

fought its battles. We have not that doctrine to contend with here today, but there are other things that we are in danger of putting before Christ Himself. Probably each one of us here, if we study our own hearts will find something that keeps Christ from having His rightful place. Something we like, something we desire, we persuade ourselves is lawful for us to do or have, and yet that very thing is what is keeping us from giving Him the pre-eminent place. Then by keeping Him out we lose much joy in service.

Giving Him the first place must lead to a life well pleasing to Him, in which we shall bear fruit and increase in every good work. This we can do only as God strengthens us and this He will do not simply according to our need, but in the measure of His power.

As He is before all things and by Him all things consist, so this pre-eminence in the universe is matched by His pre-eminence in the church.

Shall we think of these new buildings being placed here to meet our needs only—the needs of the present membership, that we can carry on the work more easily that God has given us to do. We need to keep before us the thought that for others as well as for ourselves they are here—to meet a need for the stranger—the unconverted, that sinners may find a Saviour too.

If we think of it only as for our needs we shall fall far short of giving Christ His rightful place.

Most of us have claimed the right to certain sittings in the church. How shall we regard those sittings?

If we see a stranger or visitor in the place we like to feel is ours are we going to be pleased to see them there and readily take another seat (maybe not so choice) and help the stranger feel at home and with a perfect right to any place and the best we can give?

In these such small things can we not show that we have given Christ His rightful place?

We want everyone to feel that these buildings belong to Him, called by His name, and we want to do all that lies in us to make them the birthplace of souls.

If we keep Him pre-eminent we shall bring glory to His name and blessings to Him.

FOREST

The Baptist Mission Circle met in the Sunday School Room of the Church on Thursday afternoon, their speaker being Mrs. Stevens of London who for more than thirty years served on the China Inland Mission field and at the present time has two daughters and one son working in connection with that Mission. Mrs. Stevens' pathetic account of the dangerous situation of the Missionaries there at the present time gave us a greater desire to be more often in prayer for those courageous pioneers of the Faith. Mrs. Stevens was listened to with deep interest and all expressed their appreciation of her helpful and inspirational address. Mrs. Huffman sang a most appropriate solo, entitled, "Let Jesus Lead".

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GILMOUR MEMORIAL

In June we celebrated the forty-seventh anniversary of the organization of our circle, with a very unique entertainment or birthday party. The Sunday school room was divided into six booths each representing two months of the year, and the guests received their refreshments in the booth which portrayed, by its decorations, the month of their birth. It is difficult to say which was most attractive, winter was there with its snow-white surroundings and evergreens laden with glittering frost, spring with its pale greens, its pussy willows and daffodils, sweet summer profuse with lilacs and roses, harvest colors of yellow and brown, with ripened grain and fruit, the joyous red and green and tinsel of Christmas decorations, and on the front platform confederation was emphasized with bunting, flags and maple leaves. From this platform a program of high order was presented, which was greatly enjoyed. Little Phyllis Moore gave us her splendid speech on Confederation delivered in the contest at Massey Hall. This, in its effective setting, stirred our hearts with a realization of the wonderful opportunities and responsibilities we in-

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