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Note:—This feature of the
"Column" will appear as often as
the questions submitted may require.
Readers are invited to make free
use of the "Column." Will a num-
ber of our workers answer Ques.
29 and tell us what kind of report
is most helpful to you.

Since answering "Inquirer" Sept.
19—Miss Hartley has moved nearer
the Sem. and her address is: East
Northfield, Mass.

"Bour"

Miss Hartley, in a personal letter
mention having received letters from
a number of friends in our Y. P. P.
League, which were very welcome
but on account of extra work at the
beginning of her school year it has
been and may be for some time
impossible for her to reply to them
all.

Address material for the
"Column" to Press Com., Care of
Gertrude Seely, West St. John, N. B.

Ques. 29.—Is it best in writing
a report for the column, to mention
only the pleasant and encouraging
features of the work?

C. S.

The Prayer Meeting Committee.

READ AT F. B. Y. P. P. LEAGUE, SUS-
SEX, BY MR. F. H. KNOLLIN.

The prayer meeting committee
shall consist of three or more mem-
bers, and they shall have charge of
the prayer meetings of the society.
It must not be thought that this
is an unimportant committee, per-
haps there is no more important
one in the whole society than this,
important because on it depends the
character of the meetings; and the
amount of work done and the im-
pression made depends to a large
extent upon the kind of social
meetings; important because if the
object of the Endeavor is to be
realized viz: the leading of the as-
sociate members to a saving know-
ledge of Christ, and a bringing of
all into a closer relationship with
the Master, it must be largely
through the labors, the prayerful
planning of this committee; their
business is to have a true revival of
religion in the society to make the
meetings bright and attractive not
so much by the entertainment fur-
nished as by the presence of the
Spirit. A meeting may be lively
and interesting with very little of
spirituality. It is the object of the
meeting to bring the soul face to
face with God, to bring over the
audience that indescribable thrill
and holy hush that betokens the
presence of God. Be sure that a
good prayer meeting "never hap-
pens." It is not a thing of chance,
it is the result of much planning
and careful prayerful thought, yes
of a strong wrestling on the part of
some one for the meeting.

The Committee must be thor-
oughly devoted itself, must be all on
fire, must have an aim and work it
out, must be persevering, must be
sweet, gentle and persuasive at all
times.

No Committee has a more deli-
cate work to perform, no committee
has greater responsibilities or privi-
leges, no committee can do more to
aid the pastor, and the cause for
the prayer meeting has been well
called the pulse of the church.

Although the work is difficult
and important no committee need
fail if thoroughly consecrated to the
work, if it constantly and humbly
seeks divine guidance. There is
always "some open highway or
quiet byway into the heart of every
one if we can only find it."

Great care should be taken by
the committee to obtain good lead-
ers for the meetings. I do not mean
however that the weaker and less
gifted members should be debarred
the blessing that may be gained in
leading a meeting. A wise commit-
tee will have pairs or sets of leaders
the weak ones being coupled with the
strong. One may offer remarks
on the topic for the evening the
other may have charge of the sing-
ing or read the scripture lesson,
thus, while the meeting is made
interesting and deeply spiritual,
through the experience and life of
the one, the other is taught, the

mind aroused, the spirit is quickened
and made more sensitive to the
teachings of the Holy Spirit.

The committee must be careful
to preserve the meeting from monoton-
y. They must not allow things
to get into a rest or once in to re-
main there. Temperance and mis-
sionary meetings in which the
pledge is discussed etc., greatly aid
in this work. The meeting ought
not to be opened in the same way
always. It is not well to begin
every meeting by singing a half
dozen hymns as this encourages
tardiness. Vary the opening ex-
ercises as much as possible. A
number of prayers at the very
beginning often makes a deep im-
pression and introduces into the
meeting at once a deep devotional
spirit.

Another problem that the com-
mittee has to strive with is how to
fill up those long tedious pauses
that seem to destroy the spirit and
effectiveness of the meeting. The
committee itself should of course be
ready to take its part at the first
opportunity, and it is well to have
it understood with a number of
members that as soon as one of
those destructive pauses begins to
make itself felt, that they shall at
once fill the blank.

You can greatly aid the spirit of
your meetings if through the week
you visit the homes of those who
do not or cannot attend the prayer
meetings and pray with them; per-
haps nothing will so deepen the
experience of your members or so
enliven and brighten the meetings
as these quiet little cottage prayer
meetings.

Everything that you can do to
bring your people into close touch
with the Master and his work adds
to the power and interest of your
meetings, and in proportion as you
get your society to work outside of
the meetings will the certainty of
their success be assured.

The task is an important one,
the difficulties are many but nothing
is to great for the power of God to
overcome, indeed nothing is too
difficult for consecrated humanity
to perform for the power of God
moves through them.

With hearts purified and chast-
ened, with souls filled to the brim
with love, with minds enthused and
fired with an earnestness almost
fanatical, with a passion for souls
like unto that of Christ, let us for-
ward in the Master's name, and in
this coming year may there be a
marked advance in the power
wielded by our Prayer meeting.

The Secrets of Committee Work.

BY REV. FRANK S. HUNNEWELL.

1. Get the series of leaflets on
the "The Model Business Meeting,"
published by the United Society.
See that each committee has a num-
ber of leaflets treating its special
line of work. These leaflets will
give your committees valuable in-
formation and spur them to activity.

2. See to it that the members
understand what a committee is for.
It is not for ornament. It is
not a society for the promotion of
mutual indifference. That vice
does not need cultivating. A com-
mittee is appointed to plan work or
to do it, or both. If there is no
work to plan or to do, the commit-
tee has no excuse for existing. It
had better take down its sign and
shut up shop.

3. As a rule, the smaller the
committee, the better. Large com-
mittees, like large armies, are
unwieldy. They do not mobilize
easily. The efficiency of a commit-
tee is usually in inverse ratio to its
size. Quality counts far more than
numbers.

4. Respect the principle of ad-
aptation. It is worth while to
take time for selecting. Put on a
given committee the members who
are best adapted to the special
work. Do not put your deaf and
dumb members on your wall-flowers
committee, or your wall-flowers on
your social committee. If a mem-
ber is specially fitted for a certain
work, don't be afraid to keep him
on the committee having that work
in charge. At the same time, do
not forget that we train workers by
putting them on a strong commit-
tee.

5. Before you appoint a commit-
tee be sure that there is definite
work for that committee to do.
Don't have a long list of committees
simply because other societies have
them. Appoint only such as you
need. Nothing so discourages a
committee as the discovery that
there is nothing to commit! The
Sunday-school committee is a dead
letter in many of our Endeavor
societies, because the work sug-
gested by the name is so vague. A
committee to reform the world would
be doomed from the start. This one
thing we do is a good motto for a
committee.

6. Leadership is essential to
good committee work. See to it

that each committee has a good
head. Select only first grade mem-
bers for this important position. A
poor committee with a good leader
will accomplish more than a good
committee with a poor leader. But
a leader should lead, and not do all
the work himself.

7. If a committee is to do good
work, regular conferences are nec-
essary. "Forsake not the assembling
of yourselves together," is an-
other text I would commend to
committees. Indian war tactics
won't answer. A committee must
work with closed ranks. I suggest
that each committee have a rallying
point in the vestry, where the mem-
bers meet at the close of each En-
deavor service, and talk over plans,
and pray for the work. Cog-wheels
must interlock if the machine is to
do work.

8. Efficient committee work de-
mands a consecrated membership.
A committee is a collection of units
and has no more power than is res-
ident in its individual members. An
unfaithful member is a cog dropped
from the wheel which retards the
movement of the machinery. There
is no room for drones. If a mem-
ber will not work, he ought to re-
sign.

9. Honor your own committee.
Let not the flower committee de-
spise itself because it is not the
social committee. Believe in your
committee. Work on it as though
all depended upon you. Honor
your committee by making it in-
dispensable. Put the enthusiasm
of a specialist into your work.
Don't be afraid to be known as a
crank in your devotion to it. If
the crank turns something, you will
soon change criticism into praise.

10. Carry your committee on
your heart. Do your work from
love, not from compulsion. "The
love of Christ constraineth us," is
a third text that will incite good
committee work. Love is the oil
that keeps the machinery well lub-
ricated. Let all the ends you aim
at be love's, and your service will
be energized with divine power, and
thrill with an absorbing joy.

Mrs. "But"

Mrs. But is our next-door neigh-
bor. Her real name is Green, but
Jonas, whenever he sees her march-
ing up the walk, remarks, "My dear,
here comes Mrs. But." He is not
given to calling people names; he
says it merely to put me on my
guard, for he knows our neighbor's
failing. She is a bright, breezy
little woman, and as long as the
conversation is confined to the
weather and the household affairs I
quite enjoy chatting with her, but
the moment that a human being,
living or dead, chances to be men-
tioned, I begin to quake.

The first time she called—it was
soon after we moved into the neigh-
borhood—I happened to say that
Mrs. Goodwin, from the opposite
side of the street, had been in to
see me, and that she impressed me
as a very lovely character.

Oh, she is, indeed, said Mrs. But,
heartily, she is such a devoted wife
and so good to the poor. But, she
went on, lowering her voice, there
used to be a good deal of talk about
her when she was a girl, and though
I don't suppose half the things that
were said were true, people don't
seem to forget it.

What necessity there was for
this drop of poison to be instilled
into my mind I could not see. Mrs.
Goodwin's youth was in the far
past, and in the gossip concerning
her in that remote period I had no
interest whatever. I was quite
willing to take her as she was in
her sweet, ripe womanhood.

One day when Mrs. But dropped
in she found my little friend, Nellie
Gray, at the piano. Nellie is a shy
brown-eyed girl of fifteen, gifted
with a wonderful ear for melody,
and, as the Grays had no piano, I
had offered her mine. I can't help
loving the child, she is such a warm-
hearted little creature, and so eager
for music, I said, as the door closed
behind her.

My visitor gave a scarcely per-
ceptible shrug.

Yes, Nellie seems to be a very
nice girl, she admitted, but I sup-
pose you know that she is a poor-
house waif.

No, I said. I know nothing of
the kind. Mrs. Gray had introduced
Nellie to me as her eldest daughter,
and the information volunteered by
Mrs. But was utterly uncalculated.

One evening, on our way home
from prayer meeting, Jonas re-
marked that he always enjoyed
listening to young Spaulding, he
was so devout and earnest.

Yes, he is a very interesting
speaker, said our neighbor, who had
joined us as we came out of the
lecture-room, and he seems very
sincere, but I can't help feeling a
little suspicious. I knew him when
he was a boy.

Jonas made haste to change the
subject; a word of encouragement

would have resulted in our hearing
the whole history of the young
man's boyhood.

I've no patience, he exclaimed
the moment we were by ourselves,
with people who are always bring-
ing up the past. Just imagine what
heaven would be if the inhabitants
were disposed to indulge in that
sort of retrospection! The Angel
Gabriel himself would hardly be
safe from their disparaging butts,
and the whitest robe in all their
white-robed throng would be in
danger of being smutted.

And yet, I said, Mrs. But evi-
dently considers herself a Christian.
Oh, I don't dispute his title,
said Jonas, but I can't help think-
ing that she might be able to read
it clearer if she would rub up her
glasses with the thirteenth chapter
of 1 Corinthians.—Christian Intel-
ligence.

At the Wedding.

A sumptuous wedding was being
held in a colored church, which was
thronged for the occasion. After
the wedding march to the altar and
the ceremony, the bridal party left
the church to the strains of Men-
delsohn's Reconciliation. Heaving a
great breath, a young woman spec-
tator, who had evidently been
laboring under the excitement of
the occasion, turned to her neigh-
bour and said: "There, it's all over!"

The latter was a woman of large
proportions and of the old-fashioned
type of colored mammy. Deed it
ain't, chile, she replied fervently.
Dat's only de beginning. De meat
and potatoes is to come yet."

The young woman's mistake is
more common in the Christian life
than at weddings. The impression
prevails more widely than we care
to believe that when one has pub-
licly confessed the Master, the end has
been reached. The evil one has put
few more subtle or dangerous
notions into the mind of God's
friend than this one—that conver-
sion is the end of the Christian life.
Instead of the end, it is only the
beginning. It is the Christian what
the wedding ceremony is to the
bridal couple—only the beginning
of real life and service. Christ
should mean more to a believer
with each passing day, and the be-
liever should mean more to Christ.
Increasing ability in the
Master's service and increasing
graces in character should follow
the glad day when the name of
Jesus is for the first time publicly
confessed. Let us not mistake
beginnings for ends.

Don't Be Morbid.

It is an easy thing to get into a
morbid state; to imagine that
people do not care for you, and to
be over-sensitive, and to think
slights and neglects are intended,
when this is not the case. Your
tears are very quick to come,
your heart is heavy, and you are a
sorrow, not only to yourself, but to
every one around you.

The cure for this state of mind is
simple and practical. Busy yourself
in making other people happy;
remember there may be other girls
who feel as you do, and show them
some kind, pleasant attentions. If
you have felt left out of a conversa-
tion because you did not know
about the subjects being discussed,
and the talker turned to some one
who did know, do not draw away
and feel hurt; forget yourself, and
show an interest by attentive
listening, or asking sensible ques-
tions—there is nothing a talker
likes better than an interested
listener.

Putting yourself in somebody
else's place is a good antidote
against the heaviness which comes
when you allow yourself to think
you have been neglected.—Farm
Journal.

The ragged youngster of the
street may in a few years be a
leader of the nation, and the treat-
ment he receives now may deter-
mine what kind of a leader he will
be. What he may become no man
can tell. There is scarcely a limit
to his possibilities. Therefore we
should respect childhood for what
it may become as we respect age
for what it is.

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Convincing Proof.

A visitor to the Hawaiian Islands
a few years ago said to Kamehame-
ha V., Well, really, now, don't you
think things are in a worse condi-
tion than before the advent of the
missionaries?

I leave you to judge, answered
the king. Since you have come
into my presence you have broken
the ancient law of tabu in three
ways. You walked into my pres-
ence, instead of crawling on your
hands and knees; you crossed my
shadow; you are even now sitting
in my presence. In the old days,
any one of these things would have
cost your life. It is scarcely nec-
essary to add that the visitor was
effectually silenced.

The Separation.

We have a beach in England
where the sea has laid the pebbles
in long rows, accurately sorting
them out according to size. The
great ocean of time, when it comes
up on the beach of eternity, will
lay us beside our likes. Judas went
to his own place, as Peter reticent-
ly and solemnly said about him.—
Alexander McLaren, D. D.

The church has a right to the
best gifts of all its members.

Prosperity is dangerous. The
moon is never eclipsed but at the
full.

TALL CORN

doesn't come by accident. A
fertile soil and careful cultiva-
tion are necessary to produce
the towering stems and heavy
ears.

Yet the farmer who under-
stands that he can't have a
healthy corn crop without
feeding and weeding, seems to
think that he can have a
healthy body without either
care or culture. But the body
is built up just as the corn is
by the assimilation of the
several chemical elements on
which vitality depends. And
what weeds are to the corn,
diseases of the stomach and
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mation. I tried a whole lot of
things before I wrote to you.
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