

delirium of butchery, and engulf the nations in strife, Christian faith need not lose its head and conclude that the Bible has failed.

The thing which has occurred is merely a sign of the accuracy of the divine prophecy. It was all in the original horoscope. The people who allow the present European war to unsettle their faith are poor students both of the Bible and human history.

The fact that the Bible predicts it does not consecrate war. We are not to imagine because Christ tells us there will be wars, that war is necessary to the establishment of His kingdom. War is a necessity only because men are estranged from God. There is no boon realized through the strife of nations that could not be far better realized through their Christianization. But sin persists, and men are slow to lay down their arms against the Almighty.

"Long is the road, and steep,
Which slopes through darkness
Up to God."

While the Bible predicts war, it does not waver in its prediction of peace. God sees beyond the battle line of all the nations and all the years, to the day when the King on the white horse, attended by the hosts of heaven on white horses, the celestial cavalry of universal peace, shall overthrow the rider on the red horse of war, and the rider on the black horse of the pestilence wrought by war, and the rider on the pale horse of the death caused by war. Then the cries of the victims of war, who are beneath God's altar praying: "How long?" who are clad in white garments, the uniform of peace, who because of their experience of the terrors of war have all become peace advocates, shall be answered; and the Prince of Peace shall be enthroned King of kings and Lord of lords.

This is the radiant picture hung out on the closing pages of Revelation. It is an inspired panorama or moving picture of universal peace.

These are the four fundamental positions of the Bible on world peace—it is proclaimed; it is to be realized through the influence of Christ on the world; it will come as men are reconciled to God by the blood of the Cross; and before it comes, there will be many and bloody wars.

In view of all this, Christian faith may serenely prosecute its work, undisturbed by the present strife of nations, confident that its message is the one adequate and potential peace programme, and absolutely certain that all war gods are doomed and the ultimate divinity of the world will be Jesus, the gentle Prince of Peace!

A man who suffers his will to be overpowered, naturally comes to believe that he is the sport of Fate; feeling powerless, he believes that God's decree has made him so. But let him but put forth one act of loving will, and then as the nightmare of a dream is annihilated by an effort, so the incubus of a belief in tyrannous destiny is dissipated the moment a man wills to do the Will of God. Observe how he knows the doctrine directly he does the will.—Rev. F. W. Robertson.

Every year I live I am more convinced that the waste of life lies in the things we have not given, the powers we have not used, the selfish prudence which will risk nothing, and which, shirking pain, misses happiness as well. No one ever yet was the poorer in the long run for having once in a lifetime "let out all the length of the reins."—Mary Cholmondeley.

List of Weekly Topics by Departments

For the Year including May, 1915, to April, 1916

I. CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

First week in each month.

General Theme: A YOUNG CHRISTIAN'S PROBLEMS.

May—What is the Christian Religion? Mark 12: 28-34.

June—What does it mean to be a Christian? Mark 1: 15-20; 10: 17-21.

July—What is it to be a Church Member? Matt. 18: 15-22; Acts 2: 42-47.

Aug.—Young People in Relation to the Church. 1 Tim. 4: 6-16.

Sept.—On One's Calling. Isaiah 6: 1-8.

Oct.—The Field of Action. 1 Cor. 12: 4-31.

Nov.—The Young Christian at Home. Mark 10: 2-16.

Dec.—Be Ready! Luke 14: 28-32.

Jan.—"Follow Me." Where? Matt. 6: 10; 7: 12.

Feb.—The Inner Circle. Matt. 6: 5-13; Mark 11: 25.

Mch.—The Two Dark Angels. Heb. 12: 7-11; 1 Peter 5: 6-10.

April—A King's Motto: "I Serve." Luke 22: 24-27.

II. MISSIONARY.

Second week in each month.

General Theme: A VIEW OF THE WORLD'S MISSION FIELDS.

"The World is my Parish."

May—Our Record—What Shall we Make It? Matt. 6: 1-21.

June—Our Country and its Missionary Opportunities. Mark 4: 1-20.

July—Canada's First Inhabitants—What are we Doing for Their Descendants? Psal. 24.

Aug.—Our Duty to the Orientals in British Columbia. Luke 10: 25-37.

Sept.—The Land of the Rising Sun. John 10: 1-18.

Oct.—Korea in Transition. Acts 17: 22-33.

Nov.—China, the Land of Progress. Psal. 67.

Dec.—The Call of India. Luke 2: 8-20.

Jan.—The Kingdom in the Pacific. Psal. 19.

Feb.—The Future of Africa. Matt. 9: 27-38.

Mar.—The Moslem World. Psal. 96.

April—What North America owes to South America. 1 Cor. 13.

III. LITERARY AND SOCIAL.

Third week in each month.

General Theme: REPRESENTATIVE MEN OF CANADIAN METHODISM.

May—Thomas Coke and Francis Ashbury, Pioneer Bishops of Methodism. 1 Tim. 3.

June—Lawrence Coughlin, Wm. Black and Freeborn Garrettson, apostles to Newfoundland and Nova Scotia. Matt. 10.

July—Tuffey and Neal, soldier preachers. 2 Tim. 2.

Aug.—Nathan Bangs, a knight of the saddle bag. Acts 13: 1-13.

Sept.—Paul and Barbara Heck, the Irish Palatine. Acts 11: 19-30.

Oct.—Wm. Case, Father of Indian Missions. Matt. 9: 27-38.

Nov.—Egerton Ryerson, champion of civil and religious liberty. Isaiah 58.

Dec.—Enoch Wood and Alex. Sutherland, Superintendents of Missions. Isaiah 52: 1-12.

Jan.—Matthew Richey, Samuel Nelles and George Douglas, college presidents. Isaiah 61.

Feb.—George McDougall, George Young, Thomas Crosby, James Evans, pathfinders on plain and prairie. Rom. 10: 1-16.

Mch.—John Pugh, Educational Secretary. 1 Cor. 13.

April—Edward H. Dewar, W. H. Withrow, editors. Eph. 4: 1-16.

IV. CITIZENSHIP.

Fourth week in each month.

General Theme: NATION BUILDING.

May—The Church and Nation Building. Isa. 53: 1-14.

June—The School and Nation Building. Dan. 1: 2-8.

July—The Women and Nation Building. Judges 4: 4-9.

Aug.—The Employer and Nation Building. Deut. 8: 7-20.

Sept.—The Teller and Nation Building. Neh. 4: 13-23.

Oct.—The Home and Nation Building. Ruth 1: 6-18.

Nov.—The Drink Traffic and Nation Building. Isa. 5: 11-25.

Dec.—The Parliament and Nation Building. Psal. 144.

Jan.—The Farm and Nation Building. Deut. 11: 13-17.

Feb.—The Press and Nation Building. Jer. 5: 19-24.

Mar.—The Immigrant and Nation Building. Acts 2: 1-13.

April—The Child and Nation Building. Matt. 18: 1-14.

Concerning the Topics

We call special attention to the Topic list given above. It will be noted that, as last year, there is a General Theme for each Department. Only by some such method can our Leagues hope to impart substantial information on any of the great subjects of study claiming the attention of all thoughtful young folk. Any haphazard selection of topics must fail to give permanent instruction of the highest value. Better make the year's studies in any of the Departments illuminative of some vital subject than have twelve hit-or-miss topics that land you nowhere in particular. Take the literary topics as illustrations. During the past year we have been studying the great central men of the ages around whom God has built the Church in the earth. This year we shall settle down to a study of the men around whom Methodism in our own country has grown to its present influential position among the Churches. Look over the list given above and see if such a course will not be exceeding profitable to us all. We should know these men intimately for their works' sake. Canada in its development and growth as a nation, with the several factors that enter into its extension, will be prominent before us in the Fourth Department; the world's mission fields demand intelligent study to-day, and will pass before us in the Missionary monthly studies, and our own vital problems as young people are brought close home to us in the studies apportioned for the Fifth Department. Surely this list is a most worthy one and we, local societies, whether leagues, clubs, classes, brotherhoods, or what not, will do well to study it well before settling on one of their own selection. Whatever your society may decide to study, see that you have a systematic plan to follow for each Department, and then follow it up methodically through the year.