloudy day.

While it is always oppressive to hear persons constantly striving to say witty or funny things, it is worth while seeing what a brighter little fun is, to make an effort to have some at home. It is well to turn off an impatient question sometimes, and to regard it from a humorous point of view, instead of being irritated about it.

"Wife, what is the reason I can never find a clean shirt?" exclaimed a good but rather impatient husband after rummaging all through the wrong drawer. His wife looked at him steadily a moment, half inclined

to be provoked; then, with a comical look, she said, "I never guess countin' drums; I give it up. Then he laughed, and they both laughed, and she went and got his shirt, and he felt ashamed of himself and kissed her; and then she felt happy, and so what might have been an occasion for hard words and unkind feelings became just the contrary, all through the little vein of humor that cropped out to the surface.

Some people have a peculiar faculty for giving a humorous turn to things when they are reproved. It does just as well oftentimes to laugh things off. Laughter it better than tears. Let us have a little more of it at home.—Religious Herald.

Be Good to Yourself.

Two old friends, parting at a street corner, were exchanging expressions of good will, and the stay-at-home, shaking hands as they separated, "Good-bye, be good to yourself." Indeed, perhaps it would be well if people were more generally 'good' to themselves, not only in regard to the preservation of health, but also in following the old Smith theory of political economy. In other words, it might not harm the world, and very much benefit the world, if some people, especially many women, would learn the 'beauty of selfishness.'

This does not mean, be it understood from the first, that they who are 'good to themselves' and invariably themselves first of all, first, last and all the time, should seek to become more so. But there are dear, patient, unselfish souls, whose disregard for their own pleasure, and even comfort, is so great that if one of these unselfish women were to look back upon her life for the past year she could not deny that she has used herself worse than she would dream of using any one else. She has dragged herself out of bed in the morning when she was not fit to stir, because it is so lonely for the others if I am not down to breakfast. She has spent whole forenoons in the hot kitchen because the children like my pies and doughnuts so much better than those the 'girl' makes. She has stayed at home to get dinner on Sunday because the girl likes so much to go to church, and she has so few pleasures.

She needs a nap every afternoon, and really intends to take it, but there is this to be done for the other, and that is to be done for this one, and, after all, it's a pity to humor one's self so. So the nap is not taken.

When she has had an invitation to go for a drive she has instantly thought of old Mrs. B., or poor Charlie C., or some other unfortunate, and managed to let them have the pleasure instead of taking it herself.

She has kept in the background when there was anything to be enjoyed; but when a sacrifice was to be made, or an unpleasant duty to be undertaken, she has come forward so willingly and cheerfully that the members of her own family say smilingly: Oh, its no special credit to her; she likes to do such things.

One woman needs fresh air and rest and recreation as much as another, especially if she is the mother of a family, and yet it is usually a mother who lives this role of unselfishness. If unselfishness is such a virtue, and a virtue it is, why should not every member of the family practice it?

Be good to yourselves, then women. Favor yourselves now and then, let some one have the pleasure of helping you occasionally instead of doing all the kindness yourself, and when an opportunity for enjoyment comes to you, improve it; don't always stand aside and give your chance to some one else.

Practice a little wholesale selfishness, and see at the end of the year if there is not a decided improvement not only in your health and strength, but in the manners, and morals of your family as well.—Boston Journal.

THE SALOONS HAVE GOT MY BOY.

—When the Rev. George R. Stuart, the collaborer of the Rev. Sam P. Jones, was once preaching in Kentucky, there came down the aisle one night a poor Irish woman with an intelligent face crying out in her own peculiar way, showing the deep anguish of a mother's heart, Mr. Stuart, Mr. Stuart, the saloons have got my boy!

The preacher's heart ached, and the large congregation was greatly moved when he said:

How many women in this great audience can hold up their hands with this poor woman? You should have seen the hands that went up, showing how many mothers were having the same sad experience.

Some of them were hands in kid gloves, some wore black gloves; some wore white, tender hands, while some were bare and quivering hands.

The teacher said: Men of Kentucky, I don't know what kind of stuff you are made of. But I am of that kind of stuff to stand by the side of these sad and stricken women, with their uplifted hands, and help them save their boys out of the clutches of the dreadful saloon. And numbers of men got up, and many cheered.

The saloon has got many a noble boy. It may be yours, or it may be somebody's child. Who will stand up for the deliverance of these noble boys, the sons of mothers with wet eyes and crushed hearts, by voting and using all their influences against the devilish saloon?

Who will answer, Here am I; send me?—The Christian Companion.

The Power of Touch.

Jesus took him by the hand! This was one of the wonderful secrets of the Redeemer's power over human hearts. Touch—a personal touch—symbol of heart-sympathy—is a key that unlocks many an imprisoned life. A sweet example of it was seen in the Earl of Shaftesbury as he went on his ministry of love among London criminals. One who was reformed, dated his uplift to his intercourse with the Earl.

What did he say to you? asked one.

Oh, it was not so much what he said as what he did. He took my hand and said: Jack, we'll make a man of you yet. It was the touch that did it.

Daniel Webster went from his country home to Boston to study law. He entered, without invitation, the office of Christopher Gore, then at the head of the Massachusetts bar. He was regarded as an intruder and nobody paid him any attention.

One day Rufus King, saw the solitary student, and he shook him warmly by the hand, and said:

I knew your father well. He is an intimate of mine. Be studious and you will win. If you want any assistance or advice, come to me.

Webster said when he was sixty years old, that he still felt the warm pressure of that hand.

Power of a Kind Touch.

Many years ago a poor German immigrant woman sat with her children in the waiting room of an Eastern station. A lady passing to a train, struck by her look of misery, stopped a moment to speak with her; the story was soon told. Her husband had been buried at sea. She was going to Iowa, and it was hard to enter a strange world alone with her babies. The stranger had but one instant. She pressed a little money into the poor creature's hand and said: Alone! Why, Jesus is with you! He never will leave you alone!

Ten years afterward the woman said: That word gave me courage for all my life. When I was a child I knew Christ and loved him. I had forgotten him. That chance word brought me back to him. It kept me strong and happy through all my troubles.

A LITTLE BOY who had brought nine new scholars into the Sunday-school was urged by his teacher to make the number up to ten. He did not know where to go for the tenth boy, but on the following Sunday he proudly led his father in and showed him to a seat in the Bible class. It is wisely suggested that the children of some of our elders and deacons might do some good missionary work along this line.

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