

B. Y. P. U.

B. Y. P. U. PRAYER MEETING TOPIC. (Notes by W. C. Vincent.)

For week beginning Jan. 24. Subject, The Call of Matthew. Text, Matt. 9: 9.

All that Jesus said and did is not recorded. What is written was given us for a specific purpose, viz., to produce faith, John 20: 31. We are justified, then, in regarding what is recorded as illustrative of the things we are to believe. We shall take Matthew's call as an illustration of Jesus' call to each of us. In studying it, let us note—

1st. The characteristics of the call: (a) It was a very gracious call. Matthew was a bad man in a bad business. He was an outcast Jew because he had accepted office under the Roman Government. Common speech classed Publicans and sinners together. Dr. Cummings thinks the phrase, "Publicans and sinners" should be rendered Publicans even sinners. So associated was the office and the man in the Jewish mind. But Jesus came to call "not the righteous but sinners to repentance."

(b) Was a very loving call. Jesus pitied the unhappy outcast and spoke in loving tones, saying, "Follow me." So does He come to each of us; for "His love is ever the same."

(c) Was a very personal call. Fully translated, it is, "follow thou me." Never mind others. "What is that to thee, follow thou me." Christianity does not deal with us in the mass, but as units. The call to each is as personal as our judgment will be. "Every man shall give an account of himself to God."

(d) Was a very decisive call. There was no neutral ground for Matthew. He must decide yes or no. So must we. "He that is not with me is against me."

(e) Was a very urgent call. It asks Matthew for immediate attention. He cannot put off till to-morrow. "To-day is too late" says Martialus. To-morrow may be past the eleventh hour.

II. Let us note and the extent of the call: (a) It was a call to do something. "Follow me." The Lexicons say the word means also to imitate—"imitate me." Matthew was not merely to walk around Palestine with Jesus, but to do as Jesus did. So Paul says to us in Ephes., "Be ye imitators of God as dear children." (R. V.) It is a high calling and shows the possibilities of a human soul.

(b) Was a call to leave something. Leave his old life; his business since it is bad; his associates if they won't serve too; whatever stands in the way of his following Jesus. If we are following Jesus, we will surely be leaving something behind us. "If thy right eye cause thee to stumble, pluck it out."

(c) It was a call to get something. Pardon, peace, good company, and a place in the Kingdom of Heaven. "Come unto me all that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." "My peace, I give unto you." Matthew lay down to rest that night with no business; but with a happy heart.

III. The effects of the call. It was effectual. "He arose and followed him." It changed Matthew's whole life as he in turn has changed other lives by his gospel. Sincerity will reveal the results of Matthew's call. It filled him with gratitude to Jesus. He made a great feast for Him. Matthew is only a babe yet and knows no better way of expressing his gratitude for the great blessings he had received in salvation. The call also gave him a great desire to save others. He invites a multitude to that feast in order to bring them into touch with Jesus. He argues that if Jesus saved him, He can save any. He used sociability as an evangelizing agency which is a good example for all Unions. Try it on the associate members and pray that they may respond to the call of Jesus as readily as did Matthew?

Moncton, N. B. Our B. Y. P. U. is glad to report progress in every branch of work during the last six months. The weekly prayer-

Pilosophy. Of making many pills there is no end. Every pill-maker says: "Try my pill," as if he were offering you bon bons! The wise man finds a good pill and sticks to it. Also, the wise man who has once tried them never forsakes. Ayer's Cathartic Pills.

meetings have been largely attended and great interest has been shown in the services. We have collected fifty dollars for missions—twenty-five dollars towards supporting a student at the Grande Ligne Mission, and twenty-five dollars towards supporting a native helper in India—which has been forwarded through our church treasurer. The present membership of our Union is one hundred and ninety-two. At our December consecration service, one hundred and thirty-eight responded to the roll call and fifty-four were absent. The Look Out Committee call upon those who were not present and ascertain the cause of their absence. Every Saturday invitations are sent to any strangers who are stopping at the hotels, inviting them to attend the services of our church while remaining in the city. The Sacred Literature Class, conducted by our pastor, has been of much help to us. At each consecration service our president gives us a motto for the ensuing month. The motto for January is "Be Useful." The following officers have been elected for the next half year: Henry Christopher, Pres.; Miss Maggie Estano, Vice-Pres.; John H. Lockhart, Rec.-Sec'y; W. H. Estano, Cor.-Sec'y; J. D. Steeves, Treas. W. H. E., Cor.-Sec'y.

January 7. Brunsell Street.

The annual meeting was held January 15th, when a large number was present and encouraging reports were submitted. Each of the committees have done good work during the year. The different officers made reports also. That of the treasurer showed receipts for the year of \$284.89, and a balance on hand. Perhaps for a membership of 154—106 active, 23 associate, 25 juniors—this record leads. If it must take a lower rank let the real leader report. For the new year the 2-cent-a-week plan is adopted and the talent fund will, as usual, bring a good return. This union has recently assumed \$700 of the debt of the church. President P. A. Dykeman was unanimously re-elected, and for a third term other officers and the committees will be elected at a subsequent meeting. A. H. C., Cor. Sec.

First Maritime Y. M. C. A. Boys' Conference.

The first Maritime Boys Conference met at Amherst, Jan. 8th, 9th, 10th. About 200 boys were present, representing Halifax, Dartmouth, Truro, New Glasgow, Yarmouth, Moncton, Chatham, Sussex; St. John, Fredericton, Woodstock and Amherst. There were present such men as Evangelist Gale of Boston; Rev. G. W. Hinchley, of the "Goodwill Farm for Boys," East Fairfield, Maine; S. F. Dudley, chairman of Boys' Work committee, New York state; F. G. Marshall, Maritime Y. M. C. A. secretary; and E. M. Robinson, St. Stephen, chairman of the Maritime Boys' Work committee. Mr. Robinson was the organizer and promoter of the conference. To him its success is largely due. Officers of the conference were Richard Moore, Moncton, president; Seth Mason, Calais, secretary; Ben McDougall, Halifax, assistant secretary.

The papers read were most interesting and helpful. The boys followed them with lively discussions. Mr. Wetmore led the music, and the singing was inspiring. About fifty boys expressed their desire to become Christians. The farewell service was a fitting close for such a convention. After some parting messages from the leaders many boys offered short earnest prayers. Over 80 boys told briefly of the help received at the sessions. Then with joined hands over 200 boys sang the old association hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds." The impressions made on the lives of our boys, and the new ideas and incentives received, will result in a fuller realization of the motto, "The boys for Christ." Com.

Quarterly Meeting.

The Digby Co. Quarterly meeting was held at Smith Cove, Jan'y 13th. The weather being stormy only four Pastors were present. The forenoon session was given to Conference meeting led by Pastor Crabbe. A goodly number of brethren and sisters were present. The afternoon session opened with social service led by Pastor Eaton. A large number were present. In the absence of President Dr. Morse, Rev. J. T. Eaton was chosen chairman. Minutes of last meeting were read by the sec'y. and approved. Reports were heard from churches at Smith Cove, Digby, Hill Grove, St. Mary's Bay, Weymouth. While few additions to the churches could be reported, the reports were of a fairly encouraging nature. On motion decided that the next Quarterly meeting be at Weymouth. Paper on N. W. Missions

to be read by Pastor Crabbe and a paper on Grande Ligne by Pastor Lingley. Quarterly sermon by Pastor Eaton. As Dr. Morse appointed to preach the sermon was not present it was decided to hold a Missionary meeting this evening. Pastor Griffin to be the first speaker. As those appointed to prepare papers for this session were not present the meeting adjourned. In the evening a large number were present. Addresses were given by Pastors Giffin, Parker, Crabbe and Eaton and by Bros. Sproul and Hankinson. The meeting then closed to meet at Weymouth April 14th. J. F. SAUNDERS, Sec'y.

Day of Prayer for Colleges—Special Collection for "Acadia."

At the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors, held on the 8th inst., the following resolution was adopted: Resolved, That the churches be asked to take a special collection for the College on the Sunday following the day of prayer for Colleges, the 27th inst., or as soon thereafter as may be convenient.

As the time is short circulars will not be sent to the churches, but pastor and others who read this are requested to take up the matter and see that the collection is taken. It is known that thus far the College has not received its proportion of the contributions of the year, and as several other objects have received special collections it is felt but fair that something special should be given to bring up the amount for "Acadia." The offerings can be sent to the Treasurer of Denominational Funds, designated for the College, so that each church can be duly credited with the same. By order of Committee. A. COHOON, Sec'y. Wolfville, N. S., Jan. 9th.

Notices.

The next Quarterly meeting of Pictou and Colchester Counties will be held at Brookfield, Feb. 1st and 2nd. Will churches whose pastors or other delegates cannot attend kindly send reports to the secretary to be read at the meeting. O. N. CHIPMAN, Sec'y.

Rev. D. G. McDonald's paper on "Baptist Principles; are they worth Defending?" is now passing through the press and will soon be ready for distribution. Any societies not reported in the Year Book may obtain their proportion of this address by sending the number of their membership and the name of their secretary to the undersigned. W. N. HUTCHINS, Canning, N. S.

The new Southampton Baptist Church will be dedicated to the Lord on Sunday, the 24th inst. Rev. Dr. Steele of Amherst will preach the sermon in the morning. We will have several addresses in the afternoon from different pastors in the county. We expect Rev. W. C. Vincent of Sackville to preach in the evening. At each of these services a collection will be taken to help pay the debt. The people have paid two-thirds of the debt, and, knowing their circumstances as I do, I feel safe in saying they have paid their share. For this reason I have written to the churches of the Convention asking them to send us \$1 (one dollar) at least. If all the churches respond our debt will disappear. The seats are to be free, and our aim is to have the church clear of debt on the day of opening. Kindly do all you can for us and help the weak to become strong. Several have responded already, and we shall acknowledge their donations at a later date. All are welcome on the 24th. WARREN H. MCLEOD, Pastor. Southampton, N. S., Jan. 11th.

St. John and Kings Counties Quarterly meeting will convene (D. V.) with the Tabernacle Baptist Church, St. John, on Friday, Jan. 29th, at 8 o'clock p. m. The opening sermon will be preached by Rev. Dr. Carey subject, Home Missions. The Quarterly sermon by S. D. Ervine, Rev.

Mr. McNeill, alternate. Will all the churches send representatives, also send names to Rev. E. K. Ganong, St. John. S. D. ERVINE, President.

January 7th.

The Cumberland County Conference of Baptist churches will convene with the church at Parrsboro on Jan. 26th and 27th. First meeting at 4 o'clock p. m. (about). At our last session there were only a very few present. Hope the pastors and laity will make an effort to be present at Parrsboro. Appoint your delegates and all attend. Bro. Howe and his church will be glad to see us, and the subjects to be considered will no doubt be helpful to all. J. L. MINER, Sec'y.

HEART FAILURE.

GREAT DANGER INVOLVED IN WEAK HEART ACTIONS.

The Trouble Can be Cured, and Mr. D. A. Bullock, of Georgeville, Points Out the Road in Renewed Health.

From the Magog Que., News.

Mr. D. A. Bullock, boatbuilder, of Georgeville, is well and favorably known to all the residents of that village. He has passed through a very trying illness from which his friends feared he could not recover, but he is once more happily enjoying good health. To a correspondent of the Magog News Mr. Bullock recently gave the particulars of his illness and cure, saying that he would be very glad if his experience would prove helpful in enabling someone else to regain health. He says:—"There is no doubt in my mind that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills brought me from the horrors of death to the glad cheerful world. Some years ago, owing to over work and trouble I was reduced to a weak state of health, wherein the heart failed to do its work properly, and not unnaturally the stomach became inactive. I had visits from three doctors, but without beneficial results. The medicine given by one of them caused a nervous shock that prostrated me for several weeks. The last one who treated me gave me a preparation of strychnine which upset my kidneys to such an extent that I was confined to the house and daily growing weaker. I had to keep stimulants constantly at my side to keep the heart at work, and even with this artificial aid its action was very faint. Then I began to try advertised medicines, but still without any good results. I lost strength, flesh and hope. I was obliged to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and that I had a box of them at my place of business, which had been lying there for more than a year. Without very much confidence in them I decided to give the pills a trial. The result I must confess seemed to be almost magical. I had not taken the Pink Pills long when I was able to rest in my chair and take good refreshing sleep, something that had not taken place for months before. From that day with the use of the Pink Pills I continued to gain in strength, and am today a strong and healthy man. I believe that even Pink Pills should be assisted in their good work on the system, and that assistance is exercise, and this exercise I took from the time I began to regain my strength. I have now every faith in this medicine and believe that if those who are sick will use it, health will be the reward. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills strike at the root of the disease, driving it from the system and restoring the patient to health and strength. In cases of paralysis, spinal troubles, locomotor staxia, sciatica, rheumatism, erysipelas, scrofulous troubles, etc., these pills are superior to all other treatment. They are also a specific for the troubles which make the lives of so many women a burden, and speedily restore the rich glow of health to the pale and sallow cheeks. Men broken down by overwork, worry or excesses, will find in Pink Pills a certain cure. Sold by all dealers, or sent by mail post-paid, at 50c a box, or six boxes for \$2.50 by addressing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brookville, Ont., or Schenectady, N. Y. Beware of imitations and substitutes alleged to be "just as good."

Ogilvie's Hungarian. Are you using this Flour in your home? If not, is there any reason? It will make more bread and better bread than any other known flour. At the first trial you may not get the "knack" of producing the best results, but it will come, and then you would use no other. It has the largest sale of any flour in Canada. My sales this year more than doubled those of last year, because housekeepers want the best and find it only in OGILVIE'S HUNGARIAN. J. S. HARDING, St. John, N. B., Agent for the Maritime Provinces.