

Young People's Work.

FOR CHRIST AND THE CHURCH.

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C. E. Prayer-Meeting Notes.

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MAY 19.—The story of Pilate and its warnings.—Matt. xxvii. 11-26.

Jesus Christ has been brought before Pilate and accused of blasphemy and sedition. The charge is not sustained, and Pilate knows that before his bar there stands an innocent person. "About this he never wavers. The dream of his wife, the judgment of Herod, the unmistakable motive of the priests, the words of Christ, all agree with his own conviction instead of shaking it. Of course perplexity followed. The same will happen to any one, that into questions of belief, or of amusement, or of choice of a calling, or of conduct in any line, allows some other elements to enter when conscience has given a plain answer. It is easy to multiply mysteries about the simplest matters; but light enough to show which is our road is all we have a right to ask. While we wait for more, the fog will shut us in."—*Golden Rule*.

While we severely condemn Pilate's cringing servility and moral cowardice, let us not forget that we have to answer the question that confronted the cruel Roman viceroy: What shall I do with Jesus, which is called Christ? We can find no fault in Him, and yet, for reasons we would be ashamed to acknowledge probably, we, like Pilate, reject Him. We are more responsible than was Pilate.

"Pilate had, as every sinner has, many warnings from conscience, from friends, from Christ, against his course of sin."

"What shall I do with Jesus?
He came God's love to show;
He came to be,
Eternally,
God's witness here below.

"What shall I do with Jesus?
I'll own Him as my Lord;
Obey His laws,
Extend His cause,
And trust His every word."

MAY 26.—Christ's cross; my cross.—Mark viii. 34-38.

Greece gave the cup of deadly hemlock to its greatest benefactor. Papal Rome stretched upon the rack the friend of truth. The Jews led, with all the fierce hatred of their souls, the Saviour of the world to the most ignominious of deaths. There on Calvary's brow, "He died for our sins according to the Scriptures."

"But we gladly turn away from the awful sight, to think how, by His strength of soul, His resignation, and His love, Jesus triumphed over the shame, the cruelty, and horror of it; and how, as the sunset with its crimson glory makes even the putrid pool burn like a shield of gold, and drenches with brilliance the vilest object held up against its beams, He converted the symbol of slavery and wickedness into a symbol for whatever is most pure and glorious in the world. The head hung free in crucifixion, so that He was able not only to see what was going on beneath Him, but also to speak. He uttered seven sentences at intervals, which have been preserved to us. They are seven windows by which we can still look into His very mind and heart, and learn the impressions made on Him by what was happening. They show that He retained unimpaired the serenity and majesty which had characterized Him throughout His trial, and exhibited in their fullest exercise all the qualities which had already made His character illustrious. He triumphed over His sufferings, not by the cold severity of a stoic, but by self-forgetting love."—STALKER.

Our cross, in comparison with that of our Saviour's, is not much to bear. Daily, though, we must take up our cross of love, of obedience, of service, and of sacrifice, and follow in the footsteps of "The Man of Galilee."

Pilate thought to save his life, but lost it; "but whosoever shall lose his life for My sake and the Gospel's shall save it."

Christian Endeavorers, we must be cross-bearers. Let us ever keep before us the old motto, "No cross, no crown." "God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ."

JUNE 2.—A living Christ; Christ-like living.—Gal. ii. 19, 20; v. 22-25.

Christianity has triumphed over all false religions. Her victories have been mighty and glorious, and her trophies many and precious. Faith in the living resurrected Christ has overcome stupendous difficulties; it has revolutionized the world; it is one of the great potent facts of the Gospel.

1. Christ is our personal, loving Friend and our Creed (Matt. xvi. 16). It's a creed that needs no revision. "The same yesterday, to-day, and for ever." It is the only creed on earth or in heaven, that can give life to the believing (1 John v. 1).

2. Our Saviour is ever present with His people (Matt. xxviii. 20).

3. He has promised to never leave us or forsake us (Heb. xiii. 5). It is

one thing to have a Saviour who said: "I am He that liveth and was dead; and behold I am alive forevermore;" and it is quite another thing for us to say: "Yet I live; and yet no longer I, but Christ liveth in me."

1. Our lives must be brought into such harmony with God that Christ may dwell in us. We must reproduce the Christ-life. If it was said of Jesus that He went about doing good, it ought to be said of us. Our old man must be crucified with Christ. (Gal. ii. 20; v. 24.)

2. We must derive all our strength and life from the fountain. (John xv. 1-8)

3. Living thus, we will produce the fruit of the spirit. (Gal. v. 22-26.)

"Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all."

Endeavor Notes.

Circulars bearing on the work done by Endeavorers in Ontario during the past year have been sent to all societies of which we have record. Will the secretaries see that each question is fully answered?

Let any special method or work that has proved a blessing to the society and the church be fully reported. Any item of more than local interest can be reported by letter and accompany the report.

Let each society be represented at the annual meeting by at least one delegate, and do not come with the idea of a holiday trip, but with the spirit of consecration, and an earnest desire to further the Master's work and plan for the future.

Any society that has not received a circular, drop a card to W. W. Coulter, St. Thomas, and one will be forwarded by return mail.

The object of the Co-operation is to do mission work, and as we meet with a mission church this year, and see the result of the preaching of the Gospel, I believe it will inspire the brotherhood with a fresh zeal for a grand forward movement during the coming year.

It is probable that J. Z. Tyler, the Endeavor veteran and chairman of the International C. E. Convention of 1894, will be present and deliver an address. Bro. T. is a whole army in himself.

The announcement that the delegates pay for dinner and supper will meet with the approval of at least all

the Endeavorers. This is a move in the right direction. It will lighten the burden of the church that entertains and will keep drones from attending.

W. W. C.

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