

The Young People.

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Prayer Meeting Topics for Nov. 8th.
B. Y. P. U. Topic—"The hand that is knocking." Rev. 3: 20.
C. E. Topic—"The most interesting thing I know about foreign missions." Acts 17: 16-31.

Monday, Nov. 9.—Psalm 22. Repentance preceding a revival (vs. 5). Compare 1 John 1: 9.
Tuesday, Nov. 10.—Psalm 38. Cause of heart rejoicing (vs. 21). Compare John 16: 22.

Wednesday, Nov. 11.—Psalm 34. O taste and see that the Lord is good (vs. 8). Compare Heb. 6: 4-5.
Thursday, Nov. 12.—Psalm 35. The tongue's revival (vs. 28). Compare Ps. 71: 15.

Friday, Nov. 13.—Psalm 36-37: 9. God is the fountain of life (vs. 9). Compare John 4: 14.
Saturday, Nov. 14.—Psalm 37: 10-40. Command for all (vs. 27). Compare Isa. 1: 16-17.

Our Educational Leader, Rev. J. H. McDonald, of Amherst, N. S., now holds himself in readiness to accept invitations to extend the educational part of our work.
Sincerely,
H. G. BRANBROOK, Sec. Treas.

It is said that a single hour, if he feels well, can break up a camp meeting, and it is a fact that a single sin cherished can ruin a life.

What about your voice, are you using it for Jesus? "The lower lights must be kept burning." Did you push the last meeting by your testimony?

Don't be a "nothing to say" christian. A half a dozen words may be more than a whole battle. A dumb christian often means a victorious devil.

Don't try to sleep clear of what the leader has said. Back him up and what he has said up. It is not the what thoughts that makes a good meeting but the less impressed on the heart.

Go to your society to do business for the Lord. Too many go to be entertained. "Occupy until I come" takes in the social hour, the prayer meeting, the Bible study, the conference, the picnic. The one that does not work will not eat.

Serious testimonies are good but a minute talk is better. Some of our young christians need to launch out. Have something to say and say it. Some one has said that there is a great difference between having to say something and having something to say.

Do not be afraid of excitement in religion. The word in the derivation means a battle. We would get excited over ship-wrecked men why not over a wrecked world. Jesus was said to have a devil, Paul to be mad, Apollonia was fervery or boiling hot in spirit, and the disciples were said to be drunk on the day of Pentecost. Behold the state of those about you and, like Paul, you will find yourself pressed in spirit to beseech the unevangelized to be reconciled to God.

What are your readers? Would you like to have your pastor know it? God does. You cannot build a strong christian life on a diet of trashy fiction. Time is too short to spend an hour with a poor book. There is such a thing as corrupt literature. Every young christian ought to turn aside from such a field. There are thoughts that stir the imagination, feed the intellect and stir up the emotions to holy aspirations. Seek them. Cultivate a taste for them. Strong men demand strong food.

The Knocking Hand.
These words were addressed to the church by Rev. J. H. McDonald. Application: Christ says that if any man will open the door he will come in. The object of the christian is to get Jesus into the heart where he is not the necessity of the sincere is to let him in.

1. Look at the person standing without. We have a description of him in the first chapter of the book. He is venerable. We do not like to keep the aged waiting. Our sins have whitened his hair. Before the mountains were brought forth he had a being. He is rich. He is girt about with a golden girdle. The "golden key" will open many locks. He brings the incorruptible wealth in his hands. He is wise. His eyes are as a flame of fire. The wise are usually welcome guests. He makes wise unto salvation. He is pure. "His feet are like to fine brass." Who can find fault with this man. Platte could not. He was "holy, harmless and unspotted." The "fairest among ten thousand."

2. There is a way into the heart. Sometimes Jesus gets in through our fears. The law becomes the schoolmaster to lead us to Christ. Luther, Bunyan and many others let Jesus in that way. He came in through the desire for pain. Many have been like the young man who sought Him for eternal life. He appeals to this motive teaching us that "godliness is profitable in all things." Into some hearts he has entered through a sense of right. His demands are seen through the Spirit to be righteous. Such have said: God is, I have transgressed His law, I shall take Jesus as my Saviour.

3. He comes with an offer to the door. I will come in and sup with him. It is a large offer. The christian can bear testimony to that. It is the offer of a feast. There is joy, communion and great profit to the host. But it is conditional. The condition can be easily met. The bolts and bars can be thrown back. The thousands who have received Him establish the fact. The Scriptures place the responsibility on man. Then how wide is the offer. Any man can welcome Jesus to his heart. He died for all. The Spirit and the bride say "whoever will come may come."

4. His action is making the offer. He knocks. It is his hand that is heard when the christian invites men. There should be in every social meeting a great deal of this knocking. One hand may be the hand of Jesus as he bears the perishing a call to life. By prudent dealings he knocks. Through storm and sickness, death and loss, he asks admission. The tower in Silosim that fell is made to stand and warn the living "except they repent they shall likewise perish." Often Jesus knocks in the example of christian people. The godly life is a living plea to the world to let Jesus in.

5. His attitude while asking for admittance. He stands knocking. By this he indicates that he has sought the door. He has come from a great distance. Who can tell how far it is from the throne to the cross. He has come that weary way that He might find us. Moreover, it tells us that He will promptly take possession. The delay in salvation is ours not Christ's. No one needs to seek Jesus a year. If He does not enter a great deal of time, the door is not open wide. But this standing suggests the thought that he may turn away. This attitude speaks for immediate action on the part of the unevangelized. God's sense is the present. Let us cry in the ears of the lost "there is a stranger at the door."

The business meeting is worthy of considerable attention. You and I can remember sessions for discussion of important matters, that failed to make the progress they should have made, and in some cases, at least, the result is plain. A lack of serious attention to the work in hand. A business meeting should be a business meeting. Good attendance is important. The leader should be familiar with some manual of Parliamentary practice. He should not permit general and aimless discussion. To have a meeting is not the result of one effort of all nor all the effort of one. Like much that is also desirable it may be secured by practice. Don't be discouraged by failure.

The Maritime executive realizes the importance of an early conference on methods and needs. Be ready for the result of this conference.

The Charlottetown Union furnished an interesting missionary program for the regular church prayer meeting Oct. 21st. Mr. Lucas gave a paper on India, stating many facts of its history and its leading characteristics; Miss Davis read a brief but comprehensive history of the Foreign mission work under the auspices of the Maritime Baptists; Pastor Corey used the pointer to good effect upon our mission map which Mr. and Mrs. Higgins have prepared; Miss Corey favored the audience with an appropriate song; Miss Scott and Mrs. Corey gave interesting readings and a silver collection was taken for the work to which Secretary Manning calls earnest attention. It was a good meeting to attend. I wonder if other Unions cannot have, with profit, just such a meeting as this program itself to be.

The Island Unions are wide awake. Secretary Jenkins sent away notes for these unions a few weeks ago but one of your editors has just returned on a visit to Bro. Jenkins "stamping ground." He found him a fairly agreeable fellow, as also others of quite a band of young men who hold up Pastor Corey's hands, and he knows well the field for which he came. Do not be surprised if he reports frequently. The writer enjoyed meeting with pastors Robinson, of Summerside; Warren, of Bedouque; Price, of Tryon; Corey, of Charlottetown; and Higgins of North River. Each is encouraged as he takes up the B. Y. P. U. for '05-'07. The war banner makes a class of all who attend the B. Y. P. U. meeting, not dismissing the same until social service and class work are ended. Pastor Corey finds that his class does best work when meeting in his study. It is such as these Unions there are many hopeful features. It is stimulating to come in touch with sincere effort toward intelligent service. May interest continue and the winter's work yield an abundant return.

It occurs to me that our Island Unions are "away ahead" of the Unions in one or two Baptist centres. They enjoy meeting together. The chances are they gain from teaching although they could if such Unions as these of Charlottetown and Summerside and Bedouque and Tryon, and others over here, would work each by itself if they were grouped within so small a radius as are those of St. John and Miramichi. If they could move over I think you would see a local union very soon. St. John would do well to organize before the new year.

Socials and Sociability.
The Charlottetown Guardian of Friday morning, Oct. 22d, contained the following notice: "The Socials in Baptist church. Admission 10 cents." The issue of Saturday morning had the announcement, "If any person ever heard of a better social than that given by

The Young People's Society of the Baptist church, first evening, those present on that occasion would like to hear from them" etc, etc. The reporter, who was present, wrote that and meant every word.

The Social Committee of the church were determined to make this a good one and succeeded admirably well. The Literary Committee with our pastor, Rev. C. W. Corey, as chairman, provided a choice of programmes, "Prayer" and a lot of time for sociability and handshaking. We hope we do not over estimate the work of the Social Committee of our church, when we say that we believe it will compare favorably with any like committee in the Province. With Bro. J. H. Webster as chairman, everything is bound to go.

On being interrogated the Social Committee says there are several requisites necessary in order to conduct a successful social, and we think it might be helpful to some of our readers if we would give some of them in this column.

First. Have a short program. Don't give the people a concert or lecture if they come to a social. Members of other churches have just as much right there as you have; they have paid their money fee independent, and go in for a good time. The charge will also keep children away who are better at home. This is true, especially in cities. If you do let them in they will devour your refreshments en bloc. It means finances too—we need them—always expenses about a social. Pay your way. By all means have an admission fee. But we must not do without giving any more refreshments. Have socials more frequently and let us have your methods and ideas through the columns of the MESSENGER AND VISITOR.

Fraternally,
Oct. 26, '06.
H. J. JARVIS, Prov. Secy.

Yarmouth, N. S.
The half yearly meeting of the Yarmouth Co. B. Y. P. U. was held at Arcadia on Tuesday evening, Oct. 20. The reports showed that one Union had been formed during the half year. This gives a total of eight Unions for Yarmouth Co., with a membership of 347 active and 59 associate members. Thirty-one conversions were reported. Only 49 copies of the Baptist Union are taken, and only two Unions are studying the Christian Culture Course. "What we are glad to report an increase in members during the year, and that quite a number have found the Saviour, we are sorry that so few copies of the Baptist Union are taken, and that so little interest is taken in the study course, which our leaders have prepared for us. The following officers were elected for the coming year: Pres., Harry Crosby; Vice Pres., G. E. C. Burton; Sec'y-Treas., C. B. Cox; Rev. Z. P. Bash, Associational Secretary for the Western Association; Nova Scotia, addressed the Union along general lines of B. Y. P. 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