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## CORRECTIONS.

The name of the new Treasurer  
of the N. B. League is not T. A.  
Alexander, as printed in last issue,  
but T. A. Lindsay, Woodstock,  
N. B.

The Corresponding Secretary  
writes that in the report of the  
League's Convention, instead of  
\$688.23 in Orphanage Fund, it  
should be \$588.11.

## ORPHANAGE FUND.

(Embodied in the treasurer's report  
as presented to League meeting.)  
Bear Island Society.....\$ 6 00  
Wilson's Beach..... 41 40  
Fredericton..... 22 00  
Southampton..... 20 30  
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Marysville..... 55 00  
Waterloo St..... 25 00  
Woodstock..... 51 00  
A Friend..... 2 00  
Gibson..... 6 00  
Kewick..... 49 20  
Mrs G. Hayward..... 5 00  
North Head..... 10 75  
Collection..... 11 18  
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Woodstock, N. B.

## Some Convention After Thoughts.

All were agreed that the session  
was a good one, from whatever  
standpoint viewed. The attendance  
was large, the spirit blessed, the  
fellowship so well-nigh perfect that  
all hearts blended in such harmony  
that, with all appropriateness we  
could sing "Best be the tie that  
binds," etc.

What made it thus? An onlooker  
would say the large and enthusiastic  
gathering of hopeful young people,  
bound together by ties of interest  
in a common cause; then, the spirit  
of devotion manifest by all; they  
were there to do business and they  
did it; it could not but be a success.  
And this is true. But back of all  
this was an unseen influence which  
the mere onlooker could not recog-  
nize; he might perceive its work,  
but could not tell whence it came  
or whether it went. There was a  
host of our young people who have  
had the League upon their hearts,  
and during the year they have been  
remembering the League and its  
work at the throne of grace; they  
have prayed that young men and  
women of zeal and devotion might  
be chosen as delegates, and such  
were chosen; they prayed that the  
spirit of God would hover over the  
session, filling hearts and souls with  
His peaceful presence. They went  
to the Convention and, according  
to their prayers and their faith, it  
was done unto them.

We have passed the old year, we  
are in the new. Already some of us  
are beginning to ask, what shall  
next year be? Dear brethren and  
sisters, God is more willing to give  
than we are to receive. Let us all  
feel our individual responsibility.  
Don't leave it all for the officers.  
They have their burdens, and they  
will by the grace of God discharge  
their duties faithfully. But may  
we all recognize our part and lot  
in this duty. What shall we, what  
can we do? A key note for service  
during the year was sounded in a  
letter from one of the workers to  
the writer since Convention. I quote:  
"Our Society is going to make a  
desperate effort to arouse a deeper  
interest and to do better work than  
ever." That is from one of the top  
notch societies. We are glad that  
is the spirit. Get desperate in the  
work, and blessed results must  
follow.

MORE ANON.

## From The Corresponding Secretary.

I was asked at Convention to give  
some practical hints as to the duties  
of local Cor. Sec's. I did not re-  
spond because I was not in speak-  
ing trim at that session. But I take  
the privilege of addressing you now.  
First, let me say that the Cor. Sec.  
is one of the most useful officers of  
a society; and only a live, energetic,  
diligent person should be elected.

The first duty of a Cor. Sec. is to  
look after all absent members, that  
is those who are away from the  
place, as they may be reported by  
the committees. He should keep in  
touch with all the business of the  
society and of the League, and be  
ready to give to the General Cor.  
Sec. any information he may re-  
quire. He should keep that officer  
informed concerning the work of  
the society; if you are adopting new  
plans or are meeting with success  
on the old lines, he should be in-  
formed so that he may be able to  
give another society useful points  
from your experience. It would be  
a good thing if after every business  
meeting a brief synopsis were sent  
to the Genl. Cor. Sec. Then, the  
Cor. Sec. should have an interest in  
the Young People's department in  
the INTELLIGENCER and occasionally  
report the work of the society; such  
reports would be of interest to us  
all. Much extra work was made  
for the Genl. Sec. this year, and the  
reports were not as full as they  
should have been, from the failure  
of local Cor. Secs. to do their duty.  
Officers were changed and no notice  
was given of the change. A notice  
was inserted in the INTELLIGENCER  
relative to report blanks; some  
societies were without blanks, local  
Cor. Secs. saw the notice but failed  
to communicate with me; hence I  
was unaware of their needs. I shall  
be now happy to give careful con-  
sideration to all letters of inquiry,  
and to answer during the next year,  
as far as possible, all calls for help.  
I am your officer and servant. Don't  
be afraid to work me. That is what  
you elect me for.

J. B. DAGGETT,  
Cor. Sec.

## Yarmouth Co. Meeting.

The F. B. young people of Yar-  
mouth Co., N.S., held a meeting at  
East Pubnico on Friday afternoon,  
Aug 14. After devotional exercises,  
the pledge was repeated, and then  
a paper was read, entitled "The  
Pledge—Why take it?" A vote of  
thanks was tendered the writer of  
the paper, and it was requested that  
it be published in the INTELLIGENCER.

There was an open parliament, on  
"What part of the pledge is most  
helpful to me?" It was partici-  
pated in by delegates, and was full of  
interest. The encouraging words  
of the pastors were helpful, showing  
that they had no uncertainty about  
the wisdom of the young people  
being organized to do more effective  
work "for Christ and the church."  
A letter was read from Miss E.  
C. Wile of India, and was heartily  
welcomed.... The reports of the  
societies were good. The music  
under the leadership of the Rev.  
G. E. Sturgiss, added much to the  
interest of the meeting.... A re-  
quest was made for a similar meet-  
ing to be held at the next session  
of the quarterly meeting. The  
meeting throughout was of much  
interest and profitable. Collection  
\$1.39.

The annual meeting of the F. B.  
Y. P. U. will take place on Sept.  
11th, at Port Medway. An interest-  
ing programme is being prepared.  
It is hoped a large number will be  
present.

LIZZIE V. PROSSER,  
Secretary.

Kemptville, Yar. Co., N. S.

## The Pledge—Why Take It?

(Read at the Yarmouth Co. meet-  
ing, Aug. 14th.)

No more important subject than  
this can come before this meeting.  
The pledge is the backbone, the  
corner stone, of this great organiza-  
tion. With but it, there is no such  
thing as a young people's society.  
Upon our conception of and fidelity  
to the pledge will depend the strength  
or weakness of every local society;  
and as the strength of a majority of  
the local societies is, so will be the  
strength of the body as a whole.  
The great danger confronting the  
young people's movement is the  
laxity in which the pledge is kept,  
and the feeling in many societies  
that the pledge, binding men and  
women to do something positive and  
definite, is radically wrong.

Let us, first of all, put ourselves  
right as regards the principle which  
called the pledge into existence, for  
if the principle upon which the  
pledge idea is founded is wrong,  
then all argument in its favor is  
vain. If it is merely a human in-  
strument, it ought to have very  
little weight, but if it is a living  
principle, recognized by both God  
and man, then the importance of it  
at once becomes apparent. In the  
first place, take man's side of it.  
No nation has ever existed without  
first laying the foundation, which  
is constitution, the pledge or cove-  
nant. Without this it would be a  
mob without a guide, a ship with-  
out a rudder. No man is compelled  
to sign the constitution, but once  
having put his name to the paper,  
he is bound to keep it; any violation  
of it is subject to severe punishment.  
We find no fault with pledging our-  
selves to the country, because we  
love it and are willing to give of our

best. Take the armies of England  
and America, except in a great crisis  
everything is voluntary. If the  
country needs to defend her inter-  
est she appeals to her loyal sons,  
and they gladly pledge themselves  
to serve under her flag and live or  
die for her, not because they are  
compelled to do so. Take the busi-  
ness life of the nation. Men will  
not do business a single day with-  
out the pledge. Man to man is so  
unjust we hardly know in whom to  
trust and on account of the frailty of  
human waters we demand the pledge  
in the smallest transactions, and  
give it willingly. Take the family  
relations. No true home has ever  
been established without the most  
sacred and binding pledge. If there  
is a time when a pledge seems super-  
fluous it is when a man and woman,  
loving each other, are called upon  
before God and witnesses to take a  
solemn pledge and have it publicly  
recorded; yet they are willing to  
take this sacred pledge. Look into  
any department of life and you will  
see how everything is based upon a  
pledge, man with man, nation with  
nation. But this is all human.

Let us look at God's side. Study  
God's dealings with His chosen  
people, as found in sacred history,  
and you will be surprised to note  
the importance given to the pledge  
there. God shows the importance  
of taking a positive stand on one  
side or the other, and in return  
gives His pledge to do definite things  
for them. He might have spoken  
and it would have been performed,  
but no,—to Absalom, Isaac, Jacob,  
Moses, and all along the ages He  
gave to them a pledge, written by  
His servant sometimes on parch-  
ment, sometimes on stone, and once,  
with Noah and all the world, He  
dipped His pen into a mixture of  
colors and put upon the sky an ever  
lasting pledge, and from one end to  
the other of that blessed Book God  
has given us His pledge. Think of  
Him as he gives to a lost world the  
Saviour, and the thousands of years  
pass away; yet in one time it was  
fulfilled to the letter. God honors  
His pledge.

Now, to the practical work of  
the hour. Probably nine tenths of  
this audience are professing Chris-  
tians, and therefore must believe in  
the pledge, for no more solemn or  
binding pledge is ever made than  
when we make our allegiance to  
Christ and the Church. We give  
ourselves to Him body and soul;  
we lay ourselves upon the altar  
never to take back the offering.  
We are no longer our own. We  
are separated from the world by a  
voluntary act, and received by God;  
our citizenship is in Heaven. We  
are now called upon not again to  
give ourselves to God, for this we  
have done once for all, for now and  
forever, but to pledge ourselves to  
a definite and positive work, not as  
we have already done in a general  
way, but in some particular form.  
Now if we have been honest in our  
first vows to the Church, we ought  
willingly and gladly take this  
second one. The cry of every true  
child of God is, "Lord what wilt  
thou have me to do?"

To insure success in any depart-  
ment of life there must be positive-  
ness, definiteness and earnestness.  
He who starts out to do business  
in a general way will meet with  
failure. He who enters college and  
does not pledge himself to a definite  
line of study, finds himself in the  
great ocean of knowledge, drifting  
from place to place without any  
port to anchor. As we are called  
upon to be definite and positive in  
everything else, let us be, therefore,  
definite in our work for Christ and  
the Church.

Then, after we have taken the  
pledge, let us see our responsibility.  
God says, Ecclesiastics 5. 4-5,  
"When thou vowest a vow unto  
God defer not to pay it; for he hath  
no pleasure in fools: pay that which  
thou hast vowed. Better is it that  
thou shouldst not vow, than that  
thou shouldst vow and not pay!"

It may keep many back by rais-  
ing the standard to mean so much.  
Let them stay where they are, but  
do not lower the standard one inch.  
God is for quality not for quantity.  
Ten true Christians are better than  
one thousand nominal ones. It is  
because of the weakness of the  
character of those who profess to  
be the followers of Christ, that the  
condition of the world is as it is;  
because of inactivity and indefi-  
niteness, the great majority of men  
and women have never heard the Gospel.  
John Knox said, "Give me 12 men  
and I will move Scotland, but the  
men must be men who say, 'Give me  
Scotland or I die.' He obtained his  
men, and Scotland feels the effect  
to day. With such a body of young  
Christians what could not be done.  
If every Christian man and woman  
went to work in earnest, having  
some definite work, the story of the  
Cross would soon be told to every  
man, woman and child in the world.  
1800 years have passed away since  
the command was given, "Go ye  
into all the world" That was a gen-  
eral command "and preach the  
Gospel to every creature," was a  
definite command; and something

more definite still was the command,  
beginning at Jerusalem."

God honors a definite pledge.  
Much depends upon our convictions  
in this matter. England called to  
her sons and said, "We need you for  
definite work." The sons of England  
rose gladly and threw themselves  
into the army to fight for the Queen.  
Christ makes a call on us for de-  
finite work. It may mean life or  
death, hardships or privation, but  
God helping us, let each say, "Where  
thou leadest, I will follow."

## Tact in Treating Boys.

In a crowded passageway, where  
a dozen persons were within earshot,  
I once heard a man speak to a  
young lad something after this  
fashion:

"Why did you behave so in  
Sunday-school yesterday? You set  
all the rest of the class laughing,  
and the superintendent had to  
reprove you. I'm going to take  
that class, and you'll have to do  
better."

This without giving the seeming  
culprit a chance to say one word,  
although he was trying to put in:  
"I didn't. I wasn't to blame."

As the man turned away I heard  
the lad mutter under his breath,  
"He'll never teach me." I didn't  
wonder much. It saddened me,  
though, to see the dark, disheartened  
look which came into the face, and  
I thought: "Will he ever go to  
Sunday-school again?"

One Sunday morning, in the  
reading-room of a family hotel, a  
boy of thirteen sat quietly, decor-  
ously, looking at the pictures in a  
magazine for children. A woman,  
who seemed to have some authority,  
but who was evidently not his  
mother, came up, and without so  
much as "By your leave," snatched  
the pamphlet from his hand, saying:  
"That's not proper reading for  
Sunday: there are plenty of religi-  
ous papers here." This in so loud a  
tone, that a smile went round the  
faces of the other readers as she  
marched the boy from the room.  
And to his face came the same  
sullen, dogged look as that of the  
other boy.

Ah, madam! ah, good sir! why  
not use a little tact? Why, by such  
a style of reproof, will you set those  
boys against the right principles you  
would implant in them? Why not  
remember that the Golden Rule  
holds good even in the treatment of  
boys? How would you like to be  
reproved in a public place, or have  
your misdeeds held up to public  
notice? I dare say those young lads  
were quite as sensitive as either of  
you.—*New York Observer.*

## "I Can't"

Yes, you can. Work your  
thoughts out, and each thought will  
become a new strength. Throw  
forward your purposes and fasten  
them on a thorough education, and  
think for it, work for it. Bear  
suffer, and heroically contend for it,  
not as an end, but as a means for  
enlarging and beautifying your own  
life and as a power to help others.  
Exercise the grit to bear and hold  
on. This will give you mental and  
moral nerve. Away with doubts  
and difficulties. Eat plain, healthy  
food; wear plain clothes and save  
your money for necessities. Deny  
yourself of picnics and excursions,  
but while others are off on these,  
read the best of literature, make  
your own speech and be ready to  
talk more intelligently than when  
the occasion comes. Hold on and  
work forward young man. When  
you must stop for money or diffi-  
culties, hold the ground already gained  
and make the next advance from the  
last step of the former march. God  
calls you forward! forward! to his  
work. His past work is done, he  
nor the world needs you in the past,  
but needs you for the now and the  
future. Stand for the best thought  
of your age, that which will carry  
the world forward. It is all a whim  
about the good old times in our  
country's past. The present is  
better, but has the possibilities of a  
rapid self-destruction, and society  
needs every honest man to avert  
the dangers. Up, young men,  
and get wisdom, get understanding.  
Wisdom adds to you; it makes you  
greater. Money may increase your  
farm or your swine herd; but you  
are worth more than land or swine.  
Surrender to God's great thoughts  
and they will enlarge you.—*The Era.*

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be gradually built up until strong enough  
to resist every tendency to disease. Hun-  
dreds of subtle maladies are floating around  
us ready to attack wherever there is a  
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