

Young People's Work.

FOR CHRIST AND THE CHURCH.

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HARWICH.—Since our last Christian Endeavor Union meeting, held at Northwood, Sept. 27, 1895, our society has received an addition of three active members and three associate, making a total present membership of 28—20 active and 8 associate members. Owing to sundry expenses for books, etc., our treasury funds are rather low at present, amounting to \$1.48. In December we formed a reading circle in connection with C. E. work. On January 14th we organized a Christian Endeavor society at School No. 9, River road, with 15 active members and 5 associate. I might also state that one of our members, an earnest young brother, left us since last meeting to attend Hiram College, there to fit himself for the Christian ministry.

May the Divine blessing rest upon Christian Endeavor work, world-wide, and the bond of unity be strengthened.

M. I. CHATTERSON, Rec. Sec.

HAMILTON, March 25th, 1896.—A very pleasant parlor social was held, on March 13th, at the residence of Mr. Albert Tolton, 102 Merrick St. There was a large attendance of young people and their friends, and all heartily enjoyed themselves. A splendid programme of instrumental music, songs and recitations, occupied the evening, after which refreshments were served.

Our C. E. Society is in a flourishing condition, owing in a great measure to the zeal and energy of our president, Miss Glass, and to the competent conveners of the various committees. We hold our meetings on Sunday night, after the regular evening service, and find that it works well. The meetings are nearly always well attended and interesting, so that we often find many of the church people remaining for them.

Although all our committees are doing a good work, I feel that special mention should be made of the Flower and Visiting Committee. This committee is composed of the younger members of our society, and they have entered on their work with a will. Once a month they supply a beautiful bouquet of flowers for the church, and on Sunday evening take it to any member who may be sick. Visits to the Hospital, House of Refuge and Aged Women's Home are made regularly, and papers distributed among the inmates. In addition to this, the members take turns in reading every

week to a blind lady in our congregation.

I cannot close without speaking a word for our beloved pastor and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Munro. They are always willing to cheerfully do anything to help us, and their lively interest in us and our work is encouraging as well as stimulating.

Our Sunday evening services are particularly interesting. The church is filled almost every Sunday night.

Would like to see reports from other societies, as they maintain an interest in the work.

MEMBER.

C. E. Prayer-Meeting Notes.

GEO. FOWLER.

April 5. The gift of life and how to use it. Matt. x. 34-39. (An Easter topic.)

God is the Author of all that is good. "Every good gift and every perfect boon is from above." Evil has another origin. Man has been and is influenced by appeals from two agencies, both from beyond this mundane sphere—the kingdom of darkness and the empire of light. We stand between these two forces. God-like in our power to choose and use that which is ennobling and life giving, and to reject and triumph over that which ends in death.

All of God's gifts are to be used, not for gratifying our selfish and carnal desires, but for the honor and glory of Him who gave. We should study to know our great Benefactor and His gifts, and to use them in harmony with His will. How are we to use the gift of life? In order to answer this important question, we must open and ponder well the pages of Revelation. Christ Jesus our Lord is our great Exemplar. How did He use His life—the life He lived in this world?

1. Jesus did not live for the accumulation of wealth. He had not where to lay His head that was His own. The foxes of the earth and the birds of the air were in this respect richer than He.

2. Our Saviour did not live for the purpose of worldly honor or fame. He refused to accept the crown when the multitudes thronged Him and endeavored to make Him King.

3. Jesus did not live for self. He had no intention of living a life of ease. He labored, He suffered, He sacrificed even Himself for the salvation of man. "He was a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief." Jesus Christ has taught us, then, that if we would use the gift of life to the honor of God, we must be humble, sympathetic, compassionate, loving and

thoughtful to others. We must do willingly and from the heart the will of our Father in Heaven. His work is to be our work, His will our will and His purpose our purpose. Our life is to be the Christ life. Are we willing to serve? Christ came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, or serve, and to give His life. Would you save your life, then you must lose it for Jesus. The radiance and brightness of the resurrection morn were possible only after the trial, suffering and crucifixion.

April 12. Will our excuses stand? Acts xxvi. 19-28.

We are all given to making excuses. The vast majority of them are lies. Where there is one that is valid, there are ninety-nine that are false. We know this, and yet we keep on making excuse after excuse.

Will our excuses stand? is a question not very difficult to answer. If they are false, we know they will fail us, and each one of us is pretty well assured what excuses will meet with God's favor and those that he will denounce.

What are some of the false excuses made by the sinner and the Christian?

1. The young man, when invited to Christ, says that he wants first to sow his wild oats. Says an eminent man, "Take it all in all, in all the wide range of accepted British maxims, there is none more abominable than this one as to sowing of wild oats." And Paul, the mighty apostle, says, "Be not deceived, God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." (Gal. vi. 7.)

2. So many are out of Christ, and offer as an excuse the faults of Christians. Never was a more pernicious and dangerous excuse given. This is a most cowardly excuse. If you have ever made it to yourself or to others, never make it again. What right have we, poor miserable sinners, to set ourselves up as judges.

3. Another foolish and dangerous excuse is that of indifference and procrastination. Not to-day; but some other time. Know you not that all through God's Word there rings the warning now, now?

4. Some do not come to Christ because they do not feel like it. There is no such teaching in the Bible. The feeling will take care of itself if you do your duty.

5. Others have so much business to attend to, they have no time for religion. Have we time to die? What will the worship of mammon bring us?

6. Many are out in the darkness of sin to-day because, as they make excuse, their social duties are so many and great. Will dancing and card

playing, and one everlasting round of worldly gaieties, that are as the chills of death, give us at the end a crown of Life? The child of God is the child of true enjoyment, and he has no time to waste and squander in sin, while thousands are going the broad way.

There are many more excuses which we have not time to enumerate. Study well Luke xiv. 15-24, and, as Christian Endeavorers, let us give diligence to be able to answer all such excuses. Let us be careful not to make them ourselves. When asked any of the questions—Why were you not at the C. E. last night? What is the reason you refused to become a teacher in the Sunday-school? or, Why did you not teach that class of boys last Sunday? What kept you away from service yesterday? Why did you not give more for missions? What are you doing for Christ?—let us not answer hurriedly or carelessly; but in the fear of God.

His word shall judge us at the last day.

Did You Ever Make Money Easy?

MR. EDITOR,—I have read how Mr. C. E. B. made so much money in the Dish Washer business, and think I have beat him. I am very young yet and have had little experience in selling goods, but have made over eight hundred dollars in ten weeks selling Dish Washers. It is simply wonderful how easy it is to sell them. All you have to do is to show the ladies how they work and they cannot help but buy one. For the benefit of others I will state that I got my start from the Mound City Dish Washer Co., St. Louis, Mo. Write to them and they will send you full particulars.

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