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An Appeal.

DEAR FRIENDS OF THE LEAGUE:—

It is a pleasure to me to write
you a letter, but before we talk
much together let us open our
Bibles and read Matt 25:14-30.
Though I have read this scripture
often before yet, immediately on
receiving this letter, I shall read it
once again. Will you each one do
the same—not after you have
finished reading this letter, but
just now? Read it slowly and
meditatively.

The chairman of the Press Com-
mittee asks me to write something
reminding our young people that
we are pledged to pay an amount
of money for the support of our
missionary elect. I cheerfully
respond, yet there is some regret in
the thought that our young people
should need reminding. Less than
a week ago, at the missionary
meeting of the C. E. Society of this
church, I held up the work of the
Free Baptist young people of N. B.
as a worthy example of energy and
faithfulness in missionary enter-
prise, consequently I am loath to
believe that they will prove them-
selves tardy or unfaithful in the
noble work they now have in hand.
I sincerely deplore the possibility
of having to cease commending their
zeal and fidelity.

Our past record leads me to
believe that we shall prove our-
selves worthy of this noble work.
In the past years we have wrought
well, far better than many antici-
pated when first our League was
organized. In many ways we seem
to have found favor with God. We
have been powerful in prayer.
When, at our annual meeting in
Woodstock, we began in united
petition to ask God to give us one
of our own as our missionary, God
approved our petition and gave a
direct answer. When God shows
so plainly his approval, it is not
sacrilege for us to say that we have
done well in his work.

Having done well may we now
rest? No. One thing well done
renders the door capable of doing
some other thing better, and the
increased ability brings with it a
new responsibility. The man who
received the five talents cared well
for the trust, and what were the
consequences? Did his lord say
"Thou hast done well, now rest"?
By no means. The man by perform-
ing well his duty had increased his
ability to fill a larger place, and his
lord immediately placed upon him
the much greater responsibility of
ruling over ten cities. True, he
was invited to enter into joy, but it
was the joy of higher service and
not the joy (falsely so called) of
inaction. So we rise to higher
responsibility this year than ever
before.

In the midst of our new obliga-
tions we now find ourselves, and of
course there are difficulties in the
way. The enthusiasm of the last
annual meeting has, in a measure,
passed away; each society comes
face to face with stern duty. Pledges
have been made; they
must be carried out; the money
must be raised. It will not suffice
to say that we are unable to do so
much; what we have pledged must
be done. Not able! There ought
to be no such term in the vocabu-
lary of the christian, and especially
the young christian. When God
entrusts some of his work to us
what right have we to cry "not
able"? Do you think the Almighty
is so short sighted that he gives to
us a work we are not able to do?
He may entrust to us something we
are not willing to care for, just as
he left the one talent with the un-
faithful servant. Our "can not" is
a misnomer; the true name is "will
not".

The only way to accomplish this
work is to do it at once, and stick
to it until it is done. When Thos.
D. Evil makes your society his
usual visit, and tells you to post-
pone the hard duty because it may
be easier later, he is engaged in his
professional business—he is lying.
Heed not his word, but go to work
and accomplish this one thing at
once. Three months more will

bring the next session of League
very near. You will need the
remaining time for other duties so
clear up this special work without
further delay. In the next appear-
ance of the Column we shall look
for a word from each society which
can report that it has raised the
full amount pledged. If some
societies cannot possibly report at
that time, let them be sure to re-
port in the next issue.

This must be made an individual
work, each one doing something.
Sometimes there is a tendency to
leave all this work to a few in each
society. As an individual you
find yourself deficient in this work
of the society? Hasten at once to
do your share, and more. Are you
one of those whose zeal has not
waned? If so, good. Don't waste
time in complaining of the other
members' laxity, but swallow them
up in the whirlpool of your own
enthusiasm.

SHIRLEY J. CASE.
New Hampton, N. H.
April 8, 1901.

Letter From Miss Hartley.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,—

Almost three months have passed
since I last wrote you through the
Column, promising at the same time,
to write again, and now although I
have nothing to say which I can
believe will be especially interesting
to you, I will proceed to fulfill my
promise.

Since my last writing the winter
has passed and spring has come,
and here in this quaint old New
England town the snow which has
lain on the ground since Thank-
sgiving has disappeared, and the
brown fields are turning green, and
everything is touched and beautified
with the indescribable charm of
Spring. It is an inspiration to live
now-a-days; just to watch the tree-
bud, and the green leaves begin to
appear, seems to bring in a sweeter
way, thoughts of the One who, not
only said so many hundred years
ago, "Let the earth bring forth
grass, and herb, and fruit tree,"
but who, even now clothing the
grass of the field, we are assured
has "much more" thought of us in
our human frailties and weakness,
and needs. As I have eagerly gone
over the column of the INTELLIGEN-
CER, as it comes to me week after
week, I have felt especially glad
that it seems as if a time of refresh-
ing has come to our churches in N. B.
From so many there comes word
of a new interest being taken in the
affairs of the Kingdom, and of
many who have never known the
Saviour as a personal friend giving
themselves to Him, and his service,
and with each new report I feel
encouraged for our home churches,
for without strong, warm life in
our churches we can hope to accom-
plish very little in any department
of work. I have been especially
pleased, too, to hear of the new
Societies recently organized and
hope that they will very soon get
in touch with our League, and set
earnestly to work, with some
definite end in view, since in these
ways success is assured, especially
when in all their efforts they are
"Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ
for strength" and striving to do
whatever He would have them do.
It is to be hoped that every young
person, and indeed it might be said
every person who has lately come
over to the Lord's side, will make
it his or her business to join a
Young People's Society at once, and
after joining try to enthrone their
Society with new life, and do their
part, or a little more than that, of
the Society work. All this will be
encouraging to the workers who
have the responsibility of this work
on their hands.

There will be Societies, however,
who will not receive this encourage-
ment, and it is for them to show a
strong and steadfast spirit, and to
only redouble their efforts to make
"the wheels" run smoothly, and to
keep the interest up. Would it not
be possible for us all to wake up to
a greater realization of our oppor-
tunities and responsibilities. The
time is fast approaching when we
must make out our annual report
for League. What have we to
report? What have we accom-
plished since last August? Have
we done all we planned to do? If
not there is ample room for effort
during these next four months.
Let the Prayer Meeting Committee
say each week, "We will have a
better meeting this week than we
had last," and the Social, "We will
be more sociable this week than we
were last," and the Lookout, "We
will keep a sharper lookout this
week than we did last," and so
working together always planning
for and expecting better things,
things will be better, and where is
there no room for improvement?
Our Missionary Com. chairman has
said to me recently, "Our Society is
only half interested in missions, and
they don't know very much about
our own work at all, that is in a
definite way. What can I do?
Now I believe if there is one thing
we as Free Baptist young people
need it is a definite knowledge of

the F. B. field, workers and work.
Start with Miss Gaudin if you will,
and learn as you would a lesson in
history or geography if no better
way suggests itself to you, of her
life, work, and surroundings, but do
not stop there, go on till you know
all our co-laborers on the other
side of the ocean. I believe that
one reason our interest in Missions
is so low is because we have so
little personal interest in the
workers over there. And that is a
difficulty so easily overcome. As
young people we want work, some-
thing to vent our energy and en-
thusiasm on, and where can we
find a more interesting or a broader
field than that of foreign missions.
Believe me the more you know of
them, the more you will want to
know, and the more interested you
will become. Sometimes when we
look at the need, and the lack of
interest at home, we are apt to be
discouraged and give voice to the
same old cry, "What is the use?
What can I do? What can a
handful like our Society do? Do
not look at it that way, rather say
with that old-time saint,

"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, and what I ought to
do, by the grace of God, I will do."
If we all said that from our
heart how much we could accom-
plish! Self-Denial Week is ap-
proaching and then we will have
an opportunity of denying ourselves
for this cause, and from our (com-
parative) abundance give to those
whose need is greater, and whose
right is equal.

The League Executive has met
recently, and I hear have expressed
a wish that I might visit some of
the Societies next summer. In the
main this would be a great pleasure
to me, as I am anxious to meet our
young people. If these visits are
to be of an official nature it may
detract a little from its pleasure,
but if I could be of any help to any
of the Societies I would be very
glad indeed to do anything in my
power for them.

Wishing all our societies every
success in their efforts, and with
many prayers for our increased use-
fulness in the service of our
Master, I remain,

Your sincere friend,
GERTRUDE HARTLEY.
Marquand Hall,
E. Northfield, Mass.

But, Do Not Be Too Saving.

Once in a great while a youth is
found with a morbid desire to hoard.
Personally we have known but few
such, but in them the habit grew
until they became notorious for
meanness. A story is told of a
celebrated bishop who grew so mean
that one day when he cut his finger
with a pen-knife and no court-
plaster could be found, a clergyman
standing by brought out his card-
case and took from it a five-cent
stamp and gave it to the bishop to
use to stop the flow of blood. The
bishop accepted it gratefully, placed
the five-cent stamp in his own card-
case, and then took out a one-cent
stamp and placed it over the still
bleeding wound. This seems
almost too much to believe. But a
celebrated minister in New England
was offered a hat by a hatter who
was a friend of his, and who admired
him in most respects. He asked
him if he had another kind. Yes,
he said, though not quite as good as
that. He said he would like to see
one, and asked what the price of the
first one was, and was told five
dollars, and of the second, three
dollars. Well, said he, as you
offered me the first one, if I should
take the second, would you give me
the difference in money? A young
person should not be a spendthrift,
neither should he be stingy.—N.
Y. Advocate.

Save Your Money.

Most young people are not willing
to save money; as it costs them
little or nothing they are lavish in
spending it. This is a great mistake.
All should try to save money and
never spend it without a reason, or
without getting something worth
what they pay for it. They will
not always have parents to take
care of them. As they grow up
they will need money. Young men
need it and young women need it.
Persons should rarely or never
marry unless they have some money
saved or receiving so much for their
labor that they can take care of
themselves if they should for awhile
be sick. Those who do not marry,
and save nothing, are in a pitiable
condition when old age overtakes
them or sickness prevents them
from working or leaving their homes.

Always Ready.

How many runs this month,
Captain? I asked a friendly fire-
man.

We didn't turn a wheel, came
the positive reply.

Didn't turn a wheel this month!
I exclaimed. Well! well!

As I went on my way I mused:
The city has fed two great horses
for one month and paid \$300 or
\$400 in wages to five men for the
same time, and all for what? Noth-
ing. Didn't turn a wheel. That
\$400 might have been given to the
city's poor; it might have been
invested in some manner so as to
bring the taxpayers a return. Why,
children could have—

Listen! As I muse, deep clanging
bells send out a fearful peal.
Fire! Fire! they cry on every
hand, and a great business block
gives indication of fire within. A
few minutes more, and \$10,000
worth of property will be doomed,
when from down the street sounds
a rattling gong. I turn and see,
coming with fearful speed, the
horses plunging madly, the depart-
ment which didn't turn a wheel for
thirty days. There was the Captain
holding the reins, his hat off, and
shirt-sleeves rippling in the wind.
They are the first on the scene, and
within three minutes a line of hose
is laid, and these same men are
ascending ladders and diving into
windows which belch with smoke
and flame. Though we have lost
sight of them we know they are
fighting the fiend and soon they
come out again covered with smoke,
ashes and—glory. The fire is
conquered, the beautiful building
saved, and as the sweating horses
and exhausted men go slowly back
to their retreat, I muse again: For
thirty days the city paid out a
total of \$400. On the thirty first
day it saved \$10,000. It paid the
city to be ready to watch.

Watch ye! the Master says. Yes,
if for thirty years the tempter does
not come, do not close the eyes. It
pays to be on the lookout. It may
take time and attention, but it
pays.—Robert Zwing.

In a respectable boarding-house
in New York City, a number of
years ago, were fifteen young men.
Six of them uniformly appeared at
the breakfast table Sunday morning
prepared as to their apparel for
public worship. They also actually
attended both forenoon and after-
noon. All became highly respected
and useful citizens. The other nine
were usually absent from the break-
fast table on Sunday morning. At
noon they appeared at the dinner
table, dressed in a decent manner.
In the afternoon they went out,
but not ordinarily to church, nor
were they usually seen in the place
of worship. One of them is now
living in a reputable employment;
the other eight became openly
vicious. All of them failed in
business, and are now dead. Several
of them came to an untimely and
awfully tragic end.

Spirit and Life.

The Bible is not dependent on
the dead letters of the monuments
for its credibility, nor does the
earthly life of our Lord require the
attestation of some rock-hewn
gospel. From age to age from
generation to generation, the gospel
is written in the hearts and lives of
men, and Christ walks in his true
Church to-day as really as among
the golden candlesticks in the
apocalyptic vision. It is not a dead
gospel, nor an empty manger or
sepulchre, which claims our interest.
It is a living gospel, which is con-
firmed in the hearts of men rather
than by any testimony of the monu-
ments or ancient manuscripts. We
bow before Him in loving adora-
tion who liveth and was dead, and
is alive for evermore.—Samuel
Ives Curtis.

Life's best things take time. A
character is not a creature of a day.
An education can be bought only
by the expenditure of years. Friend-
ships that last are long in the grow-
ing. So it is with all things worth
while. There is no treasure gained
in a hurry. He who would be rich
with life's best riches, must plan to
spend long years in the securing of
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The Power of Kindness.

One Sunday morning there wan-
dered into Mr. Spurgeon's Taber-
nacle a prodigal son. He was from
the Highlands of Scotland, and was
alone among the husks of life in the
great city. A cheerful little old
woman made room for him in her
pew. She lent him a hymn-book,
and when the service was over she
opened a conversation with him ask-
ing if he was not a stranger, and
inquiring about his home finally in-
viting him to take tea with her. He
told the story himself, with a
comment, if all the pious people I've
known had been like that good
woman, I think I'd have been diff-
erent from what I am.

A girl cannot too sedulously guard
her mother, nor too gently bear with
her, if the mother have reached a
period where she is more easily
weakened than formerly, and where
little things vex her. To some of
us there come days when our hearts
are heavy because we were not so
sweet and loving as we might have
been, and God alone can help us
when this realization comes too late.
—Margaret E. Sangster, in the
April Ladies' Home Journal.

When do two and two make more
than four? When they make 22.

"Played Out"

Is one of the curious expressions used
for worked out. Many a woman drops
into a chair, in utter weariness "all
played out," and wonders
why she feels so weak. She
has not yet realized that the
general health is so
intimately related to the
local health of the
womanly organism,
that weakness must
follow womanly dis-
eases.

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