

Committee Reports.

LOOK OUT—During the past month we had cause to regret the absence of quite a number of Active members from the regular meeting. Some have been interviewed and have promised to be more regular in their attendance and to take part in the service. Cards, inviting strangers to our Endeavor meetings and to our regular Wednesday evening prayer meeting, have been written out and handed to strangers at the door, only once this month, but if thought advisable, will be continued regularly every Sunday, and trust it may be the means of perhaps saving one soul. During the past month we have had enrolled as Active members—Mr. Thos. Gain, Miss Bertha Gain, Miss Lane and Miss Annie Gain; Associate—Milner Poulter.—*K. Kappele.*

PRAYER-MEETING—Your committee notice with pleasure the good attendance at our meetings, and if each one will seek to do, not the least, but the most for Christ, we shall have more of the Spirit of our Master. Be sure you take your part. Let those who are able to do more remember that to whomsoever much is given much shall be required, doing this you will soon be led and strengthened to do more. The cordial grasp of the hand as each member is leaving, may go a long way toward reaching the heart.

"Let us then as brethren love,
Faithfully His gifts improve,
Carry on the earnest strife,
Walk in holiness of life;
Still forget the things behind,
Follow Christ in heart and mind,
Toward the mark unwearied press,
Seize the crown of righteousness."

The leaders for May are as follows: May 9th, Mr. J. Burgess; May 16th, Miss A. Raycroft; May 23rd, Miss A. Ripley; May 30th, Mr. J. Calvert; June 6th, (consecration) Mr. Hamilton.—*M. Niclaus*

SOCIAL—On Tuesday, May 3rd, at 8 o'clock, the Y. M. C. A. will tender a reception to all the C. E. Societies in the city, and we have been asked to provide a programme. The first hour will be spent in the gymnasium, and a varied programme consisting of talks on Botany and Pneumatics with specimens and experiments. At 9 o'clock, all will adjourn to the hall upstairs to enjoy the music and readings that have been prepared. On May 12th, in the school-room, we will celebrate the third anniversary of our Y. P. S. C. E., and expect to have a very pleasant time. All our own members are especially urged to be present, and a cordial invitation is extended to the members of the other Societies and to all our friends, to join us that evening. The first week in June, our Society will unite with the W. C. T. U. in giving, in our church, one of the series of Demorest contests. Eight children, between the ages of twelve and fifteen, will recite temperance pieces in competition for the silver Demorest medal. Music will help to make the programme attractive. The object is to increase the interest in temperance work. Proceeds are to be divided evenly between the two societies. We have chartered the steamer Modjeska for a Moonlight Excursion on the 21st of June. Mr. W. H. Robinson, with the orchestra, will provide a musical programme. We hope all that are interested will begin at once to talk it up among their friends.—*B. F. Murray.*

FLOWER—During the month of April, we have distributed in all about twenty-five small boquets.

While we are pleased to see once more with us members who have been very ill during the winter, others have been reported to us who are very ill, especially two of our S. S. scholars, with whom we deeply sympathize and hope that they will soon be restored to their usual health and strength.

We desire to thank the friends who so kindly loaned us their plants for Easter Sunday and on former occasions. The Easter lily that was given, not alone beautified the house of God, but also gave comfort and cheer to three of Christ's afflicted ones.

In all places, and in all seasons
Flowers expand, their light and soul-like wings,
Teaching us by most persuasive reasons
How akin they are to human things.—*C. Lavery*

MUSIC—We thank those who during the past month have helped us in the singing, and hope that they will kindly continue to do so. Recognizing that there is a great deal in the "Gospel of Song," and that hearts are often reached through the words of a familiar hymn, we would take it as a kindness if in the study of the different topics, a suitable hymn suggests itself, any member would make it known, and, if possible, we will use such hymn in our meeting.

—*Annie E. Bristow.*

TEMPERANCE—(continued from last month)
"There is no inherent right in a citizen to sell intoxicating liquors by retail, it is not a privilege of a citizen of the State or of a citizen of the United States. As it is a business attended with danger to the community, it may, as already said, be entirely prohibited, or be permitted under such conditions as will limit to the utmost its evils. The manner and extent of regulation rest in the discretion of the governing authority. That the authority may rest in such officers as it may deem proper, the power of passing upon application for permission to carry it on and to issue licenses for that purpose.

It is a matter of legislative will only.

As in many other cases the officers may not always exercise the power conferred upon them with wisdom or justice to the parties affected. But that is a matter which does not affect the authority of the State, or one which can be brought under the cognizance of the courts of the United States."—(cont'd) *G. F. Fisher.*

MISSION—Leaders for Sunday evenings at the Walnut Street Mission:—May 15th, Mrs. Day Smith and Mr. F. C. McIlroy; May 22nd, Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Thos. Morris, Jr.; May 29th, Mr. J. E. Martin and Mr. A. Davis; June 5th, Mr. Thos. Morris, Sr. and Mr. G. F. Fisher; June 12th, Rev. E. Lounsbury and Mr. F. C. McIlroy.—*Mrs. Fisher.*

VISITING—In presenting the report for April, we feel grateful for the many expressions of kindness from those with whom we have met in our work. We were graciously welcomed where ever we went and invited to come again, and we did not fail to comply. To of the ladies have returned our calls, which example we hope will be followed by others, so that we may return kindness for kindness. Three of our visits were to members of our own Society, and seven to members of the congregation. We feel, as month by month flies by, that we are being led out in new paths by His Holy Spirit, for which we are very thankful.

—*Annie Ripley.*

DORCAS—We have not held many meetings of the sewing class this month on account of having other important work to do. We have had four dresses to make—two for girls in our class, and two

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