

## Young People's Societies.

### THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE'S "PLAN OF STUDY."

Conducted by Rev. R. D. Fraser, Convener.

As announced in the circular sent recently to ministers and secretaries, the Monthly Topics of the Plan of Study for 1899, have been issued. As in previous years, they are arranged so as to be adapted to the various sorts of Young People's Societies. They are set down for the second weekly meeting of each month and the Topic is treated in the "Record" the month preceding, in order that societies may have the materials for the meetings in hand well in advance.

The special "Topic Card" for the Presbyterian Y. P. S. C. E. Societies has been issued as before, and will embrace the "Uniform" Topics, the Monthly Topics of the Plan of Study and the Questions on the Shorter Catechism for each meeting throughout the year. Price \$1.00 per 100.

"Booklet" containing the same matter, and also Daily Readings for the whole year; price, \$1.50 per 100. Societies may have local matter printed on one page of cover of Booklet at extra cost of \$1.50 per 100.

Orders and remittances for Topic Cards and Booklets to be sent to the Convener.

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### FOR THE BOYS AND GIRLS.

A somewhat widely expressed desire throughout the Church led the Committee on Young Peoples' Societies to consider how the life and work of the Church as set forth in the Monthly Topics could be put before the children. It was agreed that, for the present year, articles should be prepared on these Topics for the "Children's Record." The consent of the editor has been cheerfully given to this proposal and the articles will begin in the December number. The writers will be those especially skilled in preparing matter for children, and it is hoped that the articles may be of use not only in Junior Societies, but in the Sabbath Schools, and the home.

"We cannot all be martyrs.

And win a deathless name

By some divine baptism,

Some ministry of flame.

But we can live for truth's sake,

Can do for her and dare

There's always faithful witness

For faithful lives to bear."

Topic for the Week beginning December 11.

### THE CONGREGATION: WHAT THE YOUNG PEOPLE MAY DO FOR IT.

Deut. 31: 9-13. Questions 33-35.

#### Programme.

It is not to be forgotten that the Young People are parcel and part of the congregation, and that the Young People's Society is an integral portion of the congregational machinery. The young people hold the same relation to the congregation as they do to their own homes.

What the young people may do for the home will be therefore a guide as to what they may do for the congregation. They will enrich and help forward in the home life just in the measure in which they take an interest in what interests the home, and aid in its duties, under the guidance of those who are older, and in the spirit of loyalty and love.

A sample Plan for the Meeting would be to appoint a member for each part of the congregation's work, who would strive to answer the question, "what can the young people do for that particular part." Or, probably, better still, ask the minister and elders and managers and Sabbath School teachers, and mission workers of various sorts each to tell the Society of what they would wish the young people to do.

It may possibly take more than one evening to get through the programme, on either plan, but the time will be well spent. There is unfortunately just a little suspicion in some congregations that the Young People are impatient of direction. Nothing as a rule can be further from the fact; and a frank talk such as the above programme would bring out between the older people of the congregation and the young people, would do much to set such suspicions at rest, where they do exist, besides drawing all, old and young, closer together in a common endeavor for the promotion of God's cause.

### THE CONGREGATION: WHAT THE YOUNG PEOPLE MAY DO FOR IT.

By G. Tower Ferguson, Esq., Tor.

In order to rightly determine how, as young people, we may best help the congregation, we must have in our minds a clear conception of what the Church exists for, and what its mission in the world is.

The Church is not a club, in which people of like minds and similar tastes gather together with a view of enjoying one another's society and deriving personal benefit from such intercourse. The Church exists to represent and exemplify its great Head. It will do this best by remembering that He