

the windows had scarcely ever been known. The wind that howled and roared and shrieked and made the church tremble was the fiercest that any could remember. A scouting-party of men with rubber boots went out to investigate the condition of the roads. When they returned, they reported that the streets were flooded, and it would be an hour before it would be prudent for any one to go home. The report was received with laughter and applause. Everybody was happy. There was more hand-shaking that day, while the people waited, than had occurred for many years.

And the Rainy-Day Club is a permanent feature of the work in that village church. The members are so enthusiastic that they are jealous of the sunshine. Many of them eagerly scan the skies on bright Sunday mornings, and welcome even the sight of a cloud no larger than a man's hand. Not a few have been heard to exclaim, with a good deal of emphasis, as they went to church when the sun was shining:

"I am so disappointed! I did hope it would rain to day."—Sunday-school Times.

### Robert's Baby Mother.

Several months ago little Robert, who had at various times made pathetic references to the fact that he had neither a brother nor a pony, was asked by his fond parents which of the missing prizes he would take if he could have his choice.

Robert deliberated, and at last decided that upon the whole he believed he would rather have a brother.

"Because, you see," he explained, "a pony costs so much to keep. We would have to build a stable for him, wouldn't we, papa?"

"Yes," his father answered, "and really there is no room in our back yard for a stable."

"No," the child agreed, "and we'd have to buy hay for him, too, wouldn't we?"

"Yes."

"Well, then, I'd rather have a little brother, because we would have to pay for a pony, and the pony might kick or bite, you know, and the little brother wouldn't, would he?"

"No—not for a while anyway."

So the matter was left in abeyance until about a month ago, when little Robert was told, one morning, that a little brother had come to him.

He was delighted. He danced around in the halls and made such a racket on the stairs that the nurse threatened to have him sent away, and he went into ecstasies over the baby when they permitted him to see it.

He asked forty-seven thousand questions in a given time concerning the little one and the inducements that God had considered before deciding to send it down from heaven. He wanted to kiss the baby and hold it in his arms, and he insisted on knowing why it had no teeth and why, if it had been an angel it had wanted to come down here from heaven to have the stomach-ache, anyway.

But Robert's enthusiasm began to wear off after a lapse of a week or two. It was always "Sh-sh! You'll wake your little baby brother," or "Robert, you must be quiet! You will make your brother ill."

In fact, the baby brother seemed to be interfering with Robert's fun, to an extent that had been wholly unexpected, and the other evening, when he was sitting on his father's knees down in the library, the boy said:

"Papa, I don't believe I want my little brother, after all. I can't have any fun with him. I'll tell you what let's do. Let's trade him for a pony."

"Oh, we couldn't do that."

Little Robert kicked his heels against his father's shins for a moment and thought. Then said:

"Well, I don't suppose we could find anybody that would want to trade a pony for him, but don't you think you could trade him for a goat?"—Record Herald.

### The Rocket.

A rocket left the earth behind,  
And flew with swiftness of the wind  
To kill the sky o'erhead.  
And on its upward course it blazed  
A pathway to the moon, and raised  
A monument of red.

"Ah," sighed the rose, "could I fly,  
I'd leave my imprint on the sky  
Ere close of troubled day:  
I'd cut a path of brightest hue  
To yon vast field of virgin blue,  
And shake dull earth away."

And then the rocket, having spent  
Its strength, began its swift descent—  
Or so the story goes:  
Its blackened wreck fell down beside  
The garden fence, and sadly sighed:  
"Oh, would I were a rose."

'Tis so in life—we long for wings  
That we may soar to greater things  
To mighty deeds of worth;  
And when we've had our little fly  
And bumped our features on the sky  
We tumble back to earth.

—Selected.

## The Young People

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Prayer Meeting Topic.

B. Y. P. U. Topic.—Heavenly Helpers. II Kings 6:15-17.

Daily Bible Readings.

Monday, Sept. 9.—Job 25. 26. Job recognizes God as infinite. Compare Ps. 33:6.

Tuesday, Sept. 10.—Job 27.—Job is sincere, the hypocrite is hopeless (vs. 8.) Compare Matt. 16:26.

Wednesday, Sept. 11.—Job 28. God's wisdom seen in the earth's resources. Compare Prov. 1:7.

Thursday, Sept. 12. Job 29. Job's retrospect. Compare Job 1:1-5.

Friday, Sept. 13.—Job 30. Job's present deplorable condition. Compare Job 1:20-22.

Saturday, Sept. 14.—Job 31. Job's good deeds in the past. Compare Job 22:9.

Our readers will note by a record of the doings of the Maritime Union as given below, that the services of the present editor are to be retained for another year.

You will also note with much satisfaction that a strong committee has been appointed to secure for us a three months' course of Bible study, to be published in our department of the MESSENGER AND VISITOR. The names of this committee are a guarantee that the course of study will meet our need. Let all our Unions prepare for this study. We hope to begin the publication of the lessons in October.

You will also note that important changes are to be made in the future meetings of our Maritime Union. Next year but one evening is to be used by us for a platform meeting. Our business is to be sandwiched in between the sessions of the Convention, but on the following year we are to have a convention held at some place other than that at which the Convention is held, and at some other time. The next two years are thus to be experimental, but we doubt not that a permanent policy will be decided upon before the expiration of that time. The Lord will lead us.

Prayer Meeting Topic—Sept. 8.

HELP VERSES.

Begin the meeting with a chapter or chaplet of Help Verses. Let them come from many lips.

"I was brought low and he helped me." Ps. 116:6.

"Lord, help me." Matt. 15:25.

"My heart trusted in him and I am helped." Ps. 28:7.

"The Lord helped me." Ps. 118:13.

"Be thou an help." Deut. 33:7.

"Send thee help from the sanctuary." Ps. 20:2.

"The Lord is my helper; I will not fear what man shall do unto me." Heb. 13:6.

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Ps. 46:1.

"ALAS, MY MASTER."

The first thing the servant of the prophet saw when he got up in the morning was trouble. We early stumble upon it; it is everywhere. "Man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upward" (Job 5:7.) Even as we write, the tramp of funeral horses is heard on the street. O the pathos of the common life! How its grief smites us at times, even in the midst of the pleasantest surroundings and our happiest moods! Our train was pulling into one of the pretty cities of central Ohio. Everything was bright and cheery and cheery about us;—but there at the station door, a black gown and a sad face. Another and another at the side. They were looking toward the car door, their lips moving with a word that you could readily read—"mother!" What could it be? That huddled grief stood out distinct and clamorous, and checked the lively speech on board the train. Then a bowed and veiled figure at the car steps to meet and swell the current of the waiting grief at the station, and the next moment the slow, rhythmic step of mourners, with that deference for the dead that the human always instinctively expresses, bearing a casket along the shaded platform. It sent a gush of tears to the eyes and a sob to the throat. "O Lord, help us for we be in the midst of death; give us grace to bear the imminent griefs of this life."

—J. H. WEDDILL, in Baptist Union.

Report of B. Y. P. U. Convention.

The first session opened at 10 o'clock, President Rev. G. A. Lawson in the chair. Dr. Burch and Rev. J. H. Balcom offered prayer. After the reading of the minutes the following Nominating Committee were appointed:

Revs. J. W. Brown, J. D. Freeman, R. E. Daley and Rev. H. H. Saunders. Revs. J. G. A. Belyea and G. W.

Schurman were appointed a Committee on Credentials. Rev. H. H. Saunders presented the report of the secretary treasurer which was adopted. Bills to the amount of \$8 were rendered and ordered to be paid. The discussion of the question,—"Shall we have a Separate Convention?"—was opened by Rev. G. W. Schurman. Addresses were also given by Revs. Fisher, Balcom, Burch, Saunders Woodland and Belyea. The following were elected officers for the following year: President, Rev. G. A. Lawson; Vice-President for N. B., R. J. Colpitts; for P. E. I., Arthur Simpson; Secretary Treasurer, Rev. J. H. McDonald; Asst. Secretary, Rev. J. G. B. Belyea; Auditor, D. Hunt; Editor B. Y. P. U. Column, Rev. W. N. Hutchins. Transportation leaders: N. S., Rev. M. A. McLean; N. B., Albert Weldon; P. E. I., Rev. G. P. Raymond.

The assistant secretaries of the different associations were approved as associational secretaries of this Convention.

The afternoon session opened at two o'clock by President Lawson, prayer being offered by Revs. R. E. Daley and J. W. Brown. After the reading of the minutes Rev. H. H. Saunders presented the report of the Committee appointed to revise statistical card. The following form of card was adopted after some discussion.

Report for year ending	Name of Church
Pastor	Society.
Date of organization	
Members	Active
	Associate
Officers	Pres.
	Sec'y.
Number transferred from Associate to Active membership.	
Money raised	
Studies pursued	
Junior society	
When organized	
No. of members	
Leader	
Maritime B. Y. P. U. will be held at	Date
Delegates	
NOTE. Please see that this card is filled in and forwarded to secretary.	

The only report from Associational Secretaries was made by Rev. J. Clark for P. E. I.

Rev. H. H. Saunders presented the report of the Treasurer showing a balance on hand of \$31.82. Rev. J. W. Brown presented the report of the editor of B. Y. P. U. column of MESSENGER AND VISITOR. The report was adopted and a vote of thanks was presented Editor Brown for his services.

Rev. G. R. White presented a paper on the subject "Our Future Policy." He placed before the Convention the suggestions which were dealt with in discussion by Revs. J. W. Brown, H. G. Estabrook, R. E. Daley, W. Fisher and others. Moved and carried that a committee be appointed to outline a course of Bible study. The nominating committee and Rev. G. R. White were asked to nominate men to carry out the proposed work and report later in the session. The following were named as such committee: Rev. G. R. White, Rev. C. H. Day, Rev. Dr. Trotter, Rev. H. R. Hatch, Rev. E. M. Keirstead.

Bros. E. E. Daley, G. R. White, J. W. Brown, G. W. Schurman and J. D. Freeman were appointed a committee to report on the time of holding next session of the B. Y. P. U. Convention.

Wednesday evening session was opened by Scripture reading and prayer by Rev. G. R. White. An address of welcome to the members of B. Y. P. U. Convention was given by Bro. A. F. Weldon on behalf of the entertaining society of Moncton. Rev. G. A. Lawson responded and was followed by addresses by Rev. F. M. Young, Dr. Burch and Rev. J. D. Freeman.

Friday morning session was opened by President Lawson. After devotional exercises and reading of minutes, Rev. E. E. Daley reported for Committee appointed to consider future meetings of Convention. The Committee recommended that for next year the Convention be held on Thursday evening preceding Maritime Convention and that it be a platform meeting. The business of the Union to be attended to in hour sessions before the beginning of each days work of the Maritime Convention. Also that the following year there be a separate Convention, at some other time and place other than that, when and where the Convention is held. The report was adopted, substituting Friday evening for Thursday evening.

A meeting of the executive was held Monday morning, it having been learned that Rev. W. N. Hutchins could not see his way clear to accept the position of editor of the Young People's Department in the MESSENGER AND VISITOR, the present editor was constrained to continue his services for another year. It was also ascertained by telegraph that Rev. J. H. McDonald would not under the circumstances accept the important position of Secretary-Treasurer which the Union had asked him to accept. Rev. W. J. Rutledge was constrained to accept this position. J. G. A. BELYEA, Asst. Sec'y.