

## Young People's Work.

FOR CHRIST AND THE CHURCH.

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HAMILTON, Jan. 20, 1894.—Once more our election of officers in the Christian Endeavor has taken place, and with Bro. John Rioch as president, and our committees freshly organized, we begin the new year with renewed enthusiasm and fresh resolves to do better work for our Lord and Master. We have begun well, two new active and two associate members being added to our Society last Lord's day (for we have our meeting after the evening service and find it works well).

Our new president and his sister, Miss Rioch, conceived of a most enjoyable way of calling the new officers and committees together for discussing the work before us, by inviting us to their home to spend the evening. It added quite a charm to the prosaic word, "business." After the various matters of importance were discussed, our thoughts were diverted by the appearance of refreshments. Miss Grace Rioch then favored us with instrumental music, which added no small part to the evening's pleasure; and Miss Rioch sang very sweetly "Tyrol's lovely dell." We departed for home feeling that we had spent a very happy evening. There is no doubt that evenings spent in this way bring the young people in closer touch, and go a great way towards enthusing the indifferent and careless. May our heavenly Father prosper our work and make it a power for good in His name.

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## C. E. Prayer-Meeting Notes

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Feb. 11—*True possessions and how to gain them.* Luke xii. 13-34.

How eagerly we are all striving for earthly possessions. It is a duty for us to be industrious. There is no place for idleness in this world which God has created for man. We should be diligent and economical. But the accumulation of this world's goods should not be the main object for which we live. We were created by God, and endowed with faculties for a higher and a nobler purpose. It is according to the teaching of our Master that we should provide for ourselves and those of our own household; but, at the same time He has warned us of the consequences of worshipping mammon.

What great misery, suffering, cruelty and crime has been wrought in the great rush for wealth. But few of us can be rich in this world's goods. In this continent a few men control the great majority of the wealth of the land. A writer in the *Golden Rule* has aptly said that we have some idea of the value God has placed upon money by the character of the men whom He has entrusted with it. In the portion of scripture under consideration we have an example of a rich man whose main object was the amassing of riches. His wealth was great, and was fast becoming greater; but in the midst of his accumulations, with no thought of anything but how he might obtain more, and indulge his low desires and base passions, the voice of God is heard: "Thou fool: this night thy soul shall be required of thee." Whether

we are rich or poor in riches that perish, we all have the inestimable privilege of becoming rich in that which will never perish.

Christ who was rich became poor that we might become rich.

How can we gain these true possessions?

1. Before we are able to start a bank account in Heaven we must give ourselves to Christ. Our name is then entered upon the "Book of Life," and we begin to make deposits.

2. If we "continue faithful unto the end," "growing in grace" and knowledge, doing all things in the name of Jesus, we shall come into possession of our inheritance. In that "great day" when the books are opened and we are judged, we shall receive a "crown of glory," and shall enter in and partake forever and forever of the joys and blessings of our Lord. "An inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away," is reserved for all of God's children.

Feb. 18—*For what does our denomination stand?* (Meeting led by the pastor).

True it is that we are not a denomination. We are opposed to the spirit of denominationalism. For us to call ourselves a denomination would be subversive of the very fundamental principles that underlie the origin of our movement. It is also true that we are looked upon by all other religious bodies as a denomination, and are so designated.

No religious body is entitled to a separate existence unless it stands for some distinguishing, divine truth. We have no right to a separate existence if we are not enunciating and holding up before the world some divine truth which is not held by or which is not receiving proper emphasis from any other religious body. What, then, are our claims? For what do we stand? "We are much which we hold in common with all evangelical bodies, and much in which we differ more from some than others.

We will enumerate those particulars in which we differ from all others which have been designated as our "distinctive peculiarities."

1. We accept Christ as our creed. We believe in a personal, living, ever-present creed, not in abstract dogmas. We repudiate and reject all human authoritative creeds as ruinous and divisive. With us the Divinity and Messiahship of Jesus is not an article of faith, but the article of faith in the "scheme of redemption." We demand no other faith in order to baptism and church membership than *the faith of the heart in Jesus the Christ, the Son of the living God.* Matt. xvi. 15-18; John xx. 30, 31.

2. We take the Bible as our only rule of religious faith and practice. The Old Testament was of authority with Jews: we accept it as true and as essential to a proper understanding of the New Testament; but, with us the New Testament only is a book of authority, and we act consistently with this principle. Col. ii. 4; 2 Cor. iii. 7-11; Rom. vi. 14.

3. We believe that the Holy Spirit operates through the word in conversion. We repudiate the doctrine that makes the word a "dead letter," and every conversion a special miracle. We believe with Paul that the Gospel is "the power of God unto salvation." Rom. i. 16; x. 17; Mark xvi. 15, 16; Jas. i. 18.

4. We do not consider baptism a mode, but a specific act. We insist upon its proper translation. We do

## Christian Endeavor Work.

IN THE LIFE SAVING STATIONS, LIGHT HOUSES AND LIGHT SHIPS OF AMERICA, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND THE BRITISH PROVINCES.

Much interest has centered in the Christian Endeavor Work in Life-Saving Stations, and at the International Convention in Montreal, Canada, an advanced movement was made by adding the Light Houses and Light Ships to the work; also including the United Kingdom of Great Britain in the field of operation. Men were chosen to represent England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales on the International Committee, which consists of representatives from every State and Province where life saving stations, light houses and light ships are located. Rev. S. Edward Young, Asbury Park, N. J., is the chairman; Rev. J. Lester Well, 188 Grand St., Jersey City, N. J., is secretary. They delivered addresses at the Montreal Convention, the former speaking of the spiritual wants and the latter of the intellectual and physical needs of the crews. The life savers of the world are the bravest men, and continually hazard their lives for others; they guard twenty thousand miles or more of dangerous coasts, and have rescued more than a million people from shipwreck. As the most of them are isolated from home and friends, it is highly fitting that world-wide sym-

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pathy should be extended to them, also to the men connected with the light houses and light ships, upon whom vessels freighted with precious lives depend for safety. Christian Endeavor Societies, located near stations or light houses are recommended to conduct appropriate services for the crews and also furnish comfort bags, books, magazines, papers, mitts, mufflers, wristlets, socks, yarn caps and the like, for the comfort of the surfmen. Those who desire further information with reference to this noble movement may address the secretary.

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