

International Bridge.

AMIGARI, ONT., Feb. 22, 1894. Since publishing last November the account of the organization of a Y. P. S. C. E. in connection with the Church of Christ at International Bridge, I do not think you have heard very much from us, and yet we are an active, earnest, pushing Christian Endeavor Society. We are slowly adding to our numbers, at our last meeting five young ladies joined as associate members, and the Lookout Committee are working faithfully in many ways. We are glad indeed to see these young people coming into the society, and hope to see them advanced to the active members' list. Our total attendance for the month of January was 133, I think; the visitors numbering 56. We meet regularly after divine service each Lord's day at 4:30 p.m., and most of our meetings have been blessings that could be seen and felt; they are generally very interesting, and the members are quite free in taking part. On February 4th, Bro. R. B. Ray preached for us a missionary sermon, and the collection taken up at our meeting afterwards amounted to over three dollars, and in our mission treasury we now have a little over four dollars. On Tuesday, Feb. 27th, we hold a social, when we expect to have more funds for missions. The society has been asked for papers to be sent to needy points, and the secretary of the Missionary Committee has written Miss Rioch in Japan to find out how we can, with our limited means, aid the work. On March 11th, we hold our first missionary meeting, when we shall take up the subject of Japan. The work has been divided among some of the members who will deliver essays on the various phases of Japanese life, needs, etc.; others will take part in other ways. We are indebted to Miss Rioch, of Hamilton, and Mr. McPherson, of Guelph, for assistance in preparing this lesson. We have a business and social meeting the second Tuesday of every month, and enjoy a sociable time after our regular business is transacted. It brings our members into closer, social relationship with each other, and provides some amusement for the younger members—and old ones too. Miss R. House, of International Bridge, is still our energetic President; Miss Bella Hall, convener of the Missionary Committee, Miss T. Jackson of the Lookout, Miss C. M. Thompson, of the Prayer-meeting, and Mr. C. T. Nettle, of the Temperance Committee. We would at any time be glad to hear from all other Societies of C. E., and will be glad to give any information in regard to the working of our society, membership, etc. We would be glad to have any visitors in the village to make themselves known, and attend our meetings if possible. We may from time to time write again Yours, A. H. COWHERD, Sec'y and Cor. Sec'y, Amigari, Ont.

Children's Work.

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Jimmie State, and the Little Bird's Prophecy

BY AGNES. CHAPTER VIII.

"He never looked like that before. What does he see that he smiles at?" Jimmie asked the minister with unconscious pathos. "God knows," the minister answered gravely.

"I meant to get rich," said Jimmie, with tears in his eyes. "I meant to work hard and get so rich; then he wouldn't have to bother about things not getting paid. But I can't get rich till I'm a man, and I'm only ten, and it's a long time to wait!" Mr. Hastings sat down and drew a chair up near his own. "Sit down, Jimmie," he said, "and I'll tell you how to get rich before you are a man." Jimmie sat down and looked up with eager expectation. "Long ago," began Mr. Hastings, "the Man, Christ Jesus, preached a sermon to a company of people. Some of these people wanted to know how to get rich, as well as you. Some of them would be content to know they were always sure of food and clothes. Christ told them they might always be sure of that, and in addition to that He told them how they might get very rich. "Heaven is a kind of bank where you may deposit many other things beside money. Even a drink of cold water given kindly to one who is thirsty is recorded in the books and receives interest. You get interest here and you will get compound interest on your deposit by-and-by. Do you know what I mean by interest?" "Yes, I know about interest. When you borrow money you've got to pay that all back, and more, too; the 'more, too,' is the interest," said Jimmie, with a little laugh. "Yes, that is interest. In God's bank every act and word and thought are deposits, and receive interest. So in this great sermon I spoke of, Christ tells us to lay treasures up in heaven. No harm can come to them there, and we will think about them, we cannot help it. Your name is on the books, but you must see to it that your deposits are the sort to draw the right kind of interest. An oath, a wicked thought or deed, draw interest as well as love and helpfulness. God is the manager of this bank. He is just, and every one gets his interest to the last cent. "The words Christ spoke to the multitude that day are intended for us to-day. Long years before Christ came, His Father had promised His people that if they truly sought Him with all their hearts they would surely find Him—a promise He has made over and over again. Christ renewed this promise for His Father. He told the people that nothing could happen to a little bird but God knew all about it; and He planted and cared for the flowers that grew by the road. And He asked them if they really thought God could forget them when He remembered the birds and the flowers! No, God never forgets. We cannot know how great value we are in His eyes; we only know that He loved us before we loved Him; loved us so dearly, so mightily, that He gave up His most precious possession, His one only Son, and sent Him down here to bear agony of mind that only a God can suffer, all for us." Mr. Hastings' voice thrilled and broke; he got out his pocket Testament and turned the leaves. "See here," he said, "here is Christ's promise made again for His Father, read it with me. 'Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things,' that is, needful things, food and clothes, 'shall be,' notice it, 'shall be,' there is no doubt about that, 'shall be added unto you.'" Jimmie looked very thoughtful. "I wonder if father ever tried that way of getting rich." As this was obviously a thought spoken aloud, Mr. Hastings did not reply. "I made up my mind," Jimmie continued, "when I started in to get rich never to fool any one out of a cent, let alone a dollar, for its easier to fool

folks out of big money than little. I might do both things at wunst, couldn't I? I mean being kind and all that as well as being honest." It was plainly to be seen that Jimmie's first intention was not shaken by a latter resolve, the thing was then to direct it aright. "It is not wrong to make money if it is honorably done," said Mr. Hastings slowly, with an earnest prayer for the right word in his heart. "It all depends on the heart. Your heart is where your treasure is; that is, you cannot help thinking about it. The trouble with dollars and cents is that men set their hearts on them and forget all about the more important things that God treasures up for us in heaven." "I see," said Jimmie, "the money must come last." "That's it, that's the idea," said Mr. Hastings. "Well, I said I'd do it and so I will," said Jimmie, standing up to give emphasis to his words. "Amen!" said Mr. Hastings, solemnly, taking the boy's hand. "You will find that God will keep His part of the bargain. Give Him His dues and He will give you good measure, pressed down, heaped up and running over; blessings so great that the very heavens cannot contain it." "Does he?" asked Jimmie, struck by the measure, thinking of his last summer's work. "Then that's the kind of measure I've got to give. I—I—well, I first gave it level full, you know." Mr. Hastings smiled as he answered, "Scripture says, 'Those who sow sparingly shall reap sparingly.' I suppose I may say, those who give sparingly shall receive sparingly." (To be continued.)

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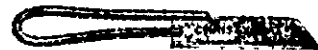
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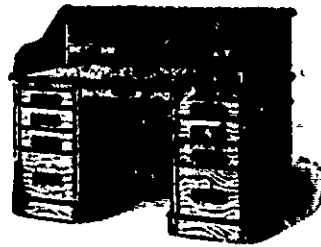
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