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E. B. S.

How to Help the Converts.

The young people's Society can do much to train and direct the young converts that have recently been brought into the Church. What are some of the things especially the society can do and should do for these new recruits in the Lord's service?

It should keep up the attendance at the meetings. Its members should be so cordial and consecrated that the new converts will feel that their religious interest is real and consistent—not a show or a form. Many a new convert has been chilled and discouraged by discovering the absence of those who were deeply interested in them during the special meetings.

All the new converts should be induced to join the society, and once members they should be given something to do. Let them know they are needed and appreciated. Let each one who has been longer in the service of Christ lead such a life as shall be an inspiration to the new disciples. Cheerfulness and faithfulness are important elements in the lives of those who would guide and build up others.

Let every one take a deep personal interest in others, remembering them in prayer, speaking kindly and helpfully to them and of them.

These are ways to help.

Why Should Christians be Interested in Foreign Missions?

Why should Christians be interested in foreign missions? The first thought that comes to me is, why should Christians not be interested in foreign missions? The command is clearly given to all Christians,—"Go ye into all the world and teach all nations." Their conversion is a part of our life work, and where our work is, there certainly we have an interest. They are our brothers and sisters, and we do have an interest in them.

We realize that they have souls just as really as we and they have souls that may be lost. No matter what skeptic might say, the gospel teaches that each has a soul that may be lost. The heathen have souls that are worth saving. Surely this fact deserves our attention, if we are interested, as we should be, in all unsaved souls.

The remark is sometimes made that the heathen are not worth the sacrifice that is made for them. I heard a returned missionary say, only last week, that they are worthy all that can be done for them. She said, there are some thankless ones, but the majority of them are very grateful for what Christians are doing for them; and are as truly converted as any in our own land.

Are we awake to our responsibility? A great deal of our seeming neglect is due, I believe, to ignorance of the real needs of our heathen brethren; and yet we have no excuse to-day for ignorance. It is a plea that will not stand the test.

Our heathen brothers and sisters, need our help, need it now, and it is our privilege to supply their need. Let us be enthusiastic in mission work this year. The time is passing swiftly by, and we can grasp it only in the passing.

We can win the heathen for Christ, because we have a great strong God who has promised, "ask of me and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession."

ANNIE M. JOHNSTON.

Why Should Christians Be Interested in Missions?

There is not one Christian on the earth in whose heart the love of God has poured its rays, but should

be interested in Missions. But why should he be interested? Why should he be so eager to spread the gospel? Because he knows that on him rests some of the responsibility for the salvation of millions of souls as precious as his own. When he thinks of the poor heathen, shut out from christianity and from the many privileges that the christian enjoys, he cannot but feel interested in the grand work which sets so many benighted souls free. Look at the heathen before he has heard of the true God; see how his ignorant mind is carried about by dumb idols with the thought that his gods hate him and that nothing short of the sacrifice of his own body will appease their wrath. How hard must be the Christians' heart if this does not strike some tender chord, and make it vibrate with a greater interest than ever in mission work. Think of our blessed Lord who loved man so much, that he gave his only Son to die for him on Calvary; and then think that even to this day, there are men who through ignorance believe that their gods hate them. This should rouse the christian to such an interest that he could not rest, until he knows that the love of God has been made known to all nations. Christians should be interested when they are told how the heathen receives the gospel, how they drink in the glad tidings. Their eagerness to receive should be a rebuke to many who despise their religious privileges in this highly favoured country; for there are people who every day trample precious jewels under their feet. Christians should also be interested in the progress of missions. See how many souls they gather into the fold, and how civilization follows in their wake. Idolatry in a large part of heathendom is a thing of the past. Education is advancing. In many places there are small communities, ministered to by a native pastor, who is not supported by contributions drawn from America but by the free-will offerings of his own people. Is not this interesting? There is one thing that should be the firm foundation of the Christians interest, that is the great command which our Lord gave. "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations." Surely this means much. Although He did not mean that every-one should go and preach; but he gives each one the privilege the glorious privilege, of missions, by which the gospel may be sent to all nations, if every christian would become more interested in them. May God hasten the day when every christian, will awaken to a sense of his duty in the broad field of labor which lies before us.

TALMAGE PATTERSON.

Rusiagornish, A. C. F. Society.

Our young people's A. C. F. Society is progressing rapidly under the present president Mrs. Geo. Noble. The last meeting, being our Monthly meeting, was led by Bro. Hurd Grass. After the minutes were read, a collection was taken, and the roll was called; there were twenty-one members present, all of whom responded briefly. We feel that the Lord has greatly blessed this organization of Christian young people in our midst; they are not only being trained for greater usefulness in their mature years, but are now doing such effective christian service as would be impossible for them without organization and the stimulus which comes of association for a common purpose. May God help each member to press onward toward the mark of the prize of our high calling which is in Christ Jesus.

Yours in the work.
P. E. G.

Oromocto A. C. F.

We have an A. C. F. Society here which was organized Jan 17, 1895 by the pastor, Rev. S. J. Perry, assisted by members from the Rusiagornish Society. Eighteen members took the Active members pledge, God's blessing has been upon us from the first, and we now have an active membership of thirty-two, and six associate members. The meetings are good, nearly all of the active members taking part in every meeting; and the society is a great help to our young people. The officers for the term are Rev. S. J. Perry, President; Annie Kimball, Vice-President; Emma Estabrooks, Secretary; Mrs. Miles McManis, Treasurer; Harry H. Hubble, Corresponding Sec.

Yours in the work.
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Cheerful Givers.

There lived in a little village an old man and woman who were very poor. They both earned their living by weaving. By working hard they could earn about four shillings a week. By being very careful they managed to live on this sum. They had no debts, but not a penny to spare.

One day they returned home from a missionary meeting, feeling very sad. They had nothing to give.

"Wife," said the husband, "doesn't it make you feel badly to think that we haven't a penny to give for the heathen? We both know how blessed it is to have a Saviour, yet we cannot help to spread the news."

"I've been thinking about it," she said: "if we only knew a way to earn a little money. There is what we put aside to bury us, but it wouldn't be right to take it; for then somebody else would have to pay for funeral expenses; and as for eating less than we do now, that is impossible; for then we should get sick, and other people have to take care of us. I don't see any way."

"We must tell the Lord about it," the old man said. And then it was time for family worship, and they knelt down to pray.

Two months afterward, one cold winter morning, there came a knock at the minister's door. When he opened it there stood the old woman her face bright with joy.

"I've brought our money for the missionaries," she said. My husband and I are so glad to show somebody the way to the Saviour." Then she unwrapped a large piece of paper, and carefully counted five pennies. The minister was surprised; for he knew that these two people were very poor. How could they spare even five pennies? But she had a joyful story to tell.

"Why, we wanted to give something, and we didn't see how, so we asked the Lord about it, and he put it into our hearts to save the potato parings. We have to use a dozen small potatoes in a day, for it is about all we have to eat. Well, I dried them and kept them in a bag until I got a nice lot, and this morning I took them to a neighbour who keeps pigs, and she gave me five pennies. We are so glad to give it."

Then the old woman, nearly eighty years, limped away leaning on her cane, her face aglow. Her pastor said he could not keep back the tears as he looked at the five pennies. "O thou faithful God!" said he, "how well these children of thine have understood thee. And by and by thou wilt give to them good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over."—*The Way of Life.*

The Story of a New Testament.

A little girl expressed to her parents one day a wish that they would give her two New Testaments. To the question of her parents why it must be two New Testaments, the child replied that one was for herself and the other to send to the heathen.

She was given the two volumes, and in one of them she wrote: "A little girl who loves the Lord Jesus wishes with all her heart that whoever reads this should also love and believe on him." This New Testament went to India, and found its way to a station in the interior. A Hindoo lady obtained it. She could read, but was unable to write; and as she longed to be able to write, her attention was immediately drawn to the inscription on the fly leaf. The large and distinct characters of the child's handwriting attracted her so much that she tried to imitate them again and again. Gradually the sense of the words made an impression upon her, and the question arose, "May not those words have been written just for me?" She began then earnestly to read the New Testament; her eyes were opened, and she learned to know and love her Saviour.

Years passed. The little girl had meanwhile grown up, and thought no more of the New Testament which she had sent once upon a time to the heathen. But her love for missions had grown up with her, and it was her deepest desire to serve the Lord among the heathen. She was accepted as a missionary, and sent to a rather out of the way station in India. There she entered one day the house of a Hindoo Christian lady. In the course of conversation the Hindoo lady showed her visitor a book, a New Testament, and told how she, a Hindoo heathen, had been by its means brought to Jesus her Saviour.

You may imagine the joyful astonishment of the lady missionary when she recognized in the book the same New Testament on whose fly leaf she had many years ago, as a little girl, written those words which had served to show the poor Hindoo lady the way to Jesus. Together they knelt down, praised God's wonderful ways, and thanked him who had drawn them both to himself.

"Cast thy bread upon the waters, and thou shalt find it after many days."—*Feuille Religieuse.*

How to Use Your Wishes.

"Well-wishing," says the Sunday-school Times, "is an incentive to well-doing, but it is no substitute for it. Unless the doing accompanies or follows the wishing, the wishing amounts to little. Yet how much easier wishing is than doing. A hundred persons are ready, while sitting in a warm room on a winter's day, to wish that their neighbors were as comfortable as they are, where only one person is willing to send a supply of fuel to those neighbors. The question of the Apostle James is in point here: 'If a brother or sister be naked, and in lack of daily food, and one of you say unto them, Go in peace, be ye warmed and filled; and yet ye give them not the things needful to the body: what doth it profit?' Sure enough, 'What doth it profit?' General Booth, the founder of the Salvation Army, emphasizes this truth in a forceful illustration. Picturing a storm on the coast near a great city, when a signal gun sounds out a note of alarm from a vessel driving toward the shore and danger rockets shoot up into the air as a call for help. 'What would you do?' he asks of his sympathetic hearers. 'Would you get a cabinet organ, and take it, with a church choir, down onto the beach, where all could sing together, 'Rescue the perishing?' There is a great deal of that kind of well-wishing done among Christians. Yet, God be praised! there is lifeboat work going on; and there ought to be a great deal more of it."

A Pure Home.

There is nothing on earth for which one ought to be more thankful than for having been brought up in the atmosphere of a pure home. Such a home may be narrow and even hard. It may be deficient in material comforts, and utterly lack the graceful amenities which lend a charm to human life; but it has in it the forces on which great characteristics are nurtured. One of the best friends—a man as sturdy as the forest oak—once said to me: "I was the son of poor parents, and from my youth was injured to self-denial and hardships; but I do not remember ever to have heard a word from the lips of either my father or mother which was not as chaste as the driven snow. Better such a recollection as that than an inheritance of millions of money.—Selected.

Few people are dull while they are diligently employed—none who take an interest in their work and try to do it well. It is when they lay it aside, and with it all sense of responsibility, that things sometimes take on a sombre and colorless aspect.

If we wait until we have more than we want before beginning to give, we shall die without giving. But if we give out of our scanty portion, to those whose need is greater than ours, we shall live as givers, and shall enjoy living. The man who only gives from his surplus never knows the real joy of giving.

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