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Prayer Meeting Topics.

Feb. 9. Christ's warnings. Matt. 7: 21-27.
(Let members repeat from memory other warnings.)

16. Loyalty to our church. Ps. 84: 1-12. (To be led by the pastor, with a review of four denominational story.)

23. What Faith can do for us. Heb. 11: 1-10; 12: 1, 2.

Mission Work for Children.

In a recent article on the life of that hero and prince of missionaries, Bishop Taylor of the Methodist Episcopal church, by Rev. Ross Taylor, his lines of work are placed under three heads, one of which I thought to be of special interest to us at the present time, viz:—"The training of young children before they acquire heathenism, they being born in the same relation to God as children of Christian lands.

Along this line the Bishop has had great success, a fair per cent of those thus educated in childhood have grown up to manhood and womanhood become active co-workers for the Salvation of their brethren. Have we reason to doubt that the command and promise, "Train up the child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it," was intended for India as well as for Africa? Why should we think the Lord only intended the Anglo Saxon, and not the Hindu?

If Bishop Taylor made a success of educating the African, we are persuaded that Mrs. Boyer has struck the right line of work in her Orphanage scheme, or, rather, that God has entrusted her with a special interest. Our prayer for the evangelization of India are being answered. Are we prepared to accept the responsibilities that the answer of our prayers requires. When I say Mrs. Boyer has been entrusted with a special interest, I hope that we shall not forget that that means the Free Baptists of New Brunswick, and as Young People, especially means us. The Orphanage we are persuaded is none other than the work of God, a great door and effectual which has been opened unto us. In the years to come it will be found to have been the wisest and most economical step ever taken in the work. From it shall come men who will do good service for the cause. Just now the expenditure will seem large, but if we fail to build we shall be as unwise as the farmer who refused to sow because his seed was going to cost him so much, forgetting the reward at the time of harvest.

In a private letter to the writer, Mrs. Boyer reports that the boys are doing excellent work in their studies, one of the leading the school by 75 marks; and at the village school another won a scholarship. While they are not all smart any more than the boys in our own schools, still there is good enough in them to warrant expenditure in their behalf. Mrs. Boyer feels proud of some of them at least, and we should feel a like interest in them. How about your Society's assessment? Have you made a move yet, or are you waiting for somebody else to lead off? Is your duty my brother, my sister; do not wait, but begin the work today.

A. B. C.

A Suggestion.

It has been suggested to me that we have a self-denial week for the benefit of the Orphanage, that is a week in which we shall deny ourselves some pleasure or luxury, contributing its cost as an extra to the work. I would be pleased to hear from any of the workers as to time and plans. Let me hear from you Young People; I, myself, favour it.

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A Missionary Scrapbook.

Missionary committees are missing a very important aid to their work if they are not keeping a missionary scrapbook. It is one of the easiest things in the world to do if all the members of the committee co-operate. Assign to each some division of the world, or some country, and ask him to keep his eye open for all interesting items regarding missionary work there in magazines, books, and papers. Some he must copy and others he must clip. These should be brought together, say, once a month, and the committee can pass a very pleasant hour in pasting them in books, one scrapbook for each subject. The work will still be easier if each member of the committee generously keeps in mind the work of the other members, and hands over to them whatever clippings he comes across that touch on their field of investigation. The first fifteen minutes of the monthly meeting will then be spent in a general exchange. The scrapbooks thus made should be kept in the prayer meeting room, and then be accessible to all the members. They will be helpful in preparing for missionary concerts.

Consecration Questions.

What is consecration?
How do you know that you have consecrated yourself to Christ?
How will consecration make itself evident in outward acts?
What historical instance of a thoroughly consecrated life can you give?
What are some of the joys of consecration?
What kinds of temptation threaten to break in on your consecration?
How may we improve our consecration meetings?
How does Christ help your consecration?
What things aid you to keep your consecration always before you?
How can we win others to consecrate themselves to God?
How will consecration show itself in our daily lives?

Did You Ever Try it?

Did you ever try to enlist the indifferent member by asking him to read the announcements at the close of the meeting? It may result in making him feel a sort of responsibility; it will be certain to help him, if you can induce him to do it.

Did you ever ask some one to give a chalk talk in the meeting? Once a year will perhaps be often enough. Then you must be certain that the "talkist" has, in addition to chalk, common sense and consecration. Chinese puzzles, or elaborate works of art, are not what you want, but the truth so clearly put as to command the attention of everybody.

Young People And Temperance Work.

As I sat in the office conversing with the editor of the Watchword, I was cordially invited to say a few words to the young people of the Church on Temperance work. With the suggestion there came before me a mental vision full of wonderful inspirations. It was a vision of an army of young people, fifty thousand strong, marshalled from twenty five different States, officered by twelve hundred captains. They were happy boys and laughing girls; there were strong, noble young men and devoted, pure young women; there were older heads with young hearts that still cherish the enthusiasm of youth—all enlisted under the banner of Christ Jesus. At this vision my heart leaped for joy, it brings to me an omen of a better day and a brighter future. Then I thought of that other army of young people which I see—and am made sad—the boys and girls and young men and young women who are pursued by the saloon keepers, who are intent upon capturing them as victims. Then I am moved to urge every one of the members of the Young People's Christian Union to begin at once your work of rescue, and seek now to prevent your friend from ever falling into the snares set by the saloon. There is a great work for each to do. Do you not hear the call to duty? Think upon this question, pray for light, and divine direction, go out with open eye and ear, and then watch and listen for your call to duty to save someone from the evil influence of the saloon. Mr. Moody has this written on the fly-leaf of his Bible: "I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. What I can do, I ought to do, by the grace of God, I will do."

You are not called to do "everything," but simply "something," an this something which duty calls

you to do. I wish to speak to each as an individual. Think with me of this fifty thousand, each of whom can do something. Think of the result in one year by each saving one soul. Think of the joy you may bring to some sad heart if you respond to the call of duty.

When I was a little boy, like some of you who are now in youth's golden years, I signed the pledge, and took delight in Temperance work, and I found that it was easy for me to keep the pledge, and since then I have found the pledge a great source of strength when tempted by others to drink. The best way for you to begin life is to start right, cultivate good thoughts, practise good habits, and live to-day as you would if it were your last day. When I was a boy I was as happy in singing Temperance songs and working to get my little companions to sign the pledge, as I have ever been in manhood's years. And I find now in my Temperance work that the young people, and even the boys and girls in the Junior societies are great workers—in fact, they always furnish a large part of the enthusiasm, and do a large part of the work.

I heard Mr. B. F. Jacobs, the eminent Sunday school leader and worker say: "The churches, Sunday-schools, and young people's societies will not have done their full duty until each has become a Temperance society." So it is to you, dear young people, that we are looking for reinforcements to the great Temperance cause. Will you not heed the call to duty, and each for himself enlist in the Temperance army, and make it fifty thousand strong in your Church?—and remember that all the other Churches are in like manner organizing.—Rev. A. L. Morse, in Watchword.

Dancing.

The modern dance is an evil from which every modest woman, especially mothers, should turn away. Doubtless people who seek for Bible evidence in justification of modern dancing fail to note the fact that, while dancing is several times mentioned (once or twice as a religious act), they cannot produce a single instance in which promiscuous dancing is mentioned—always men by themselves, and women by themselves. In the east, it is so to this day. We witnessed several marriage feasts where dancing was freely indulged in, but never promiscuously. The dance as a mere exercise, apart from contact with the sexes, if moderately indulged in, and at reasonable hours, might be allowed. But to limit or restrict it to women by themselves, is to disarm it of its fascinations.

Men and woman in all ages of the world, and in Christian and heathen lands, have raised the voice of warning and protestation against promiscuous dancing as revolting to every feeling of decency and fraught with the greatest danger to morals. We give a few quotations, which we hope will not only be profitable, but also serve to show that we are not alone in our protestations. And it cannot be that all these people are mistaken and give false alarms.

Tertullian: "If Christians were found in the assemblies of the dancers, it proved them to be no longer true Christians."

Chrysostom called upon his hearers "not to disqualify themselves for communion by such mortal diversions."

Plato, Aristotle, and Livy, believed the dance not only productive of moral evils, but as indicating a low grade of character.

Boyle (an infidel): "Dancing creates a thousand impressions dangerous to virtue."

Herman (man of the world): "To dancers, one and all, I would say, Try to see yourselves as others see you; remember that there are many harmless pleasures that have about them no taint of filth; but above all, cease to believe or to assert that the modern waltz is an innocent amusement."

Petrarch: "The dance is the spur of lust—a circle of which the devil himself is the center. Many that use it have come dishonest home, most indifferent, none better."

Bishop Cox (Episcopal): "The lasciviousness of dances, too commonly tolerated in our times, is so disgraceful to the age and irreconcilable with the Gospel of Christ that I feel it my duty to the souls of my flock to those who run to the same excess of riot in these things that they come not to the holy table."

Bishop Meade of Virginia (Episcopal): "It is of itself wrong, improper and of bad effect."

Bishop McElvaine, of Ohio (Episcopal): speaking of the theater and dance, said: "The only line I would draw in regard to these is that of entire exclusion."

Bishop Cobb of Alabama (Episcopal): "The dance is a

Episcopal church favors dancing has flouted much trash down upon her." Dr. Robinson (Presbyterian): "It is simply impossible that this question of indulgence in such worldly pleasures as the theater, the masquerade, the card table, and the dance, can be a doubtful or debatable question."

Bishop Pierce, (Methodist): "Dramdrinkers and dancing Methodists, without prompt confession of wrong, deep humiliation, and solemn pledges never to repeat, will be, as they ought to be, cut off. The preachers, I trust, will cease to rely upon talking and coaxing, and let these old offenders know that the church can not and will not tolerate these vices and fooleries. If it be said our young members will quit us and go to other churches, I answer, Let them go. We lose nothing but members, and others gain nothing that a church of Christ ought to have. For one, I say, any church desiring such accessions is welcome to all the Methodists, so-called, who can be bought off by the privilege of dancing."

New York Journal of Education: "A great deal can be said about dancing. For instance, the chief of police of New York city says that three-fourths of the abandoned girls in this city were ruined by dancing. Young ladies allow gentlemen privileges in dancing, which, taken under any other circumstances, would be considered as improper. It requires neither brains nor good morals to be a good dancer. As the love of one increases the love of the other decreases. How many of the best men and women are skilful dancers? In ancient times the sexes danced separately. Alcohol is the spirit of the dance: take it away, and let the sexes dance separately, and dancing would go out of fashion very soon. Parlor dancing is dangerous. Tippling leads to drunkenness, and parlor dancing leads to ungodly balls."

Such quotations as the above could be carried to any length, but we have given enough to show that the good and the great of every age have regarded the dance as harmful to the morals and destructive of the religious life, and no Christian can indulge in it without hurting his own soul.—Zion's Watchman.

Tiny Oxen.

One of the greatest curiosities among the domesticated animals of Ceylon is a breed of cattle known to the zoologists as the "sacred running oxen." They are the dwarfs of the whole ox family, the largest specimens of the species never exceeding thirty inches in height. One sent to the marquis of Canterbury in the year 1891 which is still living, and is believed to be somewhere near ten years of age, is only twenty-two inches high, and weighs but one hundred and nine and a half pounds.

In Ceylon they are used for quick trips across country with express matter and other light loads, and it is said that four of them can pull a driver of a two-wheeled cart and a two-hundred-pound load of miscellaneous matter sixty to seventy miles a day.

They keep up a constant swinging trot or run, and have been known to travel one hundred miles in a day and night without either food or water. No one knows anything concerning the origin of this peculiar breed of miniature cattle. They have been known on the island of Ceylon and in other Buddhist countries for more than a thousand years.

He'll Not Wait.

Some months after a young man's conversion, he chanced to meet one of his former dissolute companions, who seemed overjoyed to see him, and who asked him to go with him to a neighboring bar-room. But the young man refused, saying, "I have a friend with me."

"I don't see any one with you."
"You can't see him but he is here."
"Bring him in with you."
"No, he never goes into bar-rooms."
"Then let him wait outside."
"No, no!" was the final answer. My friend is Jesus Christ, and if I go in with you he'll not wait."

Noble answer was this! And, like his Lord, he was delivered by it from the power of evil.

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