

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

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Y. P. S. PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

A convention of the Young People's Societies of the Presbytery of Kingston was held on Dec. 14th, in the John street Presbyterian Church Belleville. There was a good attendance of delegates, to whom the Rev. Mr. W. Maclean, M. A., who presided, extended a hearty welcome.

The following delegates were present:—The Rev. D. O. McArthur, Melrose; the Rev. J. A. Claxton, St. Columba; the Rev. J. D. Boyd and Miss Mary Strachan, Zion Church, Kingston; the Rev. J. Gandier, Newburgh; the Rev. W. S. McTavish, Deseronto; the Rev. Mr. Binnie, Lansdowne; the Rev. H. Gracey, Gananoque; the Rev. Mr. Houston, Cook's Church, Kingston; Mr. Andrew Milne, Miss Maggie McAlejohn, and Jennie Ralston, Burnbrae; Mr. H. Rollins, St. Columba; the Rev. D. G. McPhail and Miss Mary E. Illsley, St. Andrew's, Picton; Miss Winnifred Robinson, St. Andrew's Concession; Miss Gertrude Davis, Miss Jean Elliott, Miss Lizzie Smyth, and Mr. Wm. McIndoe, Deseronto.

The Rev. W. S. McTavish, B.A., was appointed Secretary pro tem.

Reports from Young People's Societies at different places were read, among them being Burnbrae, Zion Church, Kingston; St. Andrew's, Picton; Church of the Redeemer, Deseronto; Lansdowne; St. Peter's, Madoc; Concession; St. Andrew's, Gananoque; Camden East; Newburgh; Chalmers' Church Kingston; John street, Belleville; St. Columba and St. Paul, Madoc; Melrose; Cook's Kingston, all of which reported a healthy state and signs of success.

An interesting and comprehensive programme, including the reading of papers and discussions, was given during the afternoon, closing with a vote in favor of leaving the formation of a Presbyterian union an open question.

The spacious church was well filled at the evening session. The Rev. T. J. Thompson, M.A., pastor of the church, occupied the chair, and led in the opening devotional exercises. There was also a short song service.

The Epworth League of Bridge street Church attended the meeting in a body.

Miss Gertrude Davis, of Deseronto, read a report of the work done in her society, and the paper was most instructive.

The chairman led an open conference on "What practical work is done in our society?" and several delegates took part in the discussion.

"Terms of membership in the Presbyterian Church" was the subject of an excellent address by the Rev. J. Moore, B.A., of Burnbrae.

The Rev. Mr. MacGillivray, M.A., Kingston, followed with an address on "Order and Liberty in Presbyterian Polity."

The Rev. Mr. McTavish answered the questions in the question drawer, and after roll call of the societies a short consecration service followed. During the evening Miss Lang and Miss Milne sang solos.

WANTED, A GIRL.

A girl who will be as agreeable to her own brothers and sisters as she is to the brothers and sisters of other girls.

A girl who helps to make home a pleasant place for all.

A girl who can, if need be, wash dishes, make beds, and do necessarily disagreeable things with peace in her heart and a song on her lips.

A girl who can think, walk, swim, row, work with brain and brawn—not a hot-house plant.

A girl who is not afraid of a bath-tub nor a wash-basin.

A girl who combs and brushes her hair, and does not forget finger nails or teeth.

A girl with a place for all of her belongings, and who can keep each in its place.

A girl who hates dirt—who hates it bad enough to get rid of it.

A girl who understands how to run a sewing-machine, and how to wash, starch and iron her own dresses.

A girl who can say "no" and not mean "yes."

A girl who does not know more in one minute than her mother has learned in all the years of her life.

A girl whose only lovers are father, mother, brothers and sisters, until she is old enough to know and to understand the

depths of life's master passion—love.

Wanted, such a girl by mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, lovers, everybody.

A STORY OF CARLYLE.

Dr. John Hoare, in a recent letter to the "Athenaeum," told a story of Carlyle's childhood, which until then had been unprinted.

When he was a boy of six, he was left alone in the old stone cottage one cold winter's day, when a feeble old man knocked at the door asking for food.

There was nothing to give the stranger, and, had there been, Thomas would not have dared to touch it. The Scotch honesty implanted in him was too stern for that; but his heart was wrung with the sight of the old man's hunger and cold. He brought him in, seated him by the fire, and then, dragging a stool up to the dresser, got his clay "penny pig" from the shelf. It held his savings for a year.

"I smashed it," Carlyle said, telling the story when he himself was an old man, "and gave the beggar all that was in it. And, he added, his face glowing at the recollection, 'I never knew before what the joy of heaven was like.'"

Disappointment and dyspepsia had soured and belittled his nature, but the glow of that first generous moment shone through half-a-century to prove how noble in impulses he once was.

Man never shows that he is made in God's image as clearly as when he tries to help his fellow-man. Why are not children given oftener this Divine pleasure?

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

PRAYER.

DAILY READINGS.

First Day—How Jacob prayed—Gen. xxxii. 21-32.

Second Day—How Moses prayed—Exod. xxxiii. 12-23.

Third Day—How David prayed—Ps. cxlii. 1-7.

Fourth Day—How Jonah prayed—Jonah ii. 1-10.

Fifth Day—How Elijah prayed—1 Kings xviii. 25-39.

Sixth Day—How Christ prayed—Hob. v. 1-10.

PRAYER MEETING TONIGHT, Jan. 8.—"What prayer should do for the Christian.—1 Kings viii. 22-40.

PRAYER, THE CHRISTIAN'S REFUGE IN TROUBLE—Prayer is the saint's exercise field where his graces are breathed; it is as the wind to the air, it brightens the soul, as bellows to the fire which clears the coal of those ashes that smother it. The Christian, while in this world, lives in an unwholesome climate; one, while the delights of it deaden and dull his love to Christ, another while, the trouble he meets in it damps his faith on the promise. So that the Christian should away to prayer and breathe an atmosphere of true faith and waiting upon God.

PRAYER, A BLESSING—Prayer, when engaged in, in spirit and in truth, free from pride and the troublings of the passions, contains within itself its own answer, in the heavenly calm and repose which it communicates. When thus spread out before God, heaven itself seems to descend upon the soul, as we have seen the sky reflected on the bosom of a tranquil lake spread out beneath it.

ELEVATING INFLUENCE OF PRAYER—Sometimes a fog will settle over a vessel's deck and yet leave the topmast clear. Then a sailor goes up aloft and gets a look-out, which the helmsman on deck cannot get. So prayer sends the soul aloft, lifts it above the clouds in which our selfishness and egotism befog us, and gives us a chance to see which way to steer.

Prayer should be the key of the day, and the lock of the night.

Let your prayers be as frequent as your wants, and your thanksgivings as your blessings.

Prayer is the door to heaven's treasure-house, and faith the key which will unlock it.

Prayer is the ladder between earth and heaven.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR AND CHRISTIAN MISSIONS.

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(Continued from last week.)

Whatever other work our Christian church may leave undone we cannot be truly Christian and suffer mission work to languish. There are not two classes of Christians in the church; one the class of missionaries who have been sent by their Master to win souls, and the other class all other Christians who are not missionaries, and so have not been sent, not commissioned, to win souls for Christ. All Christians are sent of God to win men to Him through Christ. "Ye are My witnesses," says Christ to His disciples. Every Christian is under obligation to be a missionary, one sent from God to win men to God. "To seek and to save