

The Young People.

entres will appear as the years go by. The older communities have the surplus wealth and the redundant population ready to move when opportunity offers inducement.

Capital and labor have found their way into the North West, and industrial corporations are showing their confidence in the country by the character of the buildings they erect for business purposes.

What the character of these prospective communities shall be is a matter that now should concern every true Canadian. That the race will be robust, the dominant factor in which will be the best Teutonic stock, seems certain.

To a very large extent the older provinces are to be the directing and determining factors in working out the destiny of this new land, while the hope of gain has drawn thousands of robust youth thither.

The Baptists of the Maritime provinces are apprehending, to some extent, their obligations in this respect. In addition to material assistance quite generously offered, they are exerting through their educational institutions, the mainspring of this religious and intellectual activity.

The writer cannot give a complete list of the Acadia men and women who are in the West. Some have gone there for a time and later returned East for professional or further study. In addition to other employments, several of the professions are now represented there.

Among teachers are, Misses Schofield, Lyons, Davison, Lingley and Jones; among barristers are, C. W. Bradshaw and C. M. Woodworth; in the medical profession are, Drs. Shafner and Armstrong; in the ministry are, Messrs Hall, Litch, Freeman, Whidden, Bill, Wallace and Mellick; while in British Columbia all these professions are still more largely represented.

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Prayer Meeting Topics for April.

C. E. Topic.—Lessons from Christ's miracles, Matt. 11:2-6; John 14:8-14. B. Y. P. U. Topic.—Comfort from the story of the resurrection, John 20:1-16.

B. Y. P. U. Daily Bible Readings.

(Baptist Union.)

Monday, April 5.—Job 4. "Plow iniquity, sow wickedness and reap" what? (vs. 8). Compare Gal. 6:7, 8. Tuesday, April 6.—Job 5. "To God would I commit my cause," (vs. 8). Compare 2 Tim. 1:12. Wednesday, April 7.—Job 6:1-14. Sowing complaint, reaping disappointment. Compare Ex. 32:33-34. Thursday, April 8.—Job 6:15; 7:5. The good seed of teaching, (vs. 24). Compare Ps. 119:33. Friday, April 9.—Job 7:6-21. The reaper without hope. Contrast Heb. 6:18-19. Saturday, April 10.—Job 8:1-10. God cannot pervert justice, (vs. 3). Compare Dan. 9:14.

Daily Readings on the Life of Christ.

DIVISION THIRD.—TOPICAL: A STUDY OF CHRIST'S GREAT THEMES.

Lesson 28.—Christ's claim that He was Son of Man and Son of God.

Monday.—Prophecies of His Humanity. Gen. 3:15; The first promise; Gen. 49:10, Shiloh; Deut. 18:15; Prophet; Job 19:25-27, Redeemer; Prov. 8:30-36, Wisdom; Canticles 5:10-16, Altogether lovely. Tuesday.—"The Vision of Isaiah" of the Incarnation. Isa. 7:14, "Immanuel"; Isa. 9:6-7, "Prince of Peace"; Isa. 32:2, "A Great Rock"; Isa. 42:1, "My Servant"; Isa. 53, "As a Lamb." Wednesday.—Pre-incarnate appearances of Christ. Gen. 18:2 compare with verses 22 and 33. The other two were attendant angels, see 19:1. Exod. 3:2-5; Joshua 5:14-15; Daniel 3:25 and 6:22. In Dan. 9:21-27, it was same angel, Gabriel, that announced Messiah's birth to Mary in Luke 1:26, 542 years interval. Thursday.—His claims to Divinity. John 8:35-59, "Before Abraham was." Matt. 22:41-45, "David's Lord and David's Son." Rev. 2:16, Root as Creator, offspring as Son of David. Friday.—Divine Sonship claimed. John 5th chapter—Nine times Christ declares His Divine Sonship. Saturday.—The Father's acknowledgement of the Son. Matt. 3:13-17; Luke 9:28-36. H. F. ADAMS.

Sacred Literature Course B. Y. P. U.

THE LIFE AND TEACHINGS OF CHRIST.

Auxiliary Notes, Prepared especially for the MESSENGER AND VISITOR BY D. A. STEELE, D. D. OLD TESTAMENT HINTS.

Lesson 28.—Son of God and Son of Man.

PRELUDE.

We have been steadfastly looking at Jesus in the two last lessons. The more we study Him, the more our admiration increases. It is delightful labor, and we will have a larger idea of Him, who is forever studiable, because in Him all fulness dwells. The results will be to give us a more complete outline of that marvellous portrait which inspired artists have limned out.

TWO INSEPARABLE NATURES.

Jesus, the Messiah, was man just as truly as any one who reads this paper, and He was just as truly God as God Himself. The angel in announcing His birth to Mary, said that her child should be called holy, the Son of God. Here the two natures are shadowed forth, babe—Son of God. And so, all through the Testament the writers proceed in the same breath to denote this twin personality.

THE HUMAN VIEW.

The personage whom we call Lord and Saviour, was, while on earth, subject to all the conditions which beset the ordinary human being. He was a babe, a boy, a young man. He was poor, without money, or property. He said that He "had not where to lay His head." He

was dependent on the bounty of others, and in death His precious body was cared for by casual friends. Like any of us, He was tired, and sat there on the well, or lay dozing in the stern of a boat. He had nothing to leave to His mother, but commended her to the care of His disciples. He was perfectly One with men, subject even to temptations of the severest kind. His sufferings, of body and mind were of the most intense description. At last He died, as truly as any one ever died. He was in every thing like any other man, except that He was not a sinner. (Heb. 2, 14; 4, 15.) Although spotless, infinitely pure, He did not hold aloof from sinful men, but mingled with them socially, dealt with them kindly, and so spoke to them of their frailties, and of the forgiving love of God, that He was called the friend of sinners.

WHAT IS YOUR IDEA?

In looking over these artless biographical sketches of Jesus, in the four gospels, what sort of personage do you make of Jesus? Is He one always bowed and sorrowing? or is He presented also as a healthy, cheerful man? one often unbending, genial, always ready with an apt story, in which is enshrined some all-important truth; one whom it must have been a life-long memory even to meet for a few moments. The influence of moral superiority is always felt, when you meet a really good man; what must this have been when any one met Jesus? But do not lose sight of lighter traits of character. His finely ironical way, the play of humor here and there. He was not always weeping, but a pleasant smile played over His features. It goes without saying that His feelings were like a boiling caldron; whether of sympathy or of anger against the hypocrisy of self-righteous, yet vindictive men.

HE WAS THE MODEL MAN,

and so acted toward the hungry, the sick, the bereaved, and the degraded, as to shew His perfect sympathy. He was an example and we must follow in His footsteps. He even carries His manhood into the far future. When He comes in glory, accompanied by legions of angels, to sit as final Judge, He still identifies Himself with us, "as you have done to the least of these my brethren, you have done to me."

If you care to study this further you may look at Daniel 7:13 and following verses, where you will find the forecast of the title. He is head of a harmonizing Kingdom, in contrast to the animal violence of the kingdoms of the lion and the bear, the leopard and the terrible beast of iron teeth. Humanity, love for man, in contrast to selfish tyranny, is one of the controlling ideas of His soul.

THE DIVINE COLORING.

Side by side, on the same canvas with these human lineaments, the heavenly lines are clearly discernible. It is as if He wore the transfiguration robes all the time. He walks along, and the demoniacs recognize Him: Thou Son of God! Those delivered from the mid-night storm "worshipped Him, saying, of a truth Thou art the Son of God." What else can He be, who commands the elements? He forgives sins, and right were the Scribes when they said, "Who can forgive sins, but God alone?" He admits us into His own secret thought about His position, when He approved Peter's confession, and when He assents to the High Priest's question.

Is it not congenial work to be analyzing the nature of our great Head. It were better to gaze at the Divine man as He is drawn for us by the skilled hands of those who saw Him, and heard Him. You may follow these indications in the epistles. For example read the first and second chapters of Hebrews.

QUESTIONS FOR OUR OWN HEARTS.

- 1. Do we know the Son? If we cannot fully know Him who is from everlasting and infinite in every particular, we may know the Son of Man, Matt. 11:25-30. 2. The Only way to know Jesus is to have actual intercourse with Him, 1 John 1:1-4; 3:6. 3. Can self-deception on this point creep in? 1 John 1:1-6; 3:14-17.

SINCE THEN THE CHILDREN ARE SHARERS IN FLESH AND BLOOD, HE ALSO IN LIKE MANNER PARTOOK OF THE SAME.

Notice.

The Digby Co. B. Y. P. U. will meet with Weymouth church on Tuesday, April 13th, 2.30 p. m. There will be two sessions, afternoon and evening. Will each society and church see that delegates are appointed. This is our annual meeting, and we want a large attendance. Will the presidents and secretaries see that blanks forwarded to their society are filled out and returned in good time. Will you not put forth every effort brothers and sisters to be present at this meeting. The programme will be, we trust, both interesting and helpful.

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