

Woman's Work.

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Programme for March Meeting of Auxiliaries.

PEACE IN BELIEVING.

Hymn—"O Peace of God." Prayer.

Scripture—John xvi. 25-28; John xvi. 25-33; Romans xv. 13; Phil. iv. 6-10.

Roll call, etc.

Short talks on Subject.

Suggestive thoughts—

"A peace that the world cannot give."

"That the world cannot take away."

"That is given to believers only."

"That passeth understanding."

"That guards our hearts and thoughts in Christ Jesus."

Hymn—"While I hear life's surging billows."

Missionary news.

Hymn—

"The peace which God alone reveals, And by His word of grace imparts, Which on y the believer feels. Direct and keep and cheer our hearts."

Prayer.

Tired Mothers.

A little elbow leans upon your knee, Your tired knee, that has so much to bear;

A child's dear eyes are looking lovingly From underneath a thatch of tangled hair.

Perhaps you do not heed the velvet touch

Of warm, moist fingers holding yours so tight;

You do not prize this blessing over much;

You almost are too tired to pray to-night.

But it is blessedness. A year ago I did not see it as I do to-day.

We are so dull and thankless, and too slow

To catch the sunshine till it slips away.

And now it seems surpassing strange to me

That while I wore the badge of motherhood,

I did not kiss more oft and tenderly The little child that brought me only good.

And if, some night, when you sit down to rest,

You miss this elbow from your tired knee,

This restless, curling head from off your breast,

This lispng tongue that chatters constantly.

If from your own the dimpled hands have slipped,

And ne'er will nestle in your palm again;

If the white feet into the grave have tripped,

I could no blame you for your heart ache then.

I wonder so that mothers ever fret

At little children clinging at their gown,

Or that the footprints, when the days are wet,

Are ever black enough to make them frown.

If I could find a little muddy boot,

Or cap or jacket on my chamber floor;

If I could kiss a rosy, restless foot,

And hear it patter in my house once more;

If I could mend a broken cart to-day,

To-morrow make a kite—to reach the sky—

There is no woman in God's word could say

She was more blissfully content than I.

But ah! the dainty pillow next my own Is never ruffled by a shining head; My singing birdling from its nest is flown.

The little boy I used to kiss is dead! —NELLIE BURNS, in Western Ploughman.

Smile.

How much good we may do by simply giving a bright, happy smile. Many a sad heart has gone on its weary way light and refreshed by coming in contact with a sweet smiling face. A smile costs us nothing, yet its influence is felt like the warm, life-giving rays of the morning sun. How warm and grateful a kind and encouraging smile makes the heart of one who in the face of difficulties is trying to do right. I have felt the depressing effects of an old friend persistently refusing to smile. It dampens the brightest spirits and casts a gloom over the otherwise happiest hours. God has given us eyes and lips and hearts with which to smile. I am sure we do not do all His will when we refuse to smile encouragement to those who are trying to do right.

"If a smile we can renew As our journey we pursue; Oh the good we all may do While the days are going by."

If we have felt the blessedness of our heavenly Father's smile Oh! let us so far as in us lies reflect that smile on our journey to the Canaan above, thereby making some of the rough pilgrim smooth for some weary, foot-sore pilgrim, whose way seems more toilsome than our own.

"One glance most kind That fell like sunshine where it went, Then thou mayst count that day well spent."

M. C. F.

A Good Book.

All thoughtful people are interested in knowing what kind of reading there is the greatest demand for, realizing how important it is that good books should be placed within the reach of all, and more especially of the young, knowing what an influence they have in the formation of character. Perhaps one of the greatest needs of the present day is a realization of personal responsibility. A good book to set one thinking along this line is "On the Rock," by D. R. Dungan. It makes one feel like "searching the Scriptures" to see if "these things are so." The book is now easily within the reach of all who desire it by taking advantage of CANADIAN EVANGELIST offer.

B. S.

Young People's Work.

FOR CHRIST AND THE CHURCH.

"The great problem is not how to save the world, but how to persuade each Christian that it is his business to be the means of saving some one man."

—Selected.

"One C. E. society of Indianapolis, Ind., is supporting a scholar in the Disciples' Rose Sickle school in China. The Endeavor Day offering paid the pledge for the year."—Golden Rule.

The C. E. of the Church of Christ, St. Thomas, lately held an "At Home" in the basement of the church. A most enjoyable and profitable time was spent. A voluntary offering of \$10.38 was made. C. E. work is manifesting great strength in the church.

Since the organization of the "Mission Band of the Church of Christ," Guelph, into a junior C. E., interest has greatly increased, attendance more than doubled, and withal a better mission

spirit is being developed. Great credit is due our indefatigable superintendent, Miss Hannah McDougall.

Dr. Clark believes that the Endeavor methods are peculiarly suited to work among the Japanese. He says: "They like it because it is a self-governing society. They are an independent people and do not like to be 'bossed' in their forms of religious service any more than in other matters." This might be a lesson for the great majority of Christians who are so wedded to ecclesiasticism.

How many persons are the C. E. workers going to lead to Christ this year?

GUELPH—On Endeavor Sunday the different societies of the town were invited to our regular prayer-meeting, which is held immediately after the evening service—8:15 p.m. Quite a number came, nearly filling the church. The regular subject was discussed. Much interest was manifested on the part of the visitors, many taking part. The singing was good.

Instead of taking up the regular topic on Feb. 19 we spent a very profitable time in the study of Japan and our missionaries there. Papers were read by R. Stewart on our missionaries in the field and by J. Reid on "Japan, when opened to missions." Slips containing information about the extent of the country, population, religions, etc., were handed to the members and read by them during the meeting.

Our society is growing in grace and the knowledge of the Lord.

J. P. REID Cor. Sec.

C. E. Prayer-Meeting Topics.

GEO. FOWLER.

March 19—Temperance meeting.—Prov. xxi. 15-23.

Temperance and Christianity cannot be separated. Christ's religion is one that fits and prepares us to dwell with Him in glory. The church of Christ comprises all who have become new creatures in Christ Jesus, those who have dethroned the king of the world and have enthroned Jesus as their lawful, loving sovereign. It comprises the pure in heart, the holy and the righteous. It excludes all others. He then who would live according to the teachings of the New Testament can have no fellowship with the curse of "King Alcohol." There are probably thousands to-day who may profess to serve Christ, but who have in one way or another sworn allegiance to the rum traffic. They are endeavoring to serve God and mammon. "By our fruits we are known." We cannot divide our service, and when we attempt it we are soon swallowed up by Baal.

Christ has given us a great and important work to perform. It must be done to His glory.—1 Cor. x. 31. We are to stand arrayed against every form of sin. For this purpose God has forged for us in the furnace of heaven a complete armor for defence and aggression. One of the greatest evils of to-day is the curse of intemperance. Christian Endeavorers, make this meeting enthusiastic. Prepare for it by study and prayer.

Crime, poverty, misery, suffering, sorrow and death are some of the fruit, bitter indeed, of the drink curse. There is safety only in Christ. "He is able to save all who come unto Him." There is no place for moderate drinking. It in time will lead to excess. This is a law unchangeable, immutable.

Thousands of young men are drafted yearly into the great army of drunkards, who are marching onward to a grave of shame and from which is no hope of

a glorious resurrection. No drunkard can enter the kingdom of God.—1 Cor. vi. 10.

The United States last year gave four and one-half millions of dollars for foreign missions. The same year one billion of dollars was spent for drink. There are as many Christian people in the United States as there are drinking people. What is true of that country is true of our own native land. Christian Endeavorers, show your colors! Be true to your Lord and Master! Be strong in the Lord!

March 26—Promise meeting. (Bring a promise that you have tested.)—Matt. xxiv. 35; Isa. xl. viii.

"A promise is a declaration either written or verbal by one person to another, which binds the person who makes it to do or forbear a specified act."—WEBSTER.

The promises in God's word, which refer to our eternal welfare, are given upon certain conditions. God is the author. His word shall endure. "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my word shall never pass away." The promises made by man are uncertain of fulfilment. Man is finite. He is but the creature of a day. God is infinite, eternal, immutable. What a blessed consolation for us to have such a God in whom to confide! God's promises never fail. Nearly four thousand years ago God made two promises to Abraham. One that his seed should inherit Canaan.—Gen. xii. 7. This He fulfilled to the letter.—Josh. xxi. 33-45; 2 Chron. xx. 7; Neh. ix. viii.

The other—the great promise—that in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.—Gen. xii. 3. That has been fulfilled in Christ.

God offers us eternal life. It is a gift.—Rom. vi. 23. It is made on certain conditions.—Mark xvi. 16; Acts ii. 38; Rev. ii. 10.

References of some promises, some of which we may have tested and some of which will be of comfort and strength to us in times of affliction and discouragement.—John vii. 17; James v. 20; Psa. xvi. 15; 1 Peter v. 4; John xv. 2; Rev. iii. 5; 2 Cor. xii. 9; Psa. cxxviii. 1; Rom. x. 12; Rev. xxii. 14; John vi. 56.

April 2—Easter services.—John xi. 25; John xiv. 19.

Easter is a church festival commemorating the resurrection of Christ. It is one of those days the keeping of which is not based upon Scripture authority, but upon the commandments of men. We do not celebrate the day any more than any other Lord's day. We commemorate the day on which our loving Saviour rose from the grave fifty-two times a year. It is well to dwell frequently upon this great theme—Christ's resurrection. Our whole faith and hope are dependent upon the resurrection of Christ.—1 Cor. xv.

If Christ had not risen from the grave there would be no Christianity; our faith would be in vain and our hope void, the whole gospel a farce, and there would be no forgiveness of sin.

1. Notice the wonderful events at the crucifixion and tomb of our Lord:

(1) The quaking of the earth and the veiling of the face of the sun.

(2) The rolling away of the stone from the tomb.

(3) The appearance at the grave of the angel

2. The evidence of Christ's resurrection:

(1) He appeared no fewer than ten different times after the resurrection, and on one occasion was seen of five hundred.—1 Cor. xv. 5.

(2) He conversed and ate with His disciples alone.—Acts x. 41.

(3) He permitted Himself to be touched by them.—John xx. 25; 2 John i. 2.

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(4) He appeared to John on the isle of Patmos, and spoke of His death and resurrection.—Rev. ii. 18.

(5) And even now He still furnishes the proof that He is alive by living in us.—Gal. ii. 20.

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