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This Society shall be known as the Bear Island Young People's Society of C. E.

Night of meeting Thursday of each week. First meeting Jan. 31st. Organized by Rev. T. O. DeWitt, with twenty-seven members, 16 active and 11 associate.

The India Orphanage.

We are glad to know that the Executive of the N. B. F. B. Young People's League has decided to do something towards providing a home for the orphans under Mrs. Boyer's care in India. The letter of the corresponding Secretary refers to the undertaking, and we hope such faith and zeal in the work, as he feels, will actuate all the societies.

A recent personal letter from Mrs. Boyer expresses her deep gratitude for the interest taken in the project. She says: "When I heard of the appropriation the Boards had made for the Orphanage, and that Mr. Stiles was presenting the matter to the people I just felt as if it were too good to be true. I really had got very much discouraged and felt as if so many trials might be a sign that I had better go home; but when the INTELLIGENCER and the home letters came with the good news I felt as if I had just come out, and wanted to stay ten years more." After reading the foregoing extract our young friends will better understand how much they can help the workers by taking a hearty interest in the work of establishing the Orphanage. Go to work at once, dear young people, and you will accomplish a great good—and get to yourselves a rich blessing.

The Essays.

Perhaps scores of young people are preparing essays on the subjects named a few weeks ago. We hope so. But to keep the matter before all the members we republish the announcement:

PRIZES OFFERED.

Do you want to get interested in Missions and help to interest others? If so give heed to the three following prizes offered:

1. A copy of "The Missionary Reminiscences" will be given to the member, under twenty-five years of age, of any F. B. young people's society in New Brunswick or Nova Scotia, who prepares the best essay on—

Why should Christians be interested in Foreign Missions?

The essay not to exceed five hundred words.

2. A copy of "The New Acts of the Apostles," by Dr. Pierson, to any F. B. Sunday-School scholar in N. B. or N. S., under twenty-five years of age, for the best essay on—

How to arouse the interests of the Sunday-School scholars in Missions.

The essay not to exceed five hundred words.

Note: The essays will need to be in the hands of the editor of the INTELLIGENCER not later than March 1st next. A committee to examine them and award the prizes will be named in due time. The best two essays will be published in the INTELLIGENCER.

Letter from the Corresponding Secretary.

Acting on the suggestion of a number of the brethren while at General Conference I have had a large number of copies of the picture of Mrs. Boyer and the orphans taken, and am now offering them for sale at 50cts. each. The profit from the sale of the pictures will be given to the Orphanage building

fund." I have mailed sample copies of the picture to several of the workers requesting that they act as agents in their churches or Societies. The profit from the sales will be credited to the church or society in which the sales are made.

It is hoped that the picture will serve another purpose also, that by its general distribution the need of our sister Boyer and the work may be brought and kept prominently before the people. I have a picture upon my desk, and as I write, if I raise my eyes I always notice the picture, it never fails to speak to me of the sacrifice the devoted missionaries are making, of the need of those poor waifs of humanity, with out God and without hope in the world; and as I look at the words of our master, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, ye have done it unto me." Surely, dear young people, "a great door and effectual has been opened," to us. There may be obstacles, but remember Waterloo was great and is remembered, not because it was an easy conquest, but from the fact that it was a victory in the face of tremendous odds. We "wrestle not against flesh and blood but against principalities," but if God be for us we shall succeed.

I do not expect the Orphanage to be built without a struggle; only mushrooms grow in a night; the precious wheat must be sown and waited for. While I expect difficulties and personal sacrifice, still I as much expect that building will be created as I expect the sun will rise tomorrow morning. God is behind it; He has ordered it. Let us go forward. Let us not forget that many of us may be called upon to make some personal sacrifice. That is what many of us need. We cannot afford to give this life and never know what personal sacrifice is. We may, perhaps be that much poorer in pocket for the time, but richer in spirit always.

I will be glad to correspond with any of our young people with reference to the work, to answer questions, or give advice and help in any department of the work so far as my experience and knowledge will permit.

J. B. DAGGETT,
Cor. Sec.

Hartland Society.

Dear INTELLIGENCER and Fellow-workers;—In May 1893 an A. C. F. Society was organized at Hartland with a membership of 10. Our object was to arouse the young people of the church to the work Christ had for them to do. We are pleased to say that it has grown, and God's blessing has been upon it. At present we have a membership of 46—26 Active and 20 Associate. We have during that time raised \$70.00 for Missionary purposes. As you have been informed, we have adopted a boy in the Orphanage, and sent \$25.00 last year for his support, and the same this year. We also have our badges, which cost \$15.00. Mrs. Boyer wrote us that Roma was a bright intelligent lad of 12 years and getting along well with his studies. We have given him the name of Noble; and our prayer is that Roma Noble may make as useful a man to his own people as his venerable name sake, Rev. Joseph Noble has been and is amongst his people. Our meetings are held fortnightly—one night a prayer and social meeting, and at the other we have a programme.

Our prayer meetings are led by the Active members, while the associate members take more active part in the programmes. We have had the pleasure of having three Associate members take the Active pledge and also join the church. We are glad to report that our ranks have not been broken by death. We are sorry that we are not able to report as much being done by committees as the Carleton Society, but while our numbers are few, our aim is the advancement of Christ's Kingdom, when we think of the thousands that die every year without a knowledge of Christ, how it ought to arouse every one of us to more earnest work, we firmly believe that this work is for the young people; and if we shirk our duty, God will hold us responsible. Our prayer is that this year may be a prosperous one with every Society.

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.—Profit from sales of Orphanage pictures, for the "Orphanage building fund":
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The amounts will be paid over to the treasurer of the fund when the pictures are all sold.

Woodstock society has decided to raise \$25.00 for the fund this year, that is business. Who next and how much?

J. B. DAGGETT,
Cor. Sec.

"Will You Laugh to Me Again, Mother?"

It was little three-year old Mabel who asked this question one morning in the early spring. She had been bringing me the first spring flowers, and oh! how "bafu!" she thought those bright yellow dandelions were. I had enjoyed them too, and had responded to her enthusiasm with words of appreciation and thanks; but it was the smile which seemed to delight the little darling most, and, as she started out to hunt for more flowers, she came back to ask in her own earnest, winsome way, "Will you laugh to me again, mother?"

It was a simple question, or rather request, but it almost startled me, and started me new train of thought.

Was that dear little heart hungry for more brightness, and thus seeking for it as the vine sends forth its tiny branches in search of the sunshine?

While careful, and perhaps too often troubled about household duties striving to have everything as comfortable as possible for the dear husband and little ones, had I been failing to give them the smiles and sunshine which their hearts craved, and which I could so gladly and easily give them?

When I was quite young, I remember being touched by hearing a little child say, "Mamma, they are the laughingest folks at Uncle P—'s I ever saw. I wish we had more laughin' at our house." Ah! perhaps our little ones often wish for more laughin' at our house, though they do not say so. Surely we should strive in every way to gladden their young lives, and be careful that by our care-worn, or perhaps frowning, faces we do not repel their natural lightheartedness.

Philip Brooks once said that "the truest humor is the bloom of the highest life," and while we should never encourage silly simpering and giggling, should we not seek to cultivate in ourselves and our children that "true humor" which, like the sunshine, always carries with it gladness and bloom!—*Sunday school Times.*

Drinking Husbands and Fathers.

I have studied the laws of heredity, practically and with hundreds of living illustrations, for twenty-two years, and I have reached a firm conviction that no man is worthy to become a husband or father who is not always sober and clean. By sober, I mean a man who is not familiar with the red cup; by clean, one whose body is pure and healthful.

We are at present developing a race of drunkards. Statistics show that, leaving out the children, there is one drunkard in every forty-two persons. This means that one-half the adult people in the United States drink something else than water.

I have sufficient evidence to encourage me in my belief that any man who tipsies cannot be a good father; not that the greatest wrong is to himself, but because of the wrong done his children. I find that nine out of every ten men who drink had drinking fathers or a drinking family before them. The father says: "Oh, I only drink a little, you know; it never effects me!" But the father never knows what terrible effects of just drinking "a little" may be revealed in his offspring; what awful influence it may have upon the mind and habits of his child.

You cannot enervate the mind and body and have strength and intellect remain. If you are a father, as you sow strength and intellect in yourself, so shall you reap strength and intellect in your children. If drunkenness and licentiousness go hand in hand, if we are generating a drunken race, then we are producing at the same time an unclean race. Let thinking men and women consider these cruel, hard facts; and, above all, let the wives bring all their loving influence to bear upon their husbands to restrain their husbands from drinking.—*Anthony C. Mott.*

A FRIEND has written a bit of personal "experience" which may be helpfully passed on. She says: "I was very busy about this and that, and my work called me much away from home, so much in fact, that many household tasks were left undone, among them window washing. But you see I had not paused to look out of the windows in weeks, and had truly forgotten or failed to observe that they were dirty. But a day of sickness came. I drew my lounge beside the window that I might watch the changes of the beautiful autumn sky. But I could not enjoy looking out—indeed I could not well see out for dust and city grime. Till as I was I had to get up and wash the panes, but not before Grace had read this lesson to my heart: in our multitude of worldly cares we often forget to care for the windows of the soul that look heavenward, but we seem to be well

and not to need such communion with heaven. Trouble comes and as we are forced to turn our eyes outward and upward our vision is blurred—carelessness, selfishness, aye, perhaps outright sin have come between us and the Sun of Righteousness. When we are least able to do it we must remove the obstructions. It is best not to be too busy about the cares of this world."

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 a 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.*

Save the Boys.

In dealing with the temperance question, we are not to think only of the drunkard. It is a noble thing to work for his reformation, but it is a greater work to strive to throw around the young those safeguards which will prevent them becoming victims of strong drink. But there are many who do not seem to think of the children at all. In speaking of license, people argue sometimes that as much liquor is sold under prohibition as when licenses are granted. "It is sold on the sly," they say. No doubt many an old toper will have his liquor anyway. He will dodge in at back doors and through dark alleys, if by so doing he can get a drink. But this back door trade does not tempt the young. The open saloon is a constant menace to the young people of the community in which it exists. For the sake of the children let us battle with this evil, never thinking of such a thing as a compromise, but with all our might and our power, labor for the utter extermination of the drink curse. Save the children of to-day, and you save the men and women of to-morrow.—*Messiah's Herald.*

Her Apology.

Every one who goes to church knows how often he forgets the text of the sermon that delights him. But not every one can apologize for his forgetfulness as wittily as did the woman of whom the humorist, Eli Perkins, tells the anecdote:

One Monday morning I met Susan B. Anthony on the train coming out of Chicago.

"Yes," she said, "I heard Professor Swing, and such a treat!"

"Do you remember his text? I asked."

"Remember his text!" exclaimed Susan; "why he couldn't remember it himself. He had it all written down."

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