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One Business Meeting.

BY G. H.

It was the night of the business meeting. The leader had just closed the devotional part of the service by saying, "Now we will sing two verses of 'Saved to Serve,' and any who feel they cannot remain to our business session may leave, but we hope all can stay." A few went out, the leader came to her seat, and the President took the chair.

It was the monthly business meeting so the minutes of the last month's meetings were read by the Secretary, and no mistakes or omissions being found, were allowed to stand. Then the reports were called for. This was the interesting part of the meeting to me, for although I was only an occasional visitor to this Society, I always enjoyed hearing the bright ideas the young people of this quiet little village put into these monthly reports. Nor was I disappointed this time,—that is the reason I'm writing this.

First the Prayer Meeting Committee Report was called for, and Jack Hanson rose from the side seat where he always sat, and read something that ran like this:

"The Prayer Meeting Com. has a most encouraging report to bring to you to-night. During the past month our statistics show that from a monthly average attendance of 24 for March, our average for April rose to 30. Nor have our weekly meetings improved in attendance only, but we have gratefully noticed, and now acknowledge the help individual members have rendered in taking their part in the meeting promptly, and joining heartily in the singing. We have tried, as well, to increase our membership, but, though no success has crowned our efforts as yet, hope for better things next month.

We notice by our topic cards that the 25th is reserved for a missionary meeting, and we leave this evening in the hands of the Missionary Com. to improve as it sees best. They can appoint their own leader for the meeting. The other leaders for the month will be:

May 11, Harriett Stone; May 18, The Pastor; May 25, Missionary Com.; June 1, Dick Francis.

Submitted,

The P. M. Com.

This report was "received and adopted" by vote of the Society (and I noticed all the members voted too). If I had not known the Society I might have been dubious about the appearance of the leaders appointed in this summary fashion, on the evening stated; but as I did know the Society I had every reason to expect that without more ado the members mentioned accepted their appointments and would be on hand on the evening assigned them.

But the President had called for the report of the Flower Com., and Susie Porter rose and read in her own modest way:

"We often think that if our Society was in a city, or even a little town, we could accomplish something worth while, whereas our tiny village gives us so little chance for work. However, we are glad to remember the Master understands it all, and accepts our limited service when it is given in love.

During the past month we have kept the pulpit supplied with flowers, as usual. Now that the wild flowers are coming, our work will be much easier, and we will welcome suggestions from any as to new ideas along this line. Besides this we have carried violets to those of our members who have been ill, and as many of our church members as find it impossible for any reason, to get out. Sometimes these have been accompanied by a magazine, or a book loaned by some friend.

Thus far this has been all we have done, but though little it has made us happy to do it, and, we hope, shown others that we think of them when they are necessarily shut in."

That was all, but the very freshness and sweetness of the violets

seemed to breathe from it, and I couldn't help thinking of the "cup of cold water," given in the name of the Master.

Next came the Missionary Com., and Nan Heyford read:

"This month we have done little along our lines. We are glad to notice our next Consecration meeting will be a missionary topic, and appoint Arthur Hannon as leader. A program will be arranged the details of which will be given later. Of course a collection will be taken, and we hope to receive all the monthly pledges as well.

For reading this month we recommend "The Life of John G. Paton," a book that, in interest, cannot be excelled by any modern novel.

We have to announce that Miss Gaunce has already reached London on her homeward trip from India, and are hoping that some arrangement may be made so that she can visit us this year. We intend this month to write a letter of friendly interest to her successor in Snelair Orphanage, Miss Barnes, and will welcome the reply as valuable material for some future missionary meeting.

We must not forget that eight of the twenty-five dollars pledged for Missions last League is still to be raised. This will require some thought, and, perhaps, effort on our part, but we have no doubt can be accomplished before August. In the meantime let us remember that the great need of N. B. in mission work just now, is for more volunteers for the work, and pray earnestly that the Lord of the harvest will send forth laborers into His harvest."

And when the vote on that was taken, I felt as though more than one was pledging himself to pray as well as to pay.

As this society is a small one, the Social, and Lookout Coms. are combined, and one report represents the work of the double committee:

"We have tried to be both social to those who have come to church, and to be on the lookout for non-attendants, during the month past. We notice as a reward, the increased attendance spoken of by the Prayer Meeting Com., and are prone to take some credit for this to ourselves. We do not intend to stop here, however, but hope for larger things next month.

We have made in all 19 calls this month, and have enjoyed this part of our work much. It is with great thanksgiving we can report that one Associate Member, Mabel Ross has decided to become an Active member; Miss Price will join as an Active member, and Willie Hunt as an Associate.

We are planning to have a garden party, instead of our usual monthly social, but will announce our intentions more fully later, only cautioning everyone to keep the afternoon and evening of the 21st free for us."

This report called forth a few short earnest prayers of thanksgiving for the new members, that they might both help, and be helpful, in their new relations.

These were the only committees in this little Society, so then came a short statement of the condition of the finances, from the Treasurer; it was decided to renew the society's subscription to the "Christian Endeavor World," and the business was completed.

In closing, the president in a few words summed up the work of the past month, and reviewed the plans for that to come, with suggestions of encouragement and inspiration; a verse of "The Work" was sung with gusto; The Mizpah benediction repeated by all, and the meeting was over.

While the greetings and handshakings were going on I slipped out, only stopping to return the welcome of those encountered on my way to the door. As I left the church, I heard cheery voices talk over the business of the evening, and in fancy saw the animated faces that beamed as they planned. Do you wonder I like to go to that Society?

May 9, 1902.

The Treasurer's Statement.

The following is a list of Society and individual pledges made at the Y. P. P. L.

Names marked thus(*) have paid in full. Those marked thus(†) have paid part.

In a few weeks this list will again be published—let us see if we cannot then, have every named prefixed.*

T. A. LINDSAY.

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A Young Man's Reasons For Not Dancing.

We were sitting in the hotel parlor, the housekeeper and I, waiting for the curfew-bell of the Assembly to ring.

We had talked on the subjects of marriage, Spiritualism, card-playing, and various other things, and, finally, our conversation turned to the subject of dancing.

Do you believe in dancing? Miss Emma asked.

No, of course not, I answered very positively.

Well, why not? she asked.

I studied for a moment, trying to frame my reasons for objecting. I had never danced in my life, I had never seen any one else dance, I knew nothing whatever about dancing; but I had been brought up to think it was wrong. I answered lamely, Why, I hardly know what reasons to give.

I can give you my reasons, said a clear, young voice, and we started at the sound, for we had thought ourselves alone.

In the corner, on the couch, lay the young reporter from the city. His head was propped up on his hand, and he was watching us with the bright young eyes that saw everything within their range. Bright, witty, supple Preston, who would have supposed that he had any objections to dancing? Preston, who never attended services only long enough to get a brief outline of the day's program; who whistled in the halls to disturb our morning slumber, and gave college yells to keep us awake at night.

I suppose we looked the surprise that we felt, for his handsome face flushed slightly and he said: Now, you think I am inconsistent to object to dancing, when I do so many other things that you consider just as bad. I have danced, and I was so fond of it. Why, Miss Emma, I can just dance like a freak, but when I decided that it was wrong I quit, and nothing on earth could persuade me to dance again.

Now, Preston, you must tell us your reasons for quitting, said Miss Emma.

Well, in the first place, he said, if I was trying to reason with a girl, I would tell her that no girl can stay young and pretty and dance all the time. Dancing destroys more beauty than anything a girl can indulge in. She is up late night after night, dancing until she is overheated, then sitting in a draught until she is chilled, and those who do not die of consumption, get thin and old-looking before they are really old. I would appeal to her, first, on the point of beauty, for that is the easiest way to reach a girl in an argument.

He paused for a moment, then said: Secondly, I ought to influence them even more than my first. I have been with boys and men since the ball was over, and heard

them discuss the girls from different standpoints, and it was simply dreadful. Miss Emma, I know you have thought that I was a tough fellow, and I'm on up I'm not as straight as I ought to be, but if there is anything I thoroughly detest, it is smutty, low-down talk, and I have heard more vulgar talk about women and girls just after a ball than I ever heard at any other time.

Ah! said Miss Emma, softly, you have a mother and sister.

No, I haven't, he answered; I don't remember my mother, and I never had a sister. It makes me weary, that old idea that a fellow can't have a decent thought about women folks unless he has a dove of them belonging to him, but if I had a dozen sisters, I know I could persuade them to drop dancing.

He arose as the Assembly bell was ringing, saying: I can't give you my thirdly because you are women folks, but my advice is if you want to reason with young people against anything, for pity's sake have some argument to use, and if the reasons given by an ex-dancer will have any weight, you are welcome to them.—Christian Standard.

A Home of Your Own.

Begin your married life in a home of your own. Boarding is at best a lazy way of existence, and the young couple who commence life in this way will sooner or later regret it. Take a house, no matter how small it must be: make a careful selection of rugs, curtains and furniture: and when the little nest has been cozily furnished, settle down to become acquainted with each other—for this is a matter of no small account.

Living in his own house the man at once becomes a factor in society, while in a boarding-house he is but a grain of sand. So it is with a woman. In her own home her interest is constantly aroused, every womanly instinct is called forth, and one constantly becomes more and more womanly and lovable.

It is the woman who boards who becomes a trifler, not the woman who has her own home cares. A woman who spends a few years in a boarding house becomes accustomed to the ease and comforts which surround her without any exertion on her own part, and she becomes more and more reluctant as the years pass by to exert herself to make a home for her family.

Children brought up in a boarding-house lose the best part of their rightful inheritance, for they have no home association, no happy recollection of their home-life, in true pleasures to which they can look back when they have become men and women. Make, then, a home, girls, in which you can look back after many years have passed with pleasant thoughts of the many happy hours which were passed beneath your own roof-trees.

There are cares and trials in every home, but the pleasures also are to be found there rather than in the boarding-house, where gossip and idleness are among the chief features, and where home pleasures are lacking.—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

FOR MOTHERS.—Children need models more than criticism.

To bring up a child in the way he should go, travel that way yourself.

The sooner you get a child to be a law unto himself, the sooner you will make a man of him.

We can never check what is evil in the young unless we cherish what is good in them.

Live upon line, precept upon precept we must have in a home. But we must also have serenity, peace, and the absence of petty fault-finding, if home is to be a nursery fit for heaven's growing plants.

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Stories first heard at a mother's knee are never wholly forgotten, a little spring that never dries up in our journey through scorching years.

Half and Half.

The dyspeptic may well be represented pictorially as being half masculine and half feminine, and combining the least desirable characteristics of either sex. He has all the stubbornness of the man with the peevish irritability of a sick woman. He's not pleasant company at home or abroad.

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