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Our Weekly Topics for 1911

Quite a number of our Leagues have written a request that instead of a list of Topic Studies being issued according to the Calendar year, they shall be arranged for the Conference or League year. Many of our societies print their topic cards twice a year, from May to October, and from November to April, inclusive. We offer the following suggestive list for the first four months of 1911, and the full twelve months' list will follow in order.

- Jan. 1. Lessons from Bible Biography. Abraham.
 " 8. Modern Missionary Lessons from Paul's First Missionary Tour.
 " 15. How we got our Bible.
 " 22. Canada and the Empire.
 " 29. The duties of a Canadian Citizen.
 Feb. 5. Lessons from Bible Biography. Joseph.
 " 12. Modern Missionary Lessons from Paul's Second Missionary Tour.
 " 19. How we got our Bible.
 " 26. How our Laws are made.
 March 5. Lessons from Bible Biography. Moses.
 " 12. Modern Missionary Lessons from Paul's Third Missionary Tour.
 " 19. How we got our Bible.
 " 26. How Parliament does business.
 April 2. Lessons from Bible Biography. Joshua.
 " 9. Modern Missionary Lessons from Paul's Later Missionary Work.
 " 16. How we got our Bible.
 " 23. The Premier and the Cabinet.
 " 30. Open Temperance Meeting. (A Union Meeting with the Juniors.)

The above list is arranged in harmony with the usage of the majority of our Leagues. The first meeting is almost invariably observed as Consecration, the second Missionary, the third Literary, etc. We have put on the list for the fourth meeting in the month what we believe will prove especially informing as well as of great interest, a topic that bears directly on Training for Citizenship. This list is not obligatory, but suggested, and we hope our Leagues will for the most part follow it. The best help will be given if each week's subject will be given in our columns. If, after you have read this notice and have studied the plan outlined above, you are not satisfied, please write the General Secretary, and if the Committee sees any good reason to revert to the old plan of topics for the Calendar year, it will not be too late to make the change before the beginning of 1911.

The topics suggested will call for three books for study. First, of course, is the Bible. The life lessons from great lives commenced with the new year should be exceedingly helpful to our younger people. The Missionary studies based on Paul's experiences cannot be excelled, and for the Literary and Citizenship topics we have chosen two little books of great value. "How we got our Bible" is a fascinating study by Dr. Smythe, and will be of unusual interest because of the Tercentenary of the publication of the English Bible we all know and love. "Canadian Civics," by Prof. Jenkins, is a little work, with the contents of which we want all our young people to be familiar. These books will be supplied by the Book Room. They are inexpensive, being but 20 cents and 35 cents each respectively.

The frank opinion of our League workers everywhere on the above list is earnestly invited. Write your comments and criticisms freely.

Marrying the Best Man

I was once within an ace of a serious blunder, writes a clergyman. A marriage was fixed for 10 o'clock, and I had an appointment with the bishop at 11.30. Half-past ten, a quarter to eleven, and no bride or bridegroom. Presently the clerk announced their arrival. I went out. The couple stood in the usual place at the entrance to the chancel, and I began the service.

"Please, sor—" began the man.

"Don't speak now," I said, and continued the service.

"I am very sorry, sor, but—"

"Never mind now," I said hastily. "I cannot listen to excuses, for I have no time to spare." And again I went on with the marriage service. A movement of the unhappy man caused me to look up.

"But I am not the man!" he shrieked, like some frightened animal. "I have only come to say the cab has broken down," he gasped. "I am only the best man, sor," and with a sigh of relief he mopped his brow. All the while the lady smiled serenely. Poor man, he did get a fright! So did I, for I was new at the work, and did not know what the consequences might be.

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