



WEEKLY TOPIC CALENDAR

WITH SUGGESTIONS BY THE EDITOR



APRIL 21.—GREAT HYMN WRITERS:
FRANCES RIDLEY HAVERGAL.
Psa. 148.

The Third Department should make this meeting an interesting one. Some of the suggestions here given may be followed, or others may appeal to those in charge. In the Church Hymn Book will be found some hymns written by Miss Havergal, viz., 502, 779, 395, 432, 778, 599, 437, 783, and 437. In the Canadian Hymnal, the following: 31, 56, 115, 166, 398, and 411. The last-mentioned might be sung by a number of your Juniors as a chorus. Others might be used as solos or duets, to lend variety to the musical part of your service.

In the article written by Miss McLeod, printed on a previous page will be found excellent material for the literary part of the program. Some one of your members may be asked to give a brief synopsis of the life as therein written. Or different persons might take various periods and comment upon each.

Instead of singing Hymn 115 in the old time way, adopt another plan. Let that beautifully written book "Kept for the Master's Use," be in your possession, and, after the singing of each verse, let a short extract from this book be read; or have one or two of your members give in their own words, some of the leading thoughts, as portrayed in the words of the hymn. Guess from some of the other writings of Miss Havergal might be written on slips of paper, these cut in pieces, and the members be asked to match them; the last person to complete the "Gem" to read it aloud.—C. G. W.

APRIL 28.—CHRIST'S ATTITUDE
TOWARDS PLEASURES. John 2:
1-11.

You will find Mr. Doyle's article very suggestive. It will readily lend itself to division for treatment by several of your members. The following additional sub-topics may well be considered: (1) What is the general tendency of the young people of to-day in the matter of amusements, in relation to the wise use of time? (2) What bearing has the question of popular amusement on the home life of the community? (3) When do amusements become harmful? (4) How far should the Church make provision for the amusements of its young people? (5) Should there not be a play-day for all the people in every neighbourhood at frequent intervals? (6) Which is the more desirable, amusement in the open air or indoors? Or an open debate on the question of Amusement v. Recreation might be held with profit. Certainly the topic is a live one, and your meeting should not be dull.

MAY 5.—THE SOWER. Matt. 13: 1-9, 18-23.

Let the leader of the meeting give a brief exposition of the parable, as a whole. Then have a number of members take part, explaining and illustrating each of the four kinds of ground dealt with by the story. As this is your Consecration meeting, do not lay particular emphasis on the work or missionary phase of the parable, but rather on the experimental, as it relates to the individual life and character. There ought to be no hesitancy about asking oneself in such a meeting, "What kind of a harvest am I likely to reap, as the result of my reception of the Seed of the Kingdom?" Unless this question is first

faceted, the matter of seed-sowing in the world is not likely to bring much spiritual results. It is what we are, prior to what we do; our own spiritual fruitage, rather than our seed-sowing in Christ's name, that should come first, and command instant attention. Therefore, make your pledge prominent, and, if you have not a wall copy of it, like the illustration, send to the Book Room, and get one. They are 75 cents, postpaid, mounted on linen, and 26 by 33 inches in size.



MAY 12.—THE UNFINISHED WORK OF
THE GREAT COMMISSION. Matt.
28: 18-20; Mark 16: 15-16.

The World Missionary Conference, which met in Edinburgh in 1910, gathered missionaries from every field, secretaries from every missionary society, and representative men and women from every corner of Christendom, to study what yet remains to be done before the world is evangelized. This is our topic. You will do well to use "The Missionary Mock Trial," as printed in detail, with instructions, in the December-March Missionary Bulletin.

Mrs. Stephenson's article, in this number, will supply information for an Impersonation Programme. Have some one represent each country, and tell of its needs. Draw the diagrams on the blackboard, or on a large sheet of paper. If the latter is used, the impersonator may use the diagram as he speaks. The figures may be used in preparing other diagrams than those given.

Dr. John R. Mott's book, "The Decisive Hour of Christian Missions," may be borrowed from your pastor. Questions on the subject, to be answered at the meeting, and distributed a week ahead, will arouse interest. Have them prepared by members of the League, and given to other members to answer. Use a map of the world. The mission study text books, many of which are found in Sunday-school and League libraries, will be useful as references.

The Missionary Bulletin, containing the Mock Trial, costs 25 cents, postage 5 cents extra. "The Decisive Hour of Christian Missions" is 35c., paper, postage 5c. Order from F. C. Stephenson, Methodist Mission Room, Toronto.—C. G. S.

The Fourth Department—Report and Suggestion

The young men of the Citizenship Department of the Epworth League, Methodist Church, Morrisburg, Ont., held a very successful "Mock Parliament" before an appreciative audience on Friday evening, Feb. 16th. The furniture was admirably arranged as closely as possible to the Dominion Parliament. The President opened the meeting by announcing a stirring hymn, after which the Speaker, Mr. I. Hillard, K.C., preceded by the Sergeant-at-Arms in uniform (Blake Nephew) took the chair. The Sergeant-at-Arms laying the mace on the table, the Speaker called on Rev. H. S. Osborne to open Parliament in prayer, after which he called for presentation of petitions. Two were presented by the Government, dealing with the Morrisburg and Ottawa Electric Railway, and petition respecting "Good roads improvement scheme" presented by Hon. William Broder and Hon. H. Broder.

The Opposition members presented three petitions dealing with petition respecting "Old maids and bachelors," "The deepening of the St. Lawrence and Welland Canals," and "The damming of the Long Sault," presented respectively by Hon. E. Zeron, Hon. Frank Steed, Hon. Bruce Sherman, The Clerk, Robt. Cassemann, read short title of petitions and filed same. Notice of motions—two or three important motions passed from both sides of the House when Questions came under discussion. The following were a few of the questions asked by the Opposition: The high cost of living, dismissal of certain Government employees, and others. Government attacked Opposition on certain election abuses. After routine business the Hon. G. P. Murphy, member of the electoral district of South Renfrew, was escorted up the floor of the House, introduced to the Speaker by Mr. W. Mackenzie and Chas. Morgan amid the enthusiastic applause of Opposition members. Hon. F. A. Broder moved that the House do now go into committee of the whole. Speaker called to the chair. Hon. F. S. Broder, Clerk called Government orders: "Act respecting Canadian contribution to maintenance of British Imperial navy." The Right Hon. R. L. Hillard moved second reading of bill in clear, concise manner. He was replied to by the leader of the Opposition, Right Hon. Wilfrid Osborne, who in fiery eloquence denounced Government measure. Hon. leader of Opposition was asked by a Government member to withdraw certain expressions, and for a time the feeling of the House was at high tension. Right Hon. Wilfrid Osborne was supported by Hon. G. P. Murphy, who rendered not a few well chosen arguments against Government policy. Hon. F. H. Broder in an able speech supported his leader, Right Hon. R. L. Hillard. Hon. I. Hillard replied to same. The Hon. Charles Morgan wound up debate by presenting in speech statistics against policy of the Government. The Hon. F. H. Broder moved adjournment of House, seconded by J. E. Zeron. The President, Mr. W. Mackenzie, made certain announcements relative to future meeting, and meeting closed with singing "Onward, Christian Soldiers," and League benediction. The work of the young men in preparing such a meeting speaks well for League work in training for "Citizenship."

The above report appeared in the Morrisburg Leader, and shows how the Epworth League may not only interest our young people in public questions, but train them in parliamentary procedure. To gain some measure of ability in public speech, to master some of the arts of debate, to be able to think quickly, reason logically and draw conclusions are surely splendid attainments for young men to seek after. Such meetings help

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