

The Young People

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Prayer Meeting Topic.

B. Y. P. U. Topic.—Rich Toward God. Luke 12:13-21.

Daily Bible Readings

- Monday, October 8.—Psalm 7. My Shield (vs. 10). Compare Ps. 28:7.
Tuesday, October 9.—Psalm 8. The exalted position of man (vs. 5). Compare Ps. 21:4, 5.
Wednesday, October 10.—Psalm 9. The supreme judge of all (vs. 1, 7, 8). Compare Ps. 98:9.
Thursday, October 11.—Psalm 10. The King forever and ever (vs. 16). Compare 1 Tim. 1:17.
Friday, October 12.—Psalm 11. Whom the Lord trieth (vs. 5). Compare James 1:12.
Saturday, October 13.—Psalm 12. Words of the Lord are pure words (vs. 6). Compare Ps. 119:140.

Prayer Meeting Topic—October 7.

Rich Toward God. Luke 12:13-21.

Our Lord evidently regarded the appeal of the "one out of the multitude" as not so much an assertion of a just claim as a revelation of the applier's selfishness and avarice. Hence the solemn "Take heed" and the pointed parable which follow. The warning is against earthly riches only as their possession may mean heavenly poverty. Whatever your rating here be sure of your rating there. Whether prince or pauper among men be "rich toward God." But just what do these words mean? Rich toward God! Is it not to be rich in those spiritual graces and activities which God values above all the perishable treasure of this life—rich in every "fruit of the Spirit"—rich in every endowment necessary to make one like unto him "whom he hath appointed heir of all things—rich in everything which looks toward and centres in God? And oh, how much does this richness include! Think upon some of "the exceeding riches of his grace." (1) Rich in Life. He came that we might "have life abundantly," John 10:10. (2) Rich in love. Love abounding, Phil. 1:9. (3) "Rich in faith." Such are God's chosen "heirs of the kingdom, James 2:5 (4) Rich in service, or "rich in good works" as Paul would say, 1 Tim. 6:18. True of our Lord and should be true of us. (5) Rich in hope. "Hope of eternal life," "hope of glory," the goal of the Christian race.

I. The mistake of the rich man in the parable was in putting his goods in the place of God, and expecting them to do for him what God alone could do for him. It was practically idolatry, and was thus especially offensive to God.

II. To have used them as belonging to God, in relieving the needs of others, would have been to have laid them up in heaven, and have made him rich toward God. The "Bank of Heaven" is the safest place to invest 'time and talents' and all worldly goods. Moreover, no bank on earth will pay such a high rate of interest.

We will have lost none of our interest in the account of the B. Y. P. U. held at Halifax, because we have been obliged to wait so long. Rather our interest will have been intensified because we have anticipated them so long. The record appears below.

Minutes of Maritime B. Y. P. U. Convention.

North Baptist Church, Halifax, N. S., Aug. 22nd, 1900. The Eighth Annual Convention of the Baptist Young People's Union of the Maritime Provinces, assembled in the North Baptist church, Halifax, on August 22nd, 1900, at 8 p. m. Miss Sophia Dickie read an address of welcome on behalf of the Halifax and Dartmouth B. Y. P. U., and the Rev. R. Osgood Morse made a fitting reply on behalf of the Convention. Stirring addresses were made by Rev. H. R. Hatch of Wolfville, on the "Ecumenical, Some Lessons from it;" and Rev. J. H. Parshley of Moncton, on the "Dominant Ideal."

The exercises of the evening were interspersed by excellent music furnished by the choir of the church, and a profitable and pleasant evening was brought to a close by the benediction pronounced by Rev. J. W. Manning. Thursday, Aug. 23rd. Early morning meeting at 6.30 was led by Rev. M. A. McLean.

10 a. m. The assistant secretary, Bro. A. H. Chipman called the meeting to order, and explained that President T. A. Lawson was unavoidably detained at home through sickness in his family. In the absence of the Vice-President, Bro. A. E. Wall, the past president, was on motion elected to the chair. Revs. W. L. Archibald and W. B. Beeson were appointed a credential committee, and the usual questions reported an enrolment of 85 delegates. Officers were chosen as follows: President, Rev. M. A. McLean of Fredericton; Bro. A. H. Chipman for Vice-President for N. B.; Rev. G. P. Raymond for Vice-President

for P. E. I.; A. E. Wall for Sec'y.-Treas.; Rev. H. H. Saunders, Elgin, Ass. Sec'y.; Bro. G. A. McDonald, Halifax, Auditor; Rev. J. W. Brown, Editor B. Y. P. U. page in MESSENGER AND VISITOR. Transportation leaders, Rev. J. B. Morgan, Aylesford, N.S.; Chairman, Bro. R. H. Jenkins, Charlottetown; and Albert Weldon, Moncton, Ass. Sec'y. for N. B. Western Association, Dr. F. W. Barbour, Fredericton. Assistant secretaries for the other six associations within the bounds of this Convention to be the secretaries of the associational B. Y. P. U's. The Secy. Treas. submitted the following report—

REPORT OF SEC'Y. TREAS. FOR B. Y. P. U.

Statistics—With the aid of Association Secretaries cards were sent to the Unions represented in this Convention with but poor results, as only 37 responses out of a possible 110 were made. The returns being so small it is impossible to give a statistical statement that would be at all in the bounds of reason. It is a lamentable fact that the Maritime Convention is not in touch with the individual Unions—the connecting link between the two in my judgment is the pastor of the church. One word from him is worth more than a dozen notices from an official of the Maritime B. Y. P. U. I would suggest that the incoming Executive make use of the connecting links in their attempt to secure reports from the Unions.

EXECUTIVE MEETINGS.

One was held in St. John in January, followed by a mass meeting in the Leinster St. Baptist church. The printing of statistical cards and other detailed work was arranged, and the matter of a programme for the present Convention was left in the hands of a committee selected from the Executive. This committee has worked long and faithfully in bringing out our programme to its present efficient state.

FINANCES.

The financial report already presented shows our Maritime B. Y. P. U. in a flourishing condition. Printing of minutes of last Convention in Year Book. Unfortunately this was neglected until too late, through a misunderstanding between the President and Ass. Sec'y.

WINNIPEG CONVENTION.

Rev. J. B. Morgan represented us in the international convention, and will report on this gathering at a later stage. This report was on motion adopted. The need of better returns from the local societies was urged, and remedies suggested. It was finally resolved that these statistical cards be sent to the Sec'y's. of the local societies in care of the pastors, with a circular urging the importance of filling these statistics and returning the cards.

The following Brothers were on motion appointed a committee on resolutions, Rev. M. Hutchins, Rev. E. L. Quick, Rev. W. B. Beanson. The Rev. W. M. Hutchins delivered an excellent and practical address on "Consecration to God," which was discussed by several of the brethren. A paper prepared by Rev. E. P. Calder on "The Prayer Meeting Topic—Its Meaning and Returns" was read by Bro. A. H. Chipman.

On motion Bro. J. W. Spurdon, of Fredericton, was appointed Auditor, and audited the accounts of the Secretary-Treasurer. Bro. Spurdon submitted the Secretary-Treasurer's report, showing receipts of \$65.11, and disbursements \$41.17, leaving a balance on hand August 20, 1900, of \$23.94. This financial statement was certified correct by the Auditor.

2 p. m.—Afternoon session opened by short devotional exercises led by the President. Report of the N. S. Western B. Y. P. U. Association was submitted by Rev. E. L. Quick, showing the number of societies within the bounds of the association 19, with a membership of 1,107. Rev. J. B. Morgan presented a favorable report on the N. S. Central. No reports were forthcoming from any of the other associations. Rev. R. O. Morse presented his report as editor of the column in the MESSENGER AND VISITOR, which was on motion received and adopted. Rev. J. B. Morgan made a favorable report for the Transportation Committee, which was on motion received. Fraternal greetings from the district Christian Endeavor Societies was read by the Secretary, and on motion the Secretary was instructed to acknowledge same and extend to them our best wishes. Rev. M. A. McLean gave a very practical address on "The Young Christian's Responsibility." Rev. J. B. Morgan gave a talk on the "Christian Culture Classes" and the "Education of Our Young People's Movement," referring particularly to the National Baptist Convention held at Winnipeg this year, and the appointment of a National Committee on the educational work of our Young People's Societies. A very interesting discussion took place on this important question, which was crystallized in the following resolution, moved by A. E. Wall, and seconded by Rev. J. H. Parshley:

"Whereas the National Baptist Convention of Canada has appointed a committee to which it has committed our joint interests of this Dominion, and whereas this committee has communicated to this convention through Rev. J. B. Morgan a proposition to furnish material for the three C. C. classes specially adapted to our Canadian Baptist Young People to be published in the several denominational organs throughout the Dominion, which organizations should thereby become the official organs of the several B. Y. P. U.'s for our educational work;

Therefore Resolved, That this Convention express its hearty approval of the proposition, and urges upon the local societies to give their hearty support to the successful execution of the work."

An address was made by Bro. Geo. A. McDonald of Halifax, on "Personal Work."

8 p. m.—Convention assembled in main auditorium, president in the chair. Rev. R. O. Morse delivered an address on "The 20th Century's Appeal to Manhood." Rev. H. F. Waring of Brussels St., St. John, delivered an address on "The Intellectual Element in Our Prayer Meetings."

Friday, August 24th. 9 a. m.—Devotional services conducted by the president. Rev. J. B. Morgan presided, seconded by A. E. Wall and supported by a number of the brethren and unanimously carried. Being desirous of

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started. He heard their remarks very kindly, but simply said:

"Johnnie's bare feet won't hurt you any, my boys, and they may do somebody some good before night. We'll let him go."

When the children arrived at the beautiful park, and ran down to the shore of the little pond, there were many who stripped off shoes and stockings, and Johnny had lots of company for his wading in the water. So he forgot for a while that he was different from the others. When the rest hurried on their shoes and stockings to go to the big tables for dinner, Johnny felt the lump in his throat again, but went on with the rest.

After such a dinner as he had not had since last year's picnic, Johnny walked over to the big swing, and was soon in the height of glee. Rising away, away, oh, so high in the air! then sinking softly backwards, but to rise again still higher. After a little while Billie and Jummie came up and watched him. Nobody had swung so high before, and they could not help wondering how he did it.

Pretty soon, Billie asked if he might get in too, and Johnny gladly "let the old cat die,"—that is, he let the swing stop itself,—and then the two swung together a good long time. Suddenly, when they were high at the back, just starting down on the swift long sweep, they were startled by the cry, "Run away, sissy! Run, quick!" They saw a toddling baby right in their path. They would surely kill her.

"Down with your feet, Billie! Stop her hard,—and hang on!" yelled Johnnie to his seatmate, as they came down like a flash. But Billie was too scared to do anything but hold on, while Johnnie struck the ground in full force, and held himself straight and stiff until the swing stopped, just beside the little girl.

The crowd rushed up to cheer the brave boy, and take the baby out of danger. Then they saw that Johnnie's poor bare feet had great gashes cut in the soles, and that he stood the pain like a hero to save the little girl's life.

Kind hands quickly bound up the bleeding feet, and two boys, besides some others, felt that those bandages were far more honorable than the finest shoes and stockings that were ever made. What made Johnnie happiest, however, was that one man promised him work at good wages. Do you suppose Johnnie disappointed him.—S. S. Times.

Hurrahing for Others.

The back yard had taken on a highly military aspect. There were soldiers with broomsticks, an officer with a wooden sword, a proud boy with a flag too large for him, and a "band" with a gayly painted drum, which he was beating furiously. Only little Robbie sat forlornly on the steps and looked on. A treacherous bit of glass had disabled his foot, and he could not keep up with the army.

"I can't do nothin'," he said, disconsolately. "Yes, you can," answered Captain Fred. "You can hurrah when the rest of us go by."

So the little fellow kept his post watching through all the marching and countermarching, often left quite alone while the troop traveled in another direction, but he never failed to swing his small cap and raise his shrill cheer when they appeared.

The others were playing hero, but he was much nearer to being a real one. It is not easy to feel like hurrahing for those who can go forward where we must stop, to forget our own disappointment in cheering those who are doing what we long to do and cannot, and to rejoice in the success of those who are filling the place we wanted for ourselves. To bewail our helplessness, to grow bitter and serious because of it, is natural, but it takes high courage and sweetness to stand aside and "cheer while the rest go by."—Forward.

The Gold Penny.

Jimmy was a "shiner," as the little boys who black boots in the city streets are called. He had a nice corner near the post office, where a great many men passed every day, and where it was very muddy in dull weather.

One morning a young man came along, one of Jimmy's every-day customers, and said: "Be lively, now, I'm in a great hurry."

Jimmy brushed with all his might, till the boots shone like black marble. The young man dropped five single cents into his hand, and started off on a run. As he put the money away Jimmy noticed that one penny was very bright indeed. Looking very closely, he found that it was a shining gold piece. He did not know its worth, but he knew that it would buy a great many more things than pennies could. He carried it home to his mother, thinking over what he should buy first, but she told him that it would be just the same as a shining, and made him return it at once. This was Jimmy's first lesson in honesty, and one which he never forgot.

Little boys and girls should always remember that it is dishonest to keep anything that does not rightfully belong to them.—Sunday Hour.