

THE CHRISTIAN'S ARMOR

A Program for Young People's Meetings

By Miss Annie Chrossfield

A ten-minute prayer service just before the meeting begins.

A song service. The call to service by the leader who says, "Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous."

Response: "For the word of the Lord is right and all his works are done in truth."

(This response should be copied on small pieces of paper and passed to each one before the meeting begins.)

Prayer. Singing: "My Soul Be on Thy Guard."

The leader announces the topic for the evening and reads Ephesians 6:10-18.

A talk by the leader. Prayer by the leader. Singing: "The Son of God Goes Forth to War."

Discussion. The Devil's Wiles. Sin's Darts. The Christian's Sword. The Christian's Shield. The Whole Armor.

1. What do we mean by the Devil's wiles? 2. Name some of sin's darts. 3. Tell about the Christian's sword and how it helps.

4. Why do Christians need the shield of faith? 5. What do we mean by the whole armor of God?

Prayer: "Strong Son of God, help us to be true soldiers for Thee in life's great battle for thine own glory. Amen."

Singing: "Stand Up for Jesus." Reports from committees. Offering.

Report of Secretary. Singing: "I Would Be True." Benediction.

The Leader's Talk. Long ago men fought with clubs, axes, swords and bows and arrows.

Soldiers wore heavy suits of thick, padded cloth to protect themselves. They wore head pieces of iron.

They wore iron pieces over their chests called breastplates. They wore a wide piece of iron which was held so as to catch the blows from clubs or axes.

and the darts which were small arrows generally poisoned and shot from bows. We can see how necessary it was for the soldier going to battle to have on this suit or armor as it was called.

Without this armor the soldier had no chance in a fight.

In the verses read this evening Paul is asking the Christian to put on the gospel armor that he might be able to stand against the wiles of the Devil.

The Christian must have on the breastplate of righteousness. He needs the shield of faith, the sword of the Spirit and prayer.

The Devil's Wiles. When we speak of the Devil's wiles we mean his deceitful tricks, cunning plans and temptations he uses against the Christian.

The Devil's plans look so successful that it seems foolish not to accept them. "This is the easiest way for you."

"Here is how you can get something for yourself." "Just look how well Mr. A or Miss B is making it.

You can do as well as they." So the Devil whispers and smiles and bows and we forget he is our soul's enemy and is tempting us to eternal death and woe.

We listen to him and become liars, thieves, gamblers, whiskey drinkers, immoral, Godless people. We see we have gone wrong but we cover it up by being hard or being hypocrites.

May God help us to stand against the wiles of the Devil.

Sin's Darts. The 6th chapter of Ephesians speaks of our need of the gospel armor in order to quench the fiery darts of the Devil.

To be scorned, hated, laughed at, trampled down by the wicked, to know disappointment, lack of appreciation, ingratitude, heartache, are not these some of the Devil's darts that he lets fly at the Christian?

And how they hurt. There is pain in having those we have loved and prayed for show that they do not care. Sometimes one of whom we have had high hopes fails and

it is hard to be true and brave and keep on working. Surely we need the shield of faith. Nothing else can help us when these fiery darts fly at us.

The Christian's Sword. A sword is a weapon which will cut. It has been used for many ages but has not been used as much in late wars as it was hundreds of years ago.

Then a soldier was helpless without his sword. The Bible, God's Word, is called the sword of the Spirit.

It cuts sin. It gives us strength to fight life's battles. It causes us to look up and remember that God cares for us and that He is never far away.

It causes us to remember that Jesus is our Captain and we can't lose. It helps us to pray. It helps us to be honest, truthful and clean.

It helps us to forgive those who mistreat us. It makes us sing and be happy even though things do not go well, because we know of Jesus who loves us and of the beautiful home He has prepared for us.

The Christian's Shield. The shield was a flat piece of iron held in the hand in such a way as to protect the body from danger by poisoned darts and arrows or by blows from clubs or axes.

The Christian soldier is often in danger of sin and he needs the shield of faith. We must have faith to do great things for God.

When we have tried and failed we need faith. When we are tired, discouraged, sick and tempted and disappointed we need faith. We need to believe in God and His love and pity for us.

We should be brave when we have the shield of faith to protect us from the evils of life.

The Whole Armor. Each Christian should put on the whole armor of God. The fight against sin is a fierce one.

The Devil is a skillful enemy. He knows how to fight the Christian. If the Christian does not have on the whole armor of God, he cannot stand.

Some try to fight sin with only a part of the armor on. They try prayer but no Bible reading, or perhaps Bible reading but no church attendance; faith in God but no obedience to God.

But when the battle goes hard such Christians will surely fail. Paul had been in many hard places, therefore, he advised us to put on the whole gospel armor. Do not leave off any part.

SWIFT MEMORIAL COLLEGE NEWS ITEMS. The Campfire Girls' organization is carrying out a splendid program this year.

The members are finding self-expression in art, handicraft, thrift, and an appreciation of the out-of-doors. The program has been planned to harmonize with the motto of this organization which is expressed in the word "Isun," and to conform to its law which contains the following seven points:

(1) Seek Beauty; (2) Give Service; (3) Pursue Knowledge; (4) Be Trustworthy; (5) Hold on to Health; (6) Glorify Work; (7) Be Happy. The club also sponsors a very inspiring "Sunrise Program" each Sunday morning.

Miss Williams, of the Music Department, has organized the following singing aggregations: a mixed quartet, a mixed sextet, a male quartet, and a Girls' Glee Club. These groups of singers are engaged in intensive practice and will appear soon in concert programs.

They are also looking forward to many traveling engagements. Judging from the enviable record made by last year's Troupe of Singers under the direction of Miss Williams, a very successful season is anticipated.

The Y. M. C. A. and the Christian Endeavor Society discussed "World Peace" as their topic on Sunday, November 8. The discussions gave evidence that the members of these organizations have sensed the serious dangers involved in the present world conditions, and have realized the urgency of their responsibility to contribute their quota in insuring the success of the universal peace movement.

The Swift foot ball team won the "blue ribbon" of foot

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NEWS FROM SPENCER, VA.

It has been a good while since you have heard from us but we are still alive. Our church work moved along nicely during the past summer. We have Christian Endeavor ones every month. The meetings are very inspiring and helpful and are enjoyed by every one who attends.

Misses Alice, Eva and Vergie Mitchell, Paulina and Helen Spencer and Mr. George B. Mitchell motored to Lover's Leap, Va., and Pilot Mountain, N. C., a few weeks ago.

Miss Helen T. Spencer recently returned to her work at Leaksville, N. C. She is the sewing teacher in Springfield Institute, there.

Miss Paulina Spencer is attending high school this term in Martinsville, Va. Miss Helen T. Spencer spent the week-end with her parents here last week.

Mr. C. C. Spencer and daughter, Helen and Paulina, and Mr. G. B. Mitchell attended services at Grace Presbyterian church, Martinsville, Va., Sunday morning where Miss Paulina was baptized. They were the guests of Mrs. Rosa Hairston in Martinsville Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Spencer announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Jeannette, to Mr. Henry F. Arnold, Jr., of St. Louis, Mo., where they will live for the present. Mr. Arnold is a graduate from Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Ala.

Miss Letitia Finney returned to Ingleside Seminary, Burkeville, Va., the first of September where she is continuing her high school course. Miss Edna T. Smith is attending high school in Martinsville, Va., this term.

A MEMBER.

BRAINERD

(Continued from page 1) Department, and the young men in the Manual Training Department. Both booths evoked praiseworthy expressions as to quality and merit by those who inspected the articles on exhibition. The judges rendered a final decision and marked both booths "Wen First Prize."

THE STADIUM FUND

The following is a list of the persons who have paid on or subscribed to the Stadium project at Johnson C. Smith University:

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BETHPAGE CHURCH NOTES

By Miss Mary Bethel-Cowan

Sunday, November 1st, was observed as rally day in our church. The services were marked by inspiring music and two notable discourses. At the morning service our pastor, Dr. L. J. Melton, delivered a very interesting and uplifting sermon.

In the afternoon we were delighted to have with us Rev. Carson and his choir of Kanopolis. Rev. Carson delivered some very helpful remarks and the choir rendered very excellent music. The offering for the day amounted to \$115.62.

On November 4th our community was saddened by the passing of Mrs. Amanda Adams. Mrs. Adams had been in declining health for some time. The funeral services were held Thursday afternoon, November 5th, at Bethpage church, conducted by her pastor, Dr. Melton, assisted by Rev. B. A. Crawford. The interment was in the church cemetery. She leaves a husband, father, mother, two sisters, eight brothers and a host of friends. She will be greatly missed.

Sunday morning, November 5th, Dr. L. J. Melton preached a very interesting sermon from the 19th Psalm. Visitors in our church Sunday were Mr. Julius Lytle, of Cedar Grove church, and Mrs. Sarah Willie Ramsey, of Hickory. Mrs. Ramsey gave some very helpful remarks at the Young People's hour.

On the second Sunday night in December a play entitled "The Ten Virgins" will be presented by the Young People's League. Mrs. Bessie Fisher and daughters, Misses Queenie Mae and Helen, motored to Hickory last Sunday and spent the day with friends.

Miss Willie Mae Brawley returned to her home Monday after spending the past week in Greensboro, N. C. Mr. Robert Witherspoon of High Point, spent a few days recently with his mother, Mrs. Bessie Witherspoon. Mrs. Roxie Brawley spent last week in Greensboro, the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Creola Allen.

CHURCH STREET.

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the belief, "In time of peace prepare for war." On last Sunday afternoon Rev. Johnson preached to the satisfaction of his hearers at the Westminster church, Concord. Our choir sang. A good many members of Church St. church outside of the choir went along with the pastor to Concord. Dr. Wilson is doing a great work at Concord in putting over the program of our great Church. Every one seems to be rallying to his cause. May he live long to continue this great work.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving remembrance of our dear father, Henry Kearns, who departed this life one year ago, June 28, 1930. "Just a line of sweet remembrance, Just a memory fond and true; Just a token of love's devotion, For our hearts still long for you. Never shall we cease to love him, Never shall his memory fade; Sweetest love forever lingers Around his sweet and peaceful grave.

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