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## Auxiliary Programme For Nov., 1894.

Topic—"Cost of a Christian life."

Hymn 363. "We give Thee but thine own."

Scripture readings—John iii. 16, Phil. ii. 5-12, also Phil. iii. 1-16. If the revised version is used, those readings will be clearer.

Pray

Business—Reading minutes, reports, etc.

Payment of dues.

Hymn 133. "When I survey the wondrous cross."

Discussion of the subject from the scriptural point of view. I would suggest that a free interchange of thought upon this subject from the personal experience of each would be helpful and edifying to all.

Prayer by two or more sisters.

Hymn 193. "Had I ten thousand gifts beside."

Benediction.

A word of explanation seems to be needed here. Sister Bella Sinclair was requested by the committee to prepare this program, but, not feeling able at present to do so, she sent me the notes or thoughts upon it, which she had jotted down, asking me to complete it for her. I could not but express my regret that our beloved sister is not feeling strong enough to give us this from her pen, for no other can do it as she would have done; certainly I cannot. We will rejoice greatly, if God wills it so, that we may soon have something from her own hand.

I am not sure that I understand just what is meant by the words, "The cost of a Christian life," but will follow Sister Bella's thoughts, quoting her notes.

"It cost the life of the Son of God to bring it within our reach." Is not all the cost on that side? The price of our redemption was not paid with silver or gold, or even with our own blood. It cost us nothing, for, as our sister says, "We receive more than we give. We sometimes think we sacrifice and, lo, we receive such a blessing as co-laborers that it is quite a privilege." Some years ago I came across a short article—the writer is unknown to me—that I thought worthy of a place in my scrapbook. The title is "This blessed life." The topic given brought it to my mind, and I feel that I cannot do better than to give you some of the refreshing things it contains: "Life to the Christian is not the same thing as to those who are practically without God and without hope. As we advance in years and taste of the deeper experiences of joy

and sorrow, this truth is borne in upon us with a force which longs for expression. We cannot imagine how unspeakably inferior a thing our life would have been if our Lord had not been with us in our past joys, as well as in our sorrows. We have almost unconsciously submitted to considerable restraints upon our mere pleasure, yet it is everything to feel that these restraints are by no means irksome. To be sober, chaste, just, has been to us an easy yoke, satisfying to the conscience and ennobling to our nature. What care I, on retrospect, that the multitudinous and various excitements that mark many lives have not been mine? For this, not a shade of regret passes over my spirit. Our loss is no loss; but our gains, how shall we ever count them up?"

I feel that I must be brief, as our space in the EVANGELIST must necessarily be more limited until the paper expands to its former size, which we hope will soon be, but I must give a few words more.

"Our afflictions, so far as they are worth thinking of, are blessings in disguise. We know they are, for we have proved it in the past; for the very things that were hardest to bear did us most good. Thousands of men and women around are ready to testify the same thing; they have proved it just as we have. These things being so, life becomes more and more rich in meaning as we advance in it. Instead of growing cynical and morose, our hearts open out more widely than ever to all things simple and beautiful and good. Once more retiring into the inner sanctuary of our own hearts, and holding fresh converse with Him about the way along which He is gently leading us to a glorious end, the grateful words spring to our lips: 'This blessed life.'"

Sister Bella says, "Even our missionaries who have given up home and friends—things that we count priceless—receive a double blessing, a rich reward."

Paul suffered the loss of all things that he had formerly counted as a gain to him, and they were neither few nor insignificant from a worldly point of view, and regarded them as but refuse in comparison.

Can we, dear sisters, to-day, truly sing, "My heart, my life, my all I bring To Thee, my Saviour and my King?"

S. M. B.

## Young People's Work.

FOR CHRIST AND THE CHURCH.

COMMITTEE OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK: W. W. Coulter, Chairman; J. J. Smallman, Mrs. K. H. Cameron.

## Kingston Convention.

The Provincial C. E. Convention will be held in Kingston, October 10th to 12th. The committee of arrangements are sparing no pains to make it a success. An interesting and instructive programme is being prepared. All are enthusiastic, and look forward to a grand spiritual uplift. The old Limestone City will kindly greet all.

Bro. R. A. Burriss, of Bowmanville, will be chairman of the Disciple Rally. We have no church in Kingston, but the Committee will assign us suitable quarters. As we have few societies in the east, each western society should send a delegate.

"Reasons for the existence of the Disciples as a religious body" will be examined into at our rally. Come prepared to give a reason for the hope that is within you. Reports from Societies will also be in order.

W. W. C.

Take K. D. C. after late suppers, if you would sleep well.

## Welland County Christian Endeavor Convention.

On Sept. 4th the Welland County C. E. Convention was held at Ridgeway. The attendance was fair, and undoubtedly would have been larger if Ridgeway were more centrally located.

The sessions of the Convention were good, especially the evening session. Those who took part in the programme in whom we were particularly interested were Ruby House, International Bridge, who read a paper on "The Fraternal Interchange at the Cleveland Convention," which was very good, and Bro. F. O. Fannon, pastor of the church in North Tonawanda, N. Y., who delivered the address of the evening. His theme was "The religion which this age demands," and he held the audience in wrapt attention for almost one hour, while he thundered out denunciations against hypocrisy and sham in the lives of professing Christians, and exhorted all to live nobler, consecrated Christlike lives, making our religion an everyday religion—a religion in the shop, on the farm, behind the counter, in the study and on the journey—then the army of workers will be victorious for God and truth. Bro. Fannon is certainly a plain and powerful speaker, and he is doing noble work in North Tonawanda.

A carry-all load from the Christian Church Y. P. S. C. E. went to the Convention, our delegation being the largest in attendance. On our way to the Convention our hearts were better prepared for the enjoyment of its session by holding a prayer meeting, consisting of familiar hymns, prayers, exhortations and favorite Scripture quotations.

One of the great joys of the Christian's life is the fact that no matter where we are we can raise our voices in thanksgiving and praise to our God, knowing that he will hear us always.

W. C. McD.

GRAND VALLEY, Sept. 17.—On the evening of Sept. 3rd the C. E. Society held its regular monthly business meeting, appointing the officers for the next term. Our Society is growing both numerically and spiritually, notwithstanding several of our Band have gone to other parts of our Master's vineyard. Last Tuesday evening the Society held a social at the home of Bro. John King. After spending a couple of hours in innocent amusement all sat down and enjoyed what our pastor calls a common sense luncheon, prepared by the young ladies of the Band. You will hear from us again.

ORPHA S. KING, Cor. Sec.

AMICARI, Ont., Sept. 26.—The Disciples Y. P. S. C. E. at International Bridge is still very active in Endeavor work. The Temperance Committee have organized Gospel temperance meetings, the first of which was held last night, when a very good entertainment was given. The Missionary Committee have their hands full. They must raise \$57 in one year, only about \$8 of which is on hand. There is also a committee to celebrate the first anniversary of our organization, which will be held Tuesday, Oct. 30th, when Bro. Fannon, of Tonawanda, N. Y., will speak. The last missionary meeting was on India, when papers on missionary work, etc., there, were presented, three little girls from our Junior C. E. pinning colored ribbons to a map of India as the names of our mission points there were mentioned. Oh, yes, we have a J. C. E. now. Miss Hous is superintendent, and reports that the children are much interested, and I overheard her say they take part well, and the meetings are better than those of the C. E.; in fact, at prayer meet-

ing and in Senior C. E. meeting the voices of the Juniors are heard reading Bible references. The Prayer Meeting Committee holds a short meeting for prayer just before each Endeavor prayer meeting. The following is an extract from a monthly report given at a business meeting: "We took four associate members for special prayers, and since then one has become a Christian." One of the best socials I ever attended was the one held after our last business meeting. It was given to the associate members. The Social Committee asked: "Every active member is asked to let Christ's life shine through them by forgetting self and making the social a pleasant evening for others." And they did. We held a letter meeting on Oct. 21st, on subject for that day.

Yours in C. E.,

A. H. COWHERD, Cor. Sec.

GUELPH, Sept. 27.—Dear Bro.: You will have to excuse me this week. I have no notes prepared. The subjects are:

Oct. 7—"The duty and rewards of church going."—Heb. x., 25.

Oct. 14—"How Christ helps in our daily tasks."—Col. iii., 12-17.

Yours, GEO. FOWLER.

## The C. E. Pledge.

The following is Bro. J. Z. Tyler's exposition of the Pledge as given in his St. Thomas address, and which was crowded out of a former number of the EVANGELIST:—

After referring to the rise, growth and present membership of the Christian Endeavor society, the speaker said that the active membership pledge lay at the foundation of the Christian Endeavor movement. It was its backbone. It is what gives it point, persistency and cohesion. It is what makes it worth anything at all. The active membership pledge is intensely individual.

(1.) It is personal to the Lord  
"Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I promise Him."

He is the person, and no other, to whom the pledge is made. The covenant is between the soul and the Saviour. Not until the Lord Jesus himself proves false would there be excuse for its violation. It is a personal covenant with a personal Christ to do a certain thing.

(2.) Do not take it lightly.  
"Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I promise Him."

We must not ask that, and take the pledge lightly. It should not be lightly taken or lightly treated.

(3.) A member's active pledge enthrones absolutely the Lord Jesus Christ in the mind, conscience and life.  
"I will strive to do whatever He would like to have me do."

It is not a pledge to any society, it is a consecration of oneself completely to Him. To know what He would have you do, pledge yourself:

(1.) "To make it the rule of your life to read the Bible and pay every day."

By so doing, enlightening the mind and learning how to serve Christ. After all this is done, you pledge yourself:

"And to support my own church in every way, especially by attending all her regular Sunday and midweek services, unless prevented by some reason which I can conscientiously give to my Saviour; and that just so far as I know now, throughout my whole life, I will endeavor to lead a Christian life."

You are pledged to this before there is anything about the society. It is a personal pledge to your Saviour. Then comes the mention of the society. And then you pledge faithfulness to it, as follows:

"As an active member, I promise to be true to all my duties, to be present at and take some part, aside from singing, in every Christian Endeavor prayer meeting, unless hindered by some reason which I can conscientiously give to my Lord and Master. If obliged to be absent from the monthly consecration meeting of the society I will if possible send at least a verse of scripture to be read in response to my name at the roll call."

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So long as that pledge is kept no society perishes, but as soon as it is forgotten the society is sure to die.

HAMILTON.—The Y. P. S. C. E. held a social at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Sherk on Friday evening, Sept. 28th. There was a good attendance, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. The hearty thanks of the Society are due our kind host and hostess, not only for the use of their home, but also for their hearty assistance in making the evening a success.

"To be offended with unbelievers is to show that you are not yourself quite sure of the faith to which you would compel them."

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