

a common ownership in the raw material of the globe, and equal participation of all in the benefits of combined labor."

One of the greatest dangers in co-operation is that of the spirit of the "closed shop." A corporation is one form of co-operation, but on the wrong principle. As soon as labor unions restrict the privileges to those belonging to their society, they destroy the Christian conception of fraternity. The lawyer that came to Jesus stumbled over the word "neighbor." Jesus showed him in the parable of the Good Samaritan that his enemy in distress was his neighbor. Labor unions have a work to do that extends beyond their organization. They represent all oppressed workmen. They must not only co-operate with one another to achieve, but identify themselves as a union with the needs of others.

Questions.—Have the one-third of the men employed in the Colorado mines who belong to the union, the right to drive out the two-thirds? Is the mission of trade unionism selfish or vicarious? Is a union any more just than a corporation or trust if it make class distinctions? If a church follow the spirit of the "closed shop," and by rented pews drive out the poor man, can she prosper, or be an evangelizing power?

The Church's Debt to the Bible Society

TOPIC FOR THE FIFTH WEEK IN AUGUST.

Lesson, Psalm 19.

(Consult article on page 178.)

WHY SUPPORT THE BIBLE SOCIETY?

Let as many members as may be induced to do so, give the following or similar personal replies to the question:

1. Because I have a Bible of my own, in which God speaks clearly to my heart.
2. Because I am bound to hand on this Universal Message to those who do not possess it.
3. Because this Society issued more copies of the Scriptures (7,899,562 last year) than all other kindred societies put together.

Canada in some 110 different tongues, and these are placed freely at the disposal of all the Churches, and also circulated by some fifty Colporteurs and fifteen Bible Women.

7. Because it has helped to send out the Gospel in 455 different languages.

8. Because it provides nearly all our Foreign Missions with Scriptures in the languages which they need, and because it does this practically without cost to the Missions themselves.

9. Because missionaries in every field agree that (as Bishop Steere declared) "all their work is unsound apart from a vernacular Bible."

10. Because as John R. Mott says, "Without the translation of the Bible into the various vernaculars, it would be impossible to diffuse the knowledge of the Gospel throughout the world in a generation," as is the aim of "The Laymen's Missionary Movement."

11. Because the Society spends thousands of dollars every year on translations and revisions, and it is continually aiding the Scriptures to speak in new languages. 103 new versions have been added to the list since this century began.

12. Because hundreds of millions of the inhabitants of the world still have no Gospel in their own tongue.

13. Because the Society has issued more than 253,000,000 copies of the Scriptures.

14. Because it employs 1,200 Colporteurs to sell cheap copies of God's Book in the remotest corners of the earth. Last year they sold about 33,750,000 copies.

15. Because it maintains more than 600 native Christian Bible women in the East.

16. Because its editions penetrate into countries where no missionary can enter.

17. Because it is (as Mr. Spurgeon declared) "itself a Missionary Society of the first water."

18. Because the Society is managed by a committee of laymen, and worked on thoroughly economical lines.

19. Because it leaves questions of interpretation to authorized teachers, and devotes itself simply to spreading the Scriptures without note or comment.

20. Because it forms the chief bond which unites Christians of many com-

Realizing the Kingdom of God

V. The Provision God has Made to Give Me Wisdom and Power

John 16: 7-14, and Acts 1: 6-8.

TOPIC FOR CONSECRATION (FIRST) MEETING IN SEPTEMBER.

Introduction. We are coming now to our fall and winter campaign. We will suppose the Executive has worked out its policy and prepared its plans and methods. The Leagues are ready to tackle the problems and take up the tasks. And they are difficult problems and many and big tasks. There are the week-night meetings, the Jubilee series, the membership and evangelistic campaign, the study classes, the district convention, the social evenings, the special Christmas "doings," the play and recreation programme, the citizenship and social service activities, the old folks' banquet—there are these and other ways in which we hope to serve the community and so extend the kingdom. Yes, there is much we want to do this year. But are we ready for it? Can we do these things? There are so many slips and disappointments and knots to undo, and indifferent attitudes to overcome. Where shall we get the necessary wisdom and strength to successfully see these things through? That's our one big problem—the problem we are going to try to solve in our topic discussion for the month, viz.: "The provision God has made to give me wisdom and power."

Wisdom and power—these are what we want. To know *what's what*, to know *why what's what*, to know *how to put what's what* into operation, and to have the physical and mental strength and moral courage to stand out, to think and will and do. Granted that each leaver has wisdom and power, then results, tremendous results, are surely forthcoming.

Let the reader introduce the topic in some such way as the foregoing, with special reference to the policy of the League for the coming season and how wisdom and power are essential to carry the programme through.

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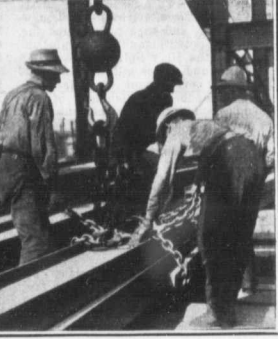
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4. Because it publishes its books at prices which the poorest people can afford to pay.

5. Because it spends thousands of dollars every year in publishing and circulating "digiots," or Scriptures in English and foreign languages in parallel columns—among the foreign immigrants in Canada.

6. Because it is asked for the Bible in

munions and countries in this sacred task.

21. Because it never had such wide opportunities before it, or such imperious claims upon it, as it has to-day.

22. Because the Society will be driven to refuse new calls and reduce its present work, unless its normal income be promptly and permanently increased.

selling articles of various kinds, and how it inspires good-will and faith. Then set forth the guarantee we have to obtaining wisdom and strength in the following passages: John 16: 7—Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is expedient for you that I go away; for if I go not away the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart I will send him unto you. John