

**FAITHFUL IN SMALL THINGS**

A Program for Young People's Meeting

By Miss Annie Christfield

A prayer service of ten minutes by the prayer committee the leader and all the officers of the society.

Singing or other music for ten minutes.

The leader's opening words: "The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field."

Response: "Which indeed is the least of all seeds; but when it is grown it is the greatest among herbs."

(Make several copies of this response that all may read it.)

Prayer.

Announcement of the topic and Bible reading from St. Luke 16:1-12.

The leader's message.

Prayer by the leader.

Singing: "Saviour, Teach Me Day by Day."

Discussion of the topic.

James Houston and the Small Things.

Walter Perry and the Small Things.

Jennie Lincoln and the Small Things.

Miss Murray and the Small Things.

1. Tell some ways in which small things are important.

2. Name some small habits that largely influence us.

3. Why did the boys like James Houston?

4. Name some small courtesies that make you feel welcome in a strange church.

5. Tell about Walter Perry and how small habits influenced his life.

6. Tell about some thing that helped Jennie Lincoln to be successful.

7. Why did Miss Murray succeed?

8. Name some things that might be done to make our society better.

9. What can a young Christian do to make the Christian life attractive to other young Christians?

Prayer: Help us, O God, not to despise small things; to remember that Thou hast promised to bless those who are faithful in that which is least Amen.

Singing: "There Were Ninety and Nine."

Report from committees. Offering and prayer.

Singing: "Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us."

Report of the Secretary. Benediction.

The Leader's Message

Small things! How often we fail to realize the importance of small things! How great is their power to bring us good or evil! The doctor gives us a small amount of medicine and we are well again. It may have been only a few days.

Some one takes a little poison only a few drops, perhaps, but the person dies. Often there is great power in small things and tremendous results come according to the way we have handled the small things in our hands. We are likely to underestimate the value of small things and become careless about them. "It can't amount to much," we say. We forget our childhood verse:

"Little drops of water,  
Little grains of sand,  
Make the mighty ocean,  
And the pleasant land."

The little habits we formed day by day as we grew have caused us to become strong Christian young people or weaklings; and the things we do and think each day will continue to mightily influence our lives. Let us be careful about the small things we do or leave undone.

James Houston and the Small Things

Nat Clemson and Horace Moore stood on the steps of Horace's home. James Houston passed by. He was on a truck with Bill Gardner. James waved his hand as he passed, bowing and smiling at the boys. "That's James Houston," remarked Nat.

"I know him," replied Horace. "Not that I like to go to church so much but James is so friendly. I just went because he asked me to go."

"He has asked me, too, several times," said Nat. "I have not been yet."

"You ought to go," answered

Horace. "I am going back there myself. They are nice to you—give you fans, books and all like that. Shake hands with you and ask you to come again."

"Think I'll go, too," replied Nat. "I like James. He is friendly."

Do you see him on that truck with Bill? He is going to help Bill lift that flour, feed, and heavy stuff, and James does not get a cent for it. He just does it because Bill has been sick."

"That is nice, all right," answered Horace. "Wonder what makes him like that?"

"Well, James is a church fellow, you know," replied Nat.

Walter Perry and the Small Things

Walter Perry, a young man of eighteen years, had a sullen look on his downward face as he followed his father into the room where his mother was.

"Well, I am glad you brought him back home," said the mother.

"I don't know whether I should have or not," said the father, in angry tones. "It cost me one hundred and twenty dollars. The next time you break into a store and steal a suit of clothes you may go to the road. This is my last time to pay you off," and the disgusted man left the house.

"I am not going to stay here. I am going off somewhere," said Walter.

"There is no money to send you anywhere," replied his mother.

"Well, I can hobo my way," answered Walter, as he, too, left the room.

Tears fell down Mrs. Perry's cheeks as she bent over her sewing. She remembered how when Walter was a small boy he would steal cake and other sweet things. Then it was pencils, tablets and toys from his playmates. Her own pennies and dimes would disappear if she did not hide them, but these had been small things. She had not dreamed he would keep it up, and now—the future looked dark.

Jennie Lincoln and the Small Things

"I owe you a nickel, don't you remember? I was in here yesterday and the steak came to thirty cents. I just paid a quarter and you told me I could bring you the nickel and I thank you."

Jennie Lincoln, a trim young woman of twenty, walked out of the market. At the next place where she bought horse the girl at the counter gave her a dime too much in change which Jennie, smilingly returned. It was a year afterwards that a salesman gave her two counterpanes when she had only paid for one.

"I am a Christian. I could not steal a counterpane and feel right about it," Jennie replied as she prepared to return the article. No wonder she had the name of being honest, straight-trustworthy. That is why when she took a place as house girl she received fifteen dollars a week with half pay during her vacation. That is why her recommendation would place other girls in good places. Sincere, honest, kind, polite, it was these things which caused Jennie Lincoln to develop a great character.

Miss Murray and the Small Things

Mrs. Wiseman passed as she was about to enter Miss Murray's car. There was the pretty little church so immaculately white and the nice, four room school building just as white as the church. The shrubbery, the white, sandy yard, and in the back ground the dark, green foliage of pine and cedar trees.

"How in the world did you manage to do this in such a backward, out of the way place?" she asked as she took her seat beside Miss Murray. There were years of small things when I had to be brave and faithful in so many little things as being kind and polite to parents and children, attending the church, teaching a Sunday school class, visiting the homes, helping with parties and many other things," replied Miss Murray. "Then I did my best in the shabby one room school building. I think I learned faithfulness and patience in dealing with small things from my mother, who was a seamstress. She was always so careful to sew on buttons, eyelets and hooks, in making neat button holes, taking out basting threads, etc. As I helped her

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taught "The Meaning of Church Membership." The Conference adjourned on the 12th of July at 3 P. M. to meet at Fee Community Center next July. Plans are under way to have a cooperative conference between the Disciples of Christ and the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., in Kentucky next year. Let us look forward to this great meeting of young people. W. T. BYRD, Director. Fee Community Center, Nicholasville, Ky.

**SOUTHERN VA. SCHOOL OF METHODS** On August 4th the young people and adults of Southern Virginia met at Ingleside-Fee Institute, Burkeville, Va. Of all the schools of methods held by Southern Virginia Presbyterian one can probably say that this was the greatest. Delegates were present from various points. The reports were good and the enthusiasm high. One was assured of the future of Southern Virginia Presbyterian as he looked upon that great group of young people. Rev. Leslie A. Taylor, of Plainfield, N. J., spoke each evening at the vesper services. Rev. Taylor took as his general theme: "Christian Youth Building: New World." Through these messages Rev. Taylor challenged youth to "Live Creatively."

The Convention closed Friday night with a program by the young people. Many delegates expressed themselves as to how the Convention was enjoyed. We are looking to return next year to a bigger and better convention. We must thank our missionary, Mr. S. L. Young, for his hard work to give us such a convention. A goodly number of our people are going to the Synodical Conference at Mary Potter. SAMUEL G. STEVENS.

ternoon, at 8 o'clock, theme, "The Christ We Forget." Is. 53:5. Sunday evening, 8 o'clock, theme, "The Final Judgment," Matt. 25:31-46. This meeting was a success and helpful to every one who took it in and was enjoyed by all.

Visitors during the week were Mrs. Susan Knox, of High Point, sister of Mrs. C. A. Rankin; Mr. Willie Rankin, of Pittsburgh, Pa., brother of Mr. F. E. Rankin, and Mrs. Mattie Houston. We were glad to have them. We were also glad to have the friends from the Methodist and Baptist churches.

The death angel came and took one of the oldest members of our church, Mrs. Sarah Jane Goodman, who departed this life July 20th, aged 85 years. She was a faithful member of Mount Tabor church and a "mother" of the Missionary Society.

She was the mother of ten children, four of whom are deceased. She leaves to mourn her loss four daughters, Mrs. Alice Bradshaw, of Whitwell, W. Va.; Mrs. Bertha V. Goodman Cowan and Mrs. Annie Faggut, both of Cleveland, N. C.; Mrs. Ada Gray, of the home place; and two sons, Mr. C. A. Goodman, of Anny Hill, and Mr. W. J. A. Goodman, of Mooresville. There are twenty-one grandchildren and six great grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

On the sick list is Mrs. Cecile Goodman, wife of Mr. C. A. Goodman. We are praying for her recovery.

Our Sunday school is moving along nicely under the superintendency of Mr. M. F. Cowan; also the Missionary Society, the Christian Endeavor and the Y. M. Bible class.

The delegates to the Junior School of Methods, are Miss Mary White, Miss Mae B. Cowan and Mr. William Cowan, Jr.

**FEE COMMUNITY CENTER,  
NICHOLASVILLE, KY.**

The Youth Conference under the auspices of the United Christian Mission Society, Department of Religious Education of the Disciples of Christ, held its annual meeting at Fee Community Center, July 6-12.

The Conference was composed of 48 representatives from 14 denominations. The States were: Illinois—Chicago, 9; Indiana—Indianapolis, 2; Ohio—Columbus, 2; Dayton, 2; Missouri—St. Louis, 2; Kentucky—Louisville, 5; Lexington, 2; Nicholasville, 2; Danville, 3; Mt. Sterling, 1; Arkansas—Little Rock 4; Paris, 2; North Carolina—Raleigh, 1; Georgia—Atlanta, 1.

The faculty consisted of the following persons: Rev. R. H. Peoples, General Secretary of Negro Churches, Disciples of Christ, and Supervisor of the Conference, 3412 Franklin Avenue, St. Louis, Mo.

Miss Edith Wilson, teacher in the Louisville Public School System, and Director of the Conference, taught "My Way of Life," 2216 W. Chestnut St.

Miss Edna Poole, (white), Missionary to Belgian Congo, Africa, taught "Missionary Program for Young People," and "Christianity and Social Issues."

Prof. E. Kingsley Povenmire, (white), Director of Dramatics in North High School, Columbus, Ohio, 2700 Adams Avenue, "Taught Youth and Dramatics," and also directed the verse speaking choir.

Prof. V. G. Smith, social worker, 943 Beckwith St., S. W., Atlanta, Ga., Dean of the Conference, and taught "Better Activities for Young People," and also directed recreation.

Rev. Emmett J. Dickson, Professor in Jarvis College, Dean of Men at the Conference, and taught "Life Evaluation."

**TRADD STREET C. E. SOCIETY.**

The Young People's Christian Endeavor Society of Tradd St. Presbyterian church, Statesville, is doing splendid work. Meetings are held each Sunday night, and topics are discussed and enjoyed by every one.

On Sunday, July 26, the topic was, "The Importance of Little Things." (I Sam. 17:40; Matt. 13:32.) From this topic we learned that in many instances smaller things are more important than larger things. Persons usually think of the smaller things as unimportant and pay them no attention.

Little things that keep people from being Christians are such as clothes, people talking and laughing at them, and amusements.

Some great qualities of character are kindness, truthfulness, honesty, sincerity and honor. These things are attained by small acts in our daily life. Under this topic a helpful memory gem is:

"Little drops of water,  
Little grains of sand,  
Make the mighty ocean,  
And a pleasant land."  
BEAUFORT WOOD, Sec.

**NOTICE**

The forty-fourth annual meeting of the Eastern District Sunday School Convention at School of Methods of the Yadkin Presbyterian will convene with John Hall Presbyterian church, Carthage, N. C., (Moore Co.), August 11, 1936, at 8 P. M. We are expecting Dr. John M. Somernidke, Secretary of Sunday School Missions, New York City, and Dr. A. B. McCoy, Superintendent of Sunday School Missions throughout our four Negro Synods.

We are hoping to have from three to five representatives from each Sunday school in the District including the Community Schools and every Superintendent on the field.

With this meeting we are beginning our first School of Methods for this district, but will still hold the popular meeting for the younger delegates as heretofore. The report blanks are being sent to the schools. The capitation tax is 5c per member, and we are asking for an accurate report of your enrollment.

W. T. BLUE, Acting Dean.  
GEO. E. MARSH, S. S. M., Director.