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## Prayer Meeting Topics.

Mar. 21—How our bodies influence our souls. Dan. 1:8-11. (A temperance topic).  
Mar. 28—What Christian heroism is and does. Luke 9:18-27. 51-62.  
Apr. 4—Lessons from Christ's Miracles. Matt. 11:2-6. John 14:8-14.  
Apr. 11—The Brotherhood of Man. 1 John 3:1-24. (A missionary topic).

## Secretarial Notes.

I had the pleasure of attending the monthly business meeting of the Fredericton society this month, and was much pleased with the manner in which they did their work.

The President was wide awake and had the business at his finger tips. He insisted upon a report from each committee. The reports were all good. I publish that of the Lookout Committee, hoping it may be suggestive to other societies.

A brother from Woodstock presented a letter of introduction at this meeting from his society and was warmly received. When removing from one locality to another, members should always ask for introductory letters from their society and thus put themselves in the way of getting acquainted; this is certainly far better than standing around and waiting for somebody to make friends with you; do your part and others will do theirs.

Under date of March, so Bro. DeWitt writes from Gagetown: "We have organized a C. E. Society of 17 members, all active, there will be more soon. The word of the Lord is prospering with us here."

A correspondent at Hartland writes that on account of removals and other circumstances their society is not as aggressive as it has been in the past. Hartland is a banner society, having an enviable record for solid work; we trust blessing and fresh strength shall soon come to them.

## Lookout Report.

MR. PRESIDENT.—Your Lookout Committee beg leave to report: This committee held its first meeting the second Tuesday in January. Our business at this meeting was to go over the list of members, each one taking a list of members to call upon, with a view to getting every member of our society a regular attendant at our meetings. Our second meeting was held Monday evening, Mar. 1st, at the parsonage. At this meeting the membership list was revised and cards given to each member of the committee to distribute among friends and those who are in the habit of attending our church, but who are not members of our society with a view to getting new members each member taking his or her share of the names. We also decided to distribute tracts at each meeting of our society.

The topic for March 14th, is "How the Christian Endeavor Pledge Strengthens the Christian Life," and at this meeting each member of your committee will take a section of the pledge reading a short article upon it.

## Canterbury, York Co., Society.

The Y. P. S. C. E., organized here on the 9th Dec. last, continues to flourish, and has increased from a charter membership of eleven to a total of forty-four, active and associate. The weekly prayer service held every Wednesday evening is largely attended, not only by the members of the society, but by the general public, including, we are glad to say, very many of the young

people, who have not as yet identified themselves with the society. The interest of the meetings has not slackened, but seems to be deepening. A departure from the usual service was ventured on the evening of Wednesday, 24th February. On the suggestion of the Rev. C. T. Coombs, who has taken a deep interest in the progress of the society, an entertainment was given by the members. A lengthy programme of addresses, readings, recitations and music vocal and instrumental, was listened to by an audience that filled the Free Baptist Church, notwithstanding the disagreeable travelling caused by the snowstorm of the previous day. The problem of whether a programme, entirely sacred, could be made attractive enough to draw out a houseful, and hold their attention for two hours, was most happily solved, as evinced not merely by the appreciative reception accorded each successive item, but by the cheerful and liberal response given when the contribution boxes were passed. The collection amounted to \$6 62; which will be devoted to the better lighting of the building. On the conclusion of the programme, the company were invited to remain, when a liberal treat of cake and coffee, provided by the members of the society and friends, was served by the ladies, and heartily enjoyed by the visitors; bringing to a happy close an interesting and, we trust, profitable evening. We heartily congratulate the pastor and the society on their success. Thanks are due to Professor Fox and Miss Way for their valuable assistance in the musical part of the programme.

## Notice.

Any society not in communication with me will confer a favour by forwarding a postal with the address of President and Cor. Sec., as soon as possible. It is important that I should have every society on the list. We do not want any left out. I cannot know of your existence unless you inform me.

J. B. DAGGETT,  
Fredericton, N. B.

## Endeavorers that your Pastor Likes.

Rain or shine Endeavorers. It would be hard to tell which one he needs most. He is in a strait between the people that are afraid of getting their feet wet or spoiling their clothes, and the others that feel like they ought to take advantage of the fine day and go to see their friends in the country.

Front-seat Endeavorers. It would be a relief to the pastor sometimes, if he could fill up the front pews with even the inmates of an imbecile asylum. Much more would it mean, if he could have your bright, earnest faces looking up into his.

Singing Endeavorers, who open their mouths and sing when it is time to sing, whether they like the piece or not. Make melody in your heart unto the Lord, and at the same time give some attention to time and tune, and you will be liked in the superlative degree.

On time Endeavorers. There are a few people that act as though they think they would be locked out if they were not at the church on the exact moment for opening the service. Take pattern from them, even though you be the organizer. The on-time-organist-Endeavorer is a Jew 1, and if these were the days of saints we would all vote to have her canonized.

Smiling hand-shaking-Endeavorers, who, however much they love to greet their friends, that they see every day, make it their first business to see that the stranger within the gates does not remain a stranger. We want more adherents to the code that it is an evidence of low spiritual breeding if we fail to greet kindly those that come among us.

Praying Endeavorers. This is the most important of all. More than anything else, it will lead you to do the rest. The pastor who knows that while he delivers the message of God earnest, young hearts are sending up their prayers for him, cannot be anything less than a success.

Be all of these things, and you will win the approval of, not your pastor alone, but what is still more important, the approval of your inner self and of God.—The Lookout.

## What Did You Mean?

"I am a member of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor."

You said that. What did you mean? There is a great wealth of significance in these twelve words, a greater wealth than we are accustomed to knowledge. Were you a devout Hebrew, you would not use the term "I am"; rather you would say: "I, who speak am a member." "I am" would not come lightly to

your lips. "Member" is from the Latin membrum nominally, but actually from the Gothic mimz, meaning flesh. So we have, "I am flesh (that is, a constructional part of a living body) of—what?" "Young" is from Latin juvenis, "not long born"; and "people," populus, originally signified all persons not distinguished by rank, education, office, or profession. "Society" (Latin socius, "companion") is a number of persons associated as companions. "Christian" is Christ-man. "Christ," Greek christos, is anointed. "Man" has been traced back to the Sanskrit manu, meaning to think. So is not a Christian an "anointed thinker?" "Endeavor" is en, in or on, and devisor, "to do," on duty.

Then, when you say, "I am a member of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor," it is as though you said, "I, who speak, am flesh of the not born, unranked, anointed thinkers, who are always on duty."

"Duty" is from "due," and both from a root meaning "to owe." So you are always doing something that you owe as an anointed thinker. Is not that a most beautiful thought? Can you realize the grandeur of the obligations that the term signifies.—The Standard.

## Value of Taking Part.

A correspondent writes the Guardian, saying: "We find that the members who take part in our meetings regularly, grow in grace and become strong and useful Christians, while those who fail to do so become weak, and not unfrequently backslide altogether."

This is simply one illustration of a great law, "To him that hath shall be given," which simply means that the man who uses his capabilities shall have more bestowed upon him, and, of course, this law works both ways.

This is the season of revival effort, and many young people are being brought to the Saviour. Of course, they will join the church and the League. If we could get the ear of these young soldiers of the cross, we would urge them to commence at once to testify for Christ, and offer prayer in the church services. There will be a strong temptation to wait for awhile until courage and strength have been gained, but this is the fatal mistake. It has been observed that the converts who do not immediately take their stand for Christ by joining a class, and by declaring his goodness to them before the congregation, generally go through life dumb Christians if they succeed in maintaining their religion at all. Members of the League should take part in the devotional services of the society, not merely because they are pledged to do so, but because their own souls' health largely depends upon it.

## Its Great Merit.

The great merit of the Christian Endeavor movement is, in my judgment, that it has divined the magic which resides in the saying of our Lord that "it is more blessed to give than to receive." People never take a deep interest in Christianity till they are giving to it as well as receiving from it; and this is especially true of young people. The Church has never fully realized this fact; it has kept giving to the young, and they have comparatively little interest. But Christian Endeavor takes the opposite plan of asking them to bear their share of the burden; and this awakens the enthusiasm of every honest and good heart.—James Stalker.

## My Pupil.

I have seen him to-day. He lies in a darkened room. The little restless feet are restless no longer. The brown hands that seemed ever in mischief are folded. The bright eyes that looked so roguishly into my own, or filled with tears of penitence or pain, are closed. The tangled hair is brushed smoothly away from the broad forehead. I had not noticed the well shaped head in the school-room. Even the hands looked strangely unfamiliar. They were rough, grimy hands,—the hands I knew,—and when I dealt the sharp, stinging blows they struggled in my own.

How could I, a strong woman, strike a child? What a confession of weakness! I, an educated, disciplined woman, have used brute force to gain obedience from a motherless child. The tender flesh must have quivered with pain; the sensitive child-spirit must have been wounded to the quick.

I knew he had no mother. There was no one to give the good-night kiss; no one to listen to his childish complaints; no one to wipe away a tear of grief or anger.

I remember now that he was not a naughty child; he was thoughtless and roguish, but he was neither sly nor ill-tempered. He never attempted to deceive; he frankly acknowledged his little faults.

Was it his fault that he had no love for his lessons? I punished him when his spelling-lesson was unlearned yet it failed to make him love his spelling-book. I did not explain the difficult words in his reading lesson, but I held him up to ridicule when he stumbled or mis-called them. I remember the flush that crept to the tangled hair, and the sudden burst of tears. Poor little Johnny! it is not strange that he disliked school. But he was certainly a very trying child: there was some excuse for me. He was never for a moment quiet. He was often the cause of disorder in the room and raised many a laugh among the children. He was an inveterate whisperer; punishment availed nothing in his case. I am sure no teacher would have been patient under such provocation. There was always a hum in his corner of the room.

Well, the little lips are silent now. I would like to hear them whisper, "Teacher, I love you; you have been kind to me." I would like to see the blue eyes open and the roguish look come back to them while he said, "I'm just making believe. I'm doing it for fun." I would like to see him spring from the bed and come back to life and light.

His eyes will open to brighter light; his merry voice will ring out in gentler tones among his angel companions. There will be no more pain for Johnny. His teacher will be gentle and loving; his life will be full of joy. I will not mourn for him but I may, I must grieve that I am so unfitted for my work. May patience, wisdom, and strength be mine.

When I hear the ill-timed laugh or the thoughtless whisper, let me remember Johnny's sealed lips, and by gentle means try to accomplish the desired end. When I take again the stained, roughened hand in my own, let it not be to inflict pain, but that I may lead an undisciplined child in kindness and love.

When the restless feet chafe my tired nerves or torture my aching head, let me remember the little feet that hastened from my room one day never to return, and let patience have her perfect work. Johnny's school life was not successful, but his companions shall profit by it.

I have seen my pupil to-day alone in a darkened room.—The American Teacher.

## "Saying" and "Praying."

Mr. Moody, the well-known evangelist, tells this pretty incident concerning his own little son: My wife came down one evening, and said she had some trouble with one of the children. He was not willing to obey, and he had gone off to bed without asking her forgiveness. I went up and sat down by the side of the little child and said: Did you pray to-night? I said my prayers. Did you pray? I said my prayers. Did you pray? Well, papa, I told you I said my prayers. Yes, I heard you, but did you pray? The little fellow was struck; he knew he had not prayed. How was he going to pray when there was something wrong in his heart. He could not do it. Well now, said I, are you going to go off to sleep without praying? After a struggle, he said, I wish you would call mamma. She came up and was glad to forgive him, and then he wanted to get out of bed and pray. He had said his prayers, but he wanted to pray. Lots of people say their prayers, just as a salve to their conscience, and go out and do some mean, contemptible thing after they have said their prayers. But they had not prayed, and that is the difference.

## Never Lose a Chance.

Never lose a chance of saying a kind word. As Collingwood never saw a vacant place in his estate but he took an acorn out of his pocket and popped in it, so deal with your compliments through life. An acorn costs nothing, but it may sprout into a prodigious bit of timber.—W. H. Thackeray.

Do not try to offset the meanness of to-day with the goodness of yesterday.

Never insist on a teacher keeping a class who is not interested enough to look up the absent scholars.

To prevent the hardening of the subcutaneous tissues of the scalp and the obliteration of the hair follicles, which cause baldness, use Hall's Hair Renewer.

Mrs. Celeste Coon, Syracuse, N. Y., writes: "For years I could not eat many kinds of food without producing a burning, excruciating pain in my stomach. I took Paralee's Pills according to directions under the head of 'Dyspepsia or Indigestion.' One box entirely cured me. I can now eat anything I choose, without distressing me in the least." These Pills do not cause pain or griping, and should be used when a cathartic is required.

## Convict the Jury.

I think it must be easy enough to prepare your sermon, said a lawyer to a clergyman.

Suppose you had fifty-two briefs a year to prepare, said the clergyman, for the same jury on the same subject, and year after year; and suppose your object was not to prove somebody else guilty but that jury, how then?

Oh! I see, said the man of law.—Ran's Horn.

## The Same Law.

If a farmer must plow and keep on plowing, and a miner must dig and keep on digging, and a musician must play and keep on playing, and a scholar must study and keep on studying, why should not a man of prayer keep on praying, even though he does not immediately secure the full blessing which he seeks?—C. E. Jefferson.

JANUARY 13TH

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