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C. E. Prayer-Meeting Notes.

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May 5. The lessons of Gethsemane. Mark xiv. 32-52.

Saviour of the world in prayer. Such some seem to think and others to fear." suffering, such anguish, mortal never knew. It presents for our considerathe prayer meeting. This is one of the tion one of the most solemn, touching most important meetings of the church scenes in the history of the world. We and withal most neglected. To make approach, the contemplation of this this better, more interesting, and more. Scripture with sublimest reverence and devotional, is to increase the spirituality deepest humility. We seem to hear of the church. the angel say to us what the Captain of the Lord's host said to Joshua: ' Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest is holy"

The lessons we learn here are many and important.

- 1. We begin to have some conception of the price of redemption. It was not the dread of physical suffering that caused such anguish, but that he was to be made sin for us. He suffered not as a martyr, but suffered for us. His one cry of agony on the cross, " My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" was not caused by mockery of the crowd, the scourge or the hammer; but because the Father's face was turned away from Him. On Christ was laid the iniquity of us all. He must tread the wine press alone. Our hearts ought to overflow with love, our very souls be melted into tenderness, and our whole being brought into loving submission to this "Man of Sorrows."
- 2. We learn how to meet affliction. Go to God in prayer if the heart is heavy with sorrow; if great trouble rests upon you, go into your closet and pour out your soul in prayer.
- 3. Another lesson that impresses it self upon us is the secret and manner of prayer. Have (1) implicit faith in God; (2) earnestness in our petition. Luke xxii. 44 says: "And being in an agony He prayed more earnestly." (3) we acquire by close communion with Whole-hearted submission to His gra- our Redeemer. cious will: "Nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt." Mark xiv. 36. (4) That God hears and answers our supplications. An angel came from the very Throne of Heaven and strength ened Him. Luke xxii. 43.

using carnal weapons to defend and ad- May 5th.

vance the cause of our Lord, Matt !" Christian Endeavor'! This our watchxxvi. 41-55.

May 12. How can we Endeavorers help our church? 1 Cor. xii. 1-27.

If your C. E. is not a potent factor in the upbuilding of the church, something is materially wrong. The question which should be uppermost is. how can we Endeavorers most efficiently help our church? One thing we must bear in mind is, "our society is not ton ave., Boston, Mass.: "A'though I It was the midnight hour, and in the an organization independent of or sep-Garden of Gethsemane wrestled the arate and apart from the Church, as

- 1. We can very materially improve
- 2. We can assist in the Sunday school. It is our duty to be always ready to help the superintendent in every way possible. As C. E's, we study our Bible, and the more proficient we are with God's word the better S. S. teachers and scholars and officers we make.
- 3. We can increase the usefulness of the church in comforting the sorrowful, in visiting the sick, helping the poor and strengthening the weak.
- 4. We are a help to the church by being present at all the services possible and ready and watchful to assist.
- 5. One thing our churches need, and in this we can be of great use, is the improvement in our singing. Let us endeavor to relegate to the past the doleful, discordant sounds, which is designated singing. To give out an invitation hymn, and have the audience singing different parts of the hymn in almost every new is enough to distract the stoutest hearted preacher and t demoralize any congregation. Endeavorers, let us assist in having harmonious spiritual singing.
- 6. We can be of use to the church in rising superior to the little petry jealousies, etc., that clog the wheels of progress. Loftier conceptions of Christian living are what we require. These
- 7. A live church is one interested in missions. We can help to disseminate missionary intelligence, and increase the missionary zeal, and prompt to larger gifts. May 5th is our collection for home missions. Let us lead the Other lessons we learn here are (1) van in working for the largest collecthe necessity of watchfulness, Mark tion yet lifted in our province. Much xiv. 38; (2) the heinousuess of sin, depends upon us. Let us be worthy Matt. xxvi. 47-49; and (3) the folly of our responsibity. Work and pray for

word shall be.

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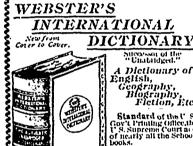
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