

the power of conscience? What did they do? How do you understand Gen. 50: 15-20? What qualities of heart in Joseph does Gen. 50: 21 show? To what age did Joseph live? What premonition did he seem to have before he died? What promise did he exact of his brethren?

Review.—Examine Joseph's character, 1: As a son, showing his love, devotion and obedience to his father. 2: As a man of God, showing how his sense of God's presence inspired and sustained him all through his career, and noting his faith in God, fidelity toward God, endurance for God, e.g., patience under trial, purity amidst temptation, integrity in duty, etc. 3: As a statesman, e.g., his wise forethought, prudent management, just administration, etc. The whole story shows the wide diversity there is in human experience, and that the great promise of Jehovah is true, *Them that honor Me I will honor.* Suggested Scripture Lesson for your meeting, Acts 7: 1-19.—*ed.*

How the Pastor and the League Helped Each Other

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The part of the pastor is not without its roses. One of the most fragrant which I recently found at hand for my plucking and the beauty of which was an open delight, was the request I received from my Epworth League to perform a certain service for their benefit. What the League required of me cannot be said to be altogether unique, but it is not often solicited without suggestion, and it was the first time that the searching tentacles of desire for new and precious experiences have been met in my case with the like. Herein it was unique.

What did my Epworth League come asking at my hands, and which was as fragrant and delightful as the proffer of a bouquet of choice roses? They asked that I would prepare an examination for them on the first ten chapters of Matthew for their meeting two weeks hence! What did I answer them? "Why, certainly, with all my heart."

This was the plan. They chose sides from the membership of the League, having selected captains. Some members hesitated, and finally failed to take part. The majority, however, entered upon the task the League had set for them with intense, even enthusiastic, interest.

For the two weeks the Gospel according to Matthew was studied, especially the first ten chapters, by the contestants on both sides in a manner it had never been studied before. They read it individually. They studied it in groups. They met together, asking each other questions. They greeted each other on the streets, not saying "good morning," but asking, "How many chapters have you covered?" They hallooed from the highway, saying, "How goes it? I'm at the sixth," or "fourth," or "ninth."

The appointed evening came. There was the light of interest and expectancy on every face. The fact is there was a rich play of countenance that night. Nervous, quizzical, contemptuous, semi-doubtful, deprecatory, delighted, happy, happier, happiest. Refreshments are not needed to make things interesting with such a programme in progress.

The names were called. The sides were enrolled. They sat facing each other. After the manner of the old spelling match, the questions were put now to this side and now to that to the pleasure or discomfiture of either, and all according to the success of the response. Signs were lifted and sighs were allayed as the splendid business went on.

How did they do? First rate, surpris-

ingly so. Of course, one side got more points than the other. Everything of that sort works out that way. Though all run, but one obtains the prize. And one side proved better than the other, but by no means outclassed it. They did first rate.

The list of questions is herewith submitted. They may be suggestive to Leaguers, and lead them to say, "We could answer questions like those. Let's try it on the Gospel of Mark, or Luke, or John!"

QUESTIONS.

1. From whom does Matthew begin to trace the genealogy of Jesus?
2. Who is said to be descended from David—Joseph or Mary?
3. What divisions does Matthew make of the generations preceding Christ—and how many generations in each division?
4. Why was Jesus the son of Mary called Jesus?
5. Why was Jesus also called Immanuel?
6. Who received instructions as to the names the son of Mary should be called, and in what way?
7. Where was Jesus born and in whose reign?
8. What circumstances produced a great concern in the mind of Herod about the birth of Jesus?
9. What was that concern?
10. What did the wise men do when they reached Bethlehem?
11. Why was Jesus taken into Egypt?
12. What reason is given why He should be returned to the land of Israel?

NEW YEAR'S EVE!

Not what we've wrought, but what we've tried to do!

Thy judgment, Father, we would claim to-night.

The work was botched, but Thou alone dost know

How hard we tried; thou readest us aright.

Tears, and a smile! And smiling through our tears!

Forget, we can not, Father, pain and loss.

Our sweetest joys we've drunk from bitter cups;

We've learned the inner meaning of the Cross.

Upon Thy heart our weary heads we lay!

As little children spent with task and gloe

In holy twilight seek their mother's arms.

Without a fear, O God, we come to Thee!

The old is gone; we gird us for the new!

Since Thou hast proved us, we dare undertake

The untrodden way, the quest through good and ill,

O Master Christ, for Thy dear, holy sake:

—Rev. Osora S. Davis.

13. What reason does Matthew give for the fact that the parents of Jesus made their home at Nazareth?
14. What is the message that John the Baptist brought?
15. What prophet foretold the coming of John—and in what language?
16. What greeting did John give to the Pharisees and Sadducees?
17. What did he charge them to do?
18. What word does John say Jesus will bring?
19. What does Jesus request baptism from John—and why?
20. What did Jesus hear out of the heaven—baptism?
21. What does Matthew deal with in the first four chapters?
22. What was the first temptation of Jesus made its appeal?
23. What was the answer of Jesus as He resisted the temptation to satisfy His hunger?
24. Give the reply of Jesus to the second temptation?
25. And to the third?
26. What was the message of Jesus when He began to preach?
27. What call did Jesus make to Andrew and Peter?
28. Name the sons of Zebedee?
29. In what territory did Jesus begin His ministry and what was the nature of it?
30. In which chapter of Matthew is our Lord's prayer found?
31. To what considerations does Jesus refer those who are prone to anxiety?
32. To what are those likened who hear and do not the words of Jesus?
33. Quote a text that begins with "Ask"?
34. Quote four beads?
35. What great reason is given why men should love their enemies?
36. What are we warned against in prayer?

37. Why should treasure be laid up in heaven?

38. What two things are stated as being impossible in chapter six?

39. What is to be made the first business of life?

40. Why is it unwise to enter into judgment upon another?

41. What should one rather do who may be disposed to judge his neighbor?

42. Quote the Golden Rule?

43. What is the true test of the worth of men?

44. Whom did Jesus commend for his faith?

45. State the reasons for His commendation?

46. What relation of Peter was healed of a sickness and what was the nature of it?

47. What comparison did Jesus make by which His poverty is revealed?

Entire Surrender

When I was a minister in a Midland town in England, writes the Rev. F. B. Meyer, Hudson Taylor and two young students came into my life. I watched them. They had something I had not. I said to Charles Studd, "What is the difference between you and me? You seem so happy, and I somehow am in the trough of the wave." He said, "Have you given yourself right up to God?" I winced. I knew that if it came to that there was a point where I had been fighting my deepest convictions for months. I knelt in prayer.

My room and gave Christ the ring of my will with the keys on it, but kept one little key back, the key of a closet in my heart, in one back story in my heart. He said to me, "Are they all here?" And I said, "All but one." "What is that?" said He. "It is the key of a little cupboard," said I, "in which I have got something which I do not need to interfere with, for it is mine." Then, as He put the keys back into my hand, and seemed to be gliding away to the door, He said, "My child, if you cannot trust Me with all, you do not trust Me at all." I cried, "Stop!" and He seemed to come back; and holding the little key in my hand, in thought I said: "I cannot give it, but if Thou wilt take it Thou shalt have it." He took it, and within a month from that time He had cleared out that little cupboard of things which had been there for months.

Case for Works

A preacher tells this story against another member of the "cloth" who missed his train:

"I can scarcely believe it," he said. "I had such faith in this watch."

"Well, it seems to me," remarked his companion, "that this is a case for good works rather than for faith!"

LIVING QUESTIONS

What is the supreme purpose of evangelism? In what sense may "evangelism" be said to be "unchanged"? What is the one great central message of the evangelist? Who is a true evangelist? What method in reaching other people is the more likely to produce permanent good, public preaching or personal persuasion? Which is the easier method to follow? Why? What chief controlling motive should constrain the evangelist? If every Christian were truly moved by this motive, could he fail to do evangelistic work? What would result?