

hurt his brother's feeling with such a ghastly tale. There are times for all things, and besides, his friend was a vegetarian. It would not do to speak of diet when taste disagreed.

He turned to other subjects; if the Hares now associated with the Grays, or were they still the old high leapers and long-janks, changing their coats once in six months. This last as a compliment to present company.

But no, the rabbit said, the Hares still kept by themselves and moved in their own particular circle, especially when the hounds were on track.

In fact, they were the old-time high-steppers, generally on a jump, and kept themselves, secluded in swamps and damp places.

Having gone the round of common subjects, the fox now very suavely asked the rabbit to come and see him. The rabbit, flattered to the heart at such high courtesy, was just returning the compliment, when the bark of dogs was heard. It came nearer and nearer, and was now at the wall.

The rabbit crouched and trembled.

The fox sat high on his haunches and thought.

"This is very unfair of you, Mr. Fox! very unfair, and very wrong to bring all of this—your trouble—upon me!" said the frightened rabbit.

"It was the smell of your feet on the wet leaves that brought those awful—"

The deep bay of the foremost hound, not two feet away, closed the sentence.

"I know," answered the fox, in the lull outside, "but if you want the acquaintance of your betters as your equals, you must first be prepared to share their troubles and take their risks!"

The rabbit was saying he thought this unfair under the circumstances, and the fox was thinking out a wise, proper, most gracious and, on the whole, sufficiently foxy answer, when the rough voices of men were heard at the wall.

The fox and rabbit listened.

The men began to tear down the wall. At first they went the wrong way, and the fox laughed.

Then they turned, and the fox looked serious.

They came nearer.

They were now right over their heads. There was a dull, grating, shelling sound.

Only one more stone, the second stone above the binding, or underpinning stone, remained. Under this were the fox and rabbit. It was their arch of safety.

"I'll bet it's only a little, nasty gray rabbit!" said a voice.

"If I thought it was only a gray rabbit, and not a fox, I would never try to lift this stone," answered the second voice. Just then the red of a great hand showed itself under the corner of the stone.

"I'll poke with this stick!" said the first voice.

"Squel!" whispered the fox.

"Whee! whee! whee!" squealed the rabbit.

"Told you 'twas a rabbit," said the first voice.

"I'll give it up," answered the second voice.

"Come! Bence! come Beauty! come Bugle!" and whistling up the dogs, the voices grew faint.

The fox now began to loosen with his paw a small flat chink stone that was under the stone that arched over them.

"What are you doing?" asked the rabbit.

"Getting ready for breakfast," said the fox.

"Don't see anything to eat," remarked the rabbit.

"I do," said the fox, as he whetted his teeth upon the stone.

"What are you going to eat?" asked the rabbit.

"Rabbit!" answered the fox, with a leer, at the same time trying his teeth on a stick.

Once more the rabbit trembled.

"Where shall I begin?" asked the fox. "Have you any objections, Bob," he continued, "if I should first strike in right here?" and he put his forepaw playfully upon the neck of the rabbit. "Or shall my teeth first go into the round of the"—when one of the hunters, returning for his powder horn, stepped on the unchinked stone.

It trembled, slid and caught the fox by the tail, who howled in pain, and was thus discovered, captured and killed, while the rabbit crawled further into the wall.—Independent.

Some one may have somewhat against you, an old quarrel, or a fresh misunderstanding, and you are too proud to acknowledge your fault, or your share of it; or you are too timid or too idle to do so. When there are faults on both sides, it is often the one most in fault who is the least ready to forgive. Now do look into the matter, and see if you are truly "in love and charity with all men." Christ has said, "But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." There is no evading this. There is absolutely no forgiveness for you, if you do not forgive. And there is no use of one saying, "Well, I will forgive, but I can't forget!" You know quite well in your heart that the very tone in which you say that, shows that you are not really forgiving. Don't turn around fiercely and say, "But if I can't, I can't." Read Gen. 45, and see how Joseph forgave. Then look at the still greater example of perfect forgiveness—hear the smitten King in his lonely death-agony saying, "Father, forgive them! Oh, it is not hard to forgive anything when one looks away to the forgiveness of Jesus.—Frances Ridley Havergal.

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Prayer Meeting Topic.

B. Y. B. U. Topic.—Our Country for Christ, Psalm 33: 10-22.

Daily Bible Readings.

Monday, July 3.—Genesis 2. Origin of the breath of life. Compare Job 27: 3, 4.

Tuesday, July 4.—Genesis 3. The door of Hope, (vs. 15). Compare Gal. 4: 4, 5.

Wednesday, July 5.—Genesis 4. Our brother's keeper. Compare Luke 10: 27.

Thursday, July 6.—Genesis [5]; 6. Enoch walked with God. Compare Heb. 11: 5, 6.

Friday, July 7.—Genesis 7. Sin's certain end. Compare Ezek. 18: 20.

Saturday, July 8.—Genesis 8: 1; 9: 17. God's law for murder, (9: 6). Compare Matt. 26: 52.

Among the Societies.

WOLFVILLE, N. S.

The Wolfville B. Y. P. U. has been steadily pursuing its way since last reported in February. There is very little of the spasmodic in our society, and the devotional meetings have been well sustained. In the winter and spring the Union gladly gave place to the special services of the church, at which time much good was done and all were richly blessed. We have about completed our independent course of mission study, and the missionary meetings twice a month have been very interesting. Some of our subjects were "Heroism in Missions," "How the spread of the kingdom is affecting social and moral customs," "The South Sea Islanders and Jesus," etc. Each subject was treated by a series of five-minute papers on different phases of it. A few have taken the S. L. Course but the Union as a society has not taken it. We lose many warm friends in the class that has just graduated from Acadia, notably Mr. Irad Hardy and Mr. Jeremiah Clark. Since Mr. Clark joined us four years ago he has proved himself an untiring, studious, aggressive Christian worker. He is one of the few that have taken the S. L. Course from its very inception. Our motto is "Studemus servire"—"We study that we may serve," and we believe it is the motto of his life as much as any other is. God grant him a long life for his work among the Micmacs of this province.

June 19th.

H. H. CURRIE.

ISAAC'S HARBOR JUNIOR UNION.

Rev. G. A. Lawson the pastor of the First Baptist church of Isaac's Harbor organized the Junior Union June 6th. At our first meeting we had fifty members which was a very good beginning but before the end of the year we hope to increase our number. We intend meeting every Friday afternoon at four o'clock. The Union appointed Clare Giffin, president; Josie Cox, vice-president; Hallie McMillan, secretary; Allan McMillan, assistant secretary; Georgina Giffin, treasurer; Grace McMillan, finance treasurer; Edna Blakley, membership chairman; Lucetta Reid, devotional chairman; Willie Reid, missionary chairman; Othilda Myers, social chairman.

Yours sincerely,

HALLIE McMILLAN, Secretary of Junior Union.

June 14th.

Statistical Cards.

The following just to hand from the Maritime Secretary speaks for itself. The statistical cards sent out this year are rather misleading in regard to date. At the head we have "Statistical Reports for year ending June 30th, 1898." These are the cards printed last year. The date should have been changed. I received a card this morning and I know the statistics and information are wrong. Will you kindly call attention to the fact in MESSENGER AND VISITOR asking societies to give statistics for year ending June 30th, 1899. G. A. LAWSON, Secretary.

June 17.

Synopsis Itinerary of the Richmond '99 Trip.

Official Route for the Maritime Delegation.

MONDAY JULY 10TH.

Delegates will leave the Provinces Monday, July 10th, for Boston, going either by C. P. R. Express from St. John at 5.30 p. m., the I. S. S. Co's. Steamer "Cumberland," from St. John at 8.15 a. m., or the D. A. R.'s,

steamer from Yarmouth on arrival of Expresses from Halifax and Pubnico.

TUESDAY JULY 11TH.

Upon arrival in Boston on Tuesday a. m., the delegates will rendezvous at Young's Hotel. 12 noon, Luncheon at Youngs Hotel; 1 p. m., Visit Tremont Temple, New Law Courts, State House, New Shaw Monument, Soldiers Monument, Common, Public Gardens, Car ride to Back Bay Park, stopping if time permits at Trinity church, Museum of Natural History and Institute of Fine Arts. Return by New Subway to Hotel. 6 p. m., Leave Park Square Station for Fall River. 7 p. m., Leave Fall River via superb Sound Steamer for New York.

WEDNESDAY JULY 12TH.

7 a. m., Arrive at Pier 19, North River, New York. 7.30 a. m., Breakfast at the Grand Union Hotel. 8.30 a. m., Walk up 5th Avenue to Central Park, visiting St. Patrick's Cathedral, 5th Avenue Baptist church (where the Rockefellers worship) and viewing some of the finest residences in the city. Visit "the Zoo," the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Egyptian Obelisk, and Metropolitan Museum of Natural History. 12.30 p. m., Luncheon at Grand Union. 1.30 p. m., Ride on Elevated Ry. to City Hall Park, Visit Brooklyn Bridge, the World Building, from dome of which eighteen storeys high a splendid view of the city is obtained, Stock Exchange, Old Trinity church, and Castle Garden. If time permits a ride may be taken to Coney Island Beach or a sail to the Statue of Liberty on Bedloe's Island. 6 p. m., Supper at Grand Union. 7 p. m., Visit some of business portions of the city on Broadway, 5 Avenue, etc. 8.40 p. m., Leave West 23rd Street Station, taking Palace Sleeper for Richmond.

THURSDAY JULY 13TH.

8.40 a. m., Arrive in Richmond, and go to Maritime Headquarters.

Thursday
Friday
Saturday
Sunday

A the Ninth International B. Y. P. U. A. Convention, See Baptist Union of June 17th, for outline of Programme.

MONDAY JULY 17TH.

8.45 a. m., Leave Richmond for Washington. 12.45 p. m., Arrive in Washington. 1 p. m., Luncheon. 2 p. m., Visit Capital, Congressional Library, White House, Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Pension and Treasury Buildings, State, War, Navy, and Interior and Agricultural Departments. 6 p. m., Supper. 7 p. m., Go as you please.

TUESDAY, JULY 18TH.

7.30 a. m., Breakfast. 8.30 a. m., Visit, as time may permit, Post Office, Smithsonian Institute, National and Medical Museums, Fish Commission, Botanical Gardens, Washington Monument and Corcoran Art Gallery. 11 a. m., Board express for New York. 5.05 p. m., Arrive at West 23rd St. Station, New York. 5.30 p. m., Leave Pier 19, North River on Sound Steamer for Fall River, "Moonlight on the Sound."

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19TH.

5.48 a. m., arrive at Fall River. 7.15 a. m., arrive in Boston at Park Square Station. 7.30 a. m., Breakfast at Young's Hotel.

Delegates may take the first train or boat for home or may remain any length of time up to July 31st to "do Boston." Doubtless the majority will desire to remain over at least one day in order to visit some of the city's many points of interest, such as the Bunker Hill Monument, the Navy Yard, Mount Auburn Cemetery, Harvard University, etc., etc.

The I. S. S. Co. will issue tickets to Boston good for a 30 day's return to accredited delegates at one first class fare. The D. A. Ry. will issue tickets to Boston at one unlimited rate good for return until July 31st, and the C. P. R. will sell through tickets to Richmond for \$26.70 via Fall River or \$28 all rail good till July 31st. Return tickets from Boston to Richmond will be \$15.33. The total cost of trip will be within \$50 of an average from all points in the Maritime Provinces. For further particulars address, John Burr Morgan, Aylesford, N. S., Arthur C. Porter, Fredericton, N. B., or Ira J. Yoe, Charlottetown, P. E. I.

Meditation.

Did you ever think that the flower,
As it bends its beautiful head,
Must wonder why the winter comes,
Leaving it almost dead?

Did you ever think in lives of ours,
When snows of affliction come,
That our Father only sends us
For a time to our winter home?

But soon the springtime brightens,
And the flowers come again.
We, too, are nobler, better,
For wintry snows and rain.