

The Other Side.

A gentleman once said to us, "I do not favor prohibiting the sale of liquor; it would be an injustice to the men in business; besides, it would throw thousands out of employment."

We replied: "You do not look at the issue from the right side. You take a contractor's view."

"Just before the war closed a government contractor said, in a car, 'I hope the war will not close under two years. I will lose thousands of dollars; besides, many men will be turned out of employment from the government works.'"

"A lady passenger, clad in weeds of mourning, rose to her feet, and with tearful voice said, 'Sir, I have a brave boy and husband sleeping the sleep of death in a soldier's cemetery. I have only one boy left, and he is in front of the foe. Oh, God! I wish the cruel war would close now.'"

He saw the point. Do you?

It may be your boy or girl that will fall the next victim to the drink "industry" (?)

Would you consider the "trade" worthy of such a price? If not, for your own sake, and for the sake of other fathers and mothers, stop the murderous traffic.

Two Cases of Starvation.

An ex-Sheriff in Georgia, who had killed a man four days before at a barbecue and was charged with murder, was found unconscious in a grove of pines and died in half an hour. He had been in hiding there and without food. The same day a woman died near Middleboro, Ky. For fifty-five days nothing but water had passed her lips. Two months ago her husband had deserted her, and she had vowed that she would eat no food till he returned. This he did not do. Hearing of her death he went to the funeral. Will and hope kept this woman alive; guilt and fear killed the other. A man or woman well and well nurtured, if kept warm, quiet and cheerful, in pure air and supplied with water, will live more than ten days, and with a strong purpose, longer. In exposure, under strong fear, the same person will die without food in a third of the time.—Christian Advocate.

An Electrified Bridge.

During a storm in Chicago there was a remarkable display of lightning. One effect was to charge the iron structure of the swing-bridge over the river at Harrison street. This bridge is electrically connected with the return circuit of an electric railway line, and this connection seemed to short-circuit the electricity of the air. A driver urged his horse out upon the bridge in spite of the blue flames that were playing along the iron rods. The animal was hardly upon the structure before the electricity leaped up through the iron calks of its shoes and it went down in a heap, stone dead.—West. Elect.

Simple Insomnia Cure.

Nature's plan for curing insomnia, says the Indian Clinic, is to limit the supply of oxygen to the blood, as the cat and dog bury their noses in some soft hollow in their hair or fur, birds put their heads under their wings, and soon fall asleep. Those suffering from insomnia should cover their heads with the bedclothes, breathe and rebreath the only the respired air; when drowsiness is produced it is easy to go on sleeping, the bed covering will be pushed aside, and as much fresh air obtained as is needed.—Popular Science News.

In France, some of the hospitals for infectious diseases are furnished with telephones, so that the sick may converse with their friends without danger of communicating disease.

An American naval officer says, according to the Argonaut, that once when a great function took place in the harbor of Cherbourg, France, several vessels of our Atlantic squadron were present, and were drawn up in line to salute the yacht of the empress as it passed. The French sailors, manned the yards of their ships, and shouted, "Vive l'Impératrice!" Knowing that he could not school his men to repeat those words in the brief time left to him, the American admiral ordered his crew to cry, "Beef, lemons and cheese!" The Imperial yacht came sweeping on, and as it reached the fleet, a mighty roar went up, of "Beef, lemons and cheese!" the entirely drowned the voices of the Frenchmen. And the empress said she had never been so complimented. Is this a roaring farce, or does it suggest a mnemonic system for learning French.

The Young People

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Prayer Meeting Topic for October.

C. E. Topic.—Enduring hardship for Christ's sake. Heb. 12: 1-13.

We are informed by Secretary Estabrooks that Dr. Chivers plans to visit the Province again next summer. He will then make a tour of the three Provinces holding rallies at such places as will be determined by the Executive, attending Provincial B. Y. P. U., as he did this year. The Dr. may be sure of an all round welcome.

Prayer Meeting Topic.

Oct. 10. "Exalting the Name of Christ." Scripture, Acts 4: 5-12. Peter and John exalted the name of Christ.

1. By showing Christ-like sympathy toward a poor cripple.

2. By invoking Christ's power for his help.

3. By preaching Christ's gospel to the multitude whom the miracle called together.

4. By boldly testifying before the rulers after a night in prison to the resurrection of Christ and the potency of Christ's name.

5. By proclaiming Christ as the only Saviour of men.

We see then that they exalted Christ's life both by word and deed, and this they were able to do.

6. By being filled with the Holy Ghost. J. D. F.

Those Leaflets!

The Baptist Union of Sep. 25th, contains the following paragraph on its editorial page.

AN EXPERIMENT.

The suggestion has come from various sources that our educational work might be indefinitely extended by the publication of our Christian Culture Courses in leaflet form. For obvious reasons there has been a hesitancy to act upon this suggestion. At the last meeting of the Executive Committee it was decided to make an experiment. A four-page leaflet will be issued monthly during the study period of 1897-98, containing a syllabus of the lessons in the Christian Culture Courses. It will give a carefully prepared analysis of the lessons, with references to the literature to be consulted. The use of this will enable students to pursue intelligently the class work, while those who desire to avail themselves of all the material so liberally provided in The Baptist Union will still turn to its columns.

This is not all that we asked for, but more than we ventured to hope for. These leaflets will certainly prove of great value. Let every leader make the most of this new help.

Report.

A large number of C. C. classes are now being organized throughout the provinces. Let us get into touch with each other! It would be a fine thing to have a word from each class as it is formed. Write on a post card, giving date of formation of class, name of leader, number of students, time and place of meeting. We look for a shower of post cards for next week's column.

Brushed Aside.

Two weeks ago "our institutions at Wolfville" had the right of way in the MESSENGER AND VISITOR and we were brushed aside. We do not complain. Acadia's claims are large. She has been the making of the denomination. She has no more loyal friend than the B. Y. P. U. We would assure President Trotter through our own column that we are with him in this "Forward Movement." The Acadia special was a fine number, informing and stimulating. It would be well if brethren in the towns and cities should make it their business to see that a synopsis or summary of the information imparted in that issue, appears in the daily and weekly papers throughout the provinces. Here is an opportunity for service.

A New Junior Union.

Our Pastor Rev. J. R. White, organized a Junior Union, of twenty-eight members, on Sept. 11th at Fairville, N. B. The Union has since grown to thirty-seven members. The following are the officers: Superintendent, Miss Annie Jewett; President, Alma McKennie; Vice President, Boyd Allen; Secretary, Clara Gray; Treasurer, Willard Fowler. Dear young juniors pray for our Union and its officers.

CLARA GRAY, Secretary.

Our Union has again taken up the S. L. C. work under the leadership of our pastor. The course of last year proved so helpful, to so many, that the union unanimously requested the pastor to take up the studies this year after the same manner. We have all present in the class. After a short social service of fifteen or twenty minutes, we then take up the lesson for forty-five minutes. We had our first lesson on Tuesday evening, Sept. 28th. We are expecting to have a good and profitable time.

Mrs. W. R. GRANT, Sec'y.

Why I Am a Baptist.

(Written for The Chattanooga Times.)

1. Two hundred and fifty-three years ago William Witter was brought before the Salem court, in the Massachusetts colony, charged with declaring infant baptism sinful. Later at his house Obadiah Holmes held a Baptist meeting, for which offense Holmes was sentenced to pay a fine of £30 and to be publicly whipped. Generations afterward the Baptist blood which came from William Witter was a stronger current in Rachel Witter, my mother, than the Presbyterian blood which flowed through several generations of Wallaces from the days of the Covenanters. Therefore my mind in childhood was predisposed toward the Baptist position.

2. When I was converted the arguments contained in the books lent to the young school teacher by the Methodist minister of the village were not sufficient to overcome my early bent. Therefore, I united with a Baptist church in an adjoining community.

3. Since then my conviction has grown that in the Godhead there are three persons; that Jesus Christ died in man's stead; that the Bible is absolutely authoritative that the church, as a spiritual body, has no right to be in an organic relation to the states; that only regenerate persons should be members of the church; that no church is required to be in subjection to any ecclesiastical power outside of itself; that in the New Testament baptism is shown to be an ordinance for believers only and that immersion alone is baptism; and that each man has a right to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience, without interference from the state or from any other body. The Baptists are trinitarians; they believe in the atonement; they accept the Bible as the only authoritative creed; they believe in the separation of church and state; they believe in a regenerate church membership; they believe in the independency of the local church; they believe that only believers should be baptized and that immersion is the only baptism of which the New Testament speaks; believe in soul liberty. Therefore, I am a Baptist.

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Mrs. Frances C. Williams sends the following verses. Can any one furnish the name of the writer and the title of the poem?

There's many a trouble
Would break like a bubble,
And into the waters of Lethe depart,
Did we not rehearse it,
And tenderly nurse it,
And give it a permanent place in the heart.

There's many a sorrow
Would vanish to-morrow,
Were we but willing to furnish the wings;
So sadly intruding
And quietly brooding,
It hatches out all sorts of horrible things!

How welcome the seeming
Of looks that are beaming,
Whether one's wealthy or whether one's poor!
Eyes bright as a berry—
Cheeks red as a cherry—
The groan and the curse and the headache can cure.

Resolve to be merry,
All worry to ferry
Across the famed waters that bid us forget,
And, no longer fearful,
Be happy and cheerful—
We feel life has much that's worth living for yet.

Electricity From Refuse.

The works established by the municipality of Shore-ditch, London, are designed to destroy the local refuse, generate electric light and supply hot water to the public baths and laundries. Carts will convey the street, trade, and household refuse to the works, which will consume yearly twenty thousand tons of refuse hitherto carried to barges and dumped into the sea at great expense.—Sun.