

## For the Third Department

### An Apple Evening

Have you had a "B. A. P.," "S. A. P.," "N. A. P." social in your league? If not, try one. Have your evening well announced under this name and, of course, let only the committee in charge know the meaning of the mysterious letters.

As the young people arrive give each a piece of colored tissue paper cut in the shape of an apple, and with the name of some kind of apple written on it. Let the color of the paper be the same as that of the apple it represents—red for Snow Apple or Northern Spy, yellow for Sweet, brown for Russet, and so on. Slips of ordinary paper each bearing the name of an apple will answer the purpose, but the former way is more attractive and not difficult to work out. Have several apples of the same variety, and as they are given out tell each person to find the others having the same apple, and get together in a group. If your League is large have six or seven in a group, but if it is small three or four will be quite sufficient.

When all have gathered together in the different groups, the social vice-president explains that each group is to write a verse or a short poem, having for its subject the apple which the group represents. State that three prizes will be given for the best three poems written. Give about twenty minutes for this work of composition. The following verses may give an idea of what is to be expected. They are samples of lines actually submitted in contest:

"Russets golden brown are we  
Upon the spreading apple tree;  
See our sun-kissed cheeks of tan,  
Surely they are meant for man;  
Ever luscious, rich and rare,  
Took all the prizes at the fair."

"The St. Lawrence grows upon a tree  
And a more luscious fruit there could  
not be,

Striped so nicely, pink and white,  
None could stop with just one bite;  
For apple pie, with sugar and spice,  
Nothing else could be half so nice;  
From peeling to core it is juicy and sweet;  
To make a long story short, it can't be  
beat."

At the end of the time allotted for the writing of the verses, let one from each group read aloud what has been written by that group. The League may pass judgment on the lines or they may be collected and the members of the committee decide on the winners of the prizes. Have one or two from each of the winning groups come to the platform, and there present them with the prizes, which of course belong to the whole group. The first prize is a *Big Apple Pie*, the second a *Small Apple Pie*, and the third *NO Apple Pie*. If your League is small you might have only two prizes, having all except those winning the "B. A. P." and "S. A. P." receiving the "N. A. P." Or, if your League is very large, you might have representatives from four or five groups come to the platform (announcing four or five prizes), and have two or three of the "N. A. P." If one pie is very large and the other very small it will create much merriment amongst all present.

Light refreshments may be served to all, or if apples alone are served it will be quite in keeping with the evening.

This programme is very easily carried out and the social vice-presidents who try it in their Leagues will find that all present will go away feeling that they have had a jolly good time, the laugh

of course being on the disappointed recipients (?) of the "N. A. P."—*Harriet M. Bartlett.*

### Peanut Party

on

MONDAY, FEBRUARY —, 1914,

in

CHESTER METHODIST LECTURE HALL,  
Under auspices of the Epworth League.

#### PROGRAMME.

##### PART I.

I. Piano Performance Properly  
Presented. *Instrumental Solo*  
Miss ———

II. Preamble per Prominent Pleader.....  
Chairman or President.

III. Philharmonic Partnership Presented  
*Vocal Duet*  
Misses ———

IV. A Packed Peanut.....*Five Minute*  
*Addresses.*

(Peanuts.  
Eclipse.  
Aristocracy.  
Nuisances.  
Usages.  
Tongue.

Six Members of League.

V. Pleasant Performance per Popular  
Person.....*Vocal Solo*  
Miss or Mr. ———

*Palatable Provisions Passed (Refreshments).*

##### PART II.

I. Pleasing Performance Prettily  
Presented. *Vocal (Chorus or Solo)*

II. Piece Played per Prominent Player.....  
*Piano or Violin Solo*  
Miss or Mr. ———

III. Polite Philippic per Plausible  
Philosopher.....*Address*

IV. Piece Presented per Polite Persons.....  
*Vocal or Instrumental Duet*

*Chair taken at 8 p.m.*

The reception committee and ushers might wear a cluster of peanuts as a boutonniere. In one League where a peanut party was given, apples and peanuts were served for refreshments, or peanut candy of various kinds may be passed. The intermission affords opportunity for polite pleasantry and much genial hand-shaking.—*Idell Rogers.*

### A Good Resolution Evening

How many Leaguers at their social gatherings have tried a Good Resolution Evening? Have your sheaf of resolutions ready and distribute them as the Leaguers come in. Then, at a suitable time and to break the stiffness and get everyone conversing easily, call for a performance of the resolutions without having them publicly read. Your resolution may read, "To go at once and speak to some stranger," and mine, "To say a kind and helpful word to someone present, or "to shake hands with as many present as possible before the evening closes," or "to try to break up some

clique, and get all in the church or League on the same plane socially," or "resolved that I will do all in my power to make this the most helpful and the best social evening our League ever had."

The real lasting worth of the evening lies in the fact that some of these resolutions will stick. Try it, and see if you do not find it so.—*Idell Rogers.*

### Bird Quiz Social

Try the following bird quiz at one of your social gatherings. The questions may be read and the people asked to write their answers to the numbers, or the questions may be written on a black-board or huge sheet of paper. If desired, more questions may be added to the list or some may be omitted.

#### A BIRD QUIZ.

- To steal; a preposition. (Robin.)
- The time of darkness; a preposition; a strong breeze. (Nightingale.)
- An instrument of punishment; impoverished; determination. (Whip-poor-will.)
- A frolic. (Lark.)
- A tailor's iron. (Goose.)
- Part of a ship; a line of objects. (Sparrow.)
- A tin vessel; a vowel; a grain. (Canary.)
- A girl's nickname; a pastry. (Magpie.)
- To peruse; means of entrance. (Condor.)
- To boast. (Crow.)
- To ridicule; measure of length. (Chaffinch.)
- A grove; a measure; to sin. (Woodpecker.)
- Equal; to decay. (Parrot.)
- A number; a tin vessel. (Toucan.)
- A Turkish cap; a small insect. (Pheasant.)
- To sell by outcry. (Hawk.)
- To portion; and a long row of hills. (Partridge.)
- A nickname for mother; noise of a crow. (Macaw.)
- To spill; a metal. (Martin.)
- The ocean; to deceive. (Seagull.)
- The first syllable of one of the martyred presidents; a snare. (Linnet.)
- A hen's child; an indefinite article; a river. (Chickadee.)
- A utensil for eating; a reminder of debt. (Spoonbill.)
- The composition of the beach; a musician. (Sandpiper.)
- The keynote repeated. (Dodo.)
- A vowel; a small ocean bird. (Eagle.)
- A color; a head covering. (Black Cap.)
- To stretch the neck. (Crane.)
- A mongrel dog; a man's nickname. (Curlew.)
- A man's nickname; a woman's name. (Jackana.)
- To slay; an animal. (Kill-deer.)
- A girl's nickname; to arouse. (Kittiwake.)
- To cower. (Quail.)
- A color; to move quickly. (Redstart.)
- Instrument for cutting; part of a bird. (Scissorsfall.)
- A useful grain; the organ of hearing. (Wheat-ear.)
- A rock; a short visit. (Stonechat.)
- A personal pronoun; a preposition. (Heron.)
- Part of a house; very fast. (Chimney Swift.)
- To about face. (Tern.)
- A Country in North America; a consonant. (Canada Jay.)
- A ruler; a water animal; a suffix meaning "one who." (Kingfisher.)