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A Christian Worker

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Does the name "Christian worker" frighten you? Does it seem too much grown up? Must one have ceased to be a boy and have become a man before he can be a Christian worker, or have ceased to be a girl and grown to be a woman?

Certainly not. If there is one thing more than another that is characteristic of the "teens", it is that they are intensely practical. They like to learn, but they like better to do. The growing lad has his books and his work bench; and many a canvas duck-boat, or shapely canoe, many a gate, or handy bit of building stands to his credit. The girl, long before she is out of her teens, delights to trim her own hats, or make her own shirt-waists, or "get up" a meal equal to her mother. The things that brisk young people have not attempted—and accomplished too,—in the way of organizations for fun and frolic, would be hard to mention. If activity does not begin before twenty, it is not likely to begin after.

And why not "Christian"? As a matter of fact, by far the greater number of those who accept Christ as their Saviour do so in their teens. The appeal of Christ, and of His gospel of love and friendship and high resolve, makes an especially strong appeal to the young. Old hearts are hard to touch, old habits hard to mend, old ways of looking at things are not easily changed. But young hearts are open to the call of the matchless Master; young lives respond readily to His perfect example of how life may be lived. Christian? Yes; there is something strangely out of joint, if the chil-

dren of Christian homes do not become Christian, and glory in becoming so.

Put the two together—"Christian" and "worker": it is the natural thing to do. Perhaps the older people have been a little slow to give the younger people their chance of the work. The head of a number of great financial companies has recently retired from the head of some of these "to give the younger men a chance." Here is a little list of things to be done in the church and the Sunday School and the Y. P. S. C. E. which those in their teens can do well; what boy or girl will not tackle them with eagerness? To make the singing better, to take the collection, to earn and save for the mission funds, to take a little part in the prayers, to bring in careless companions, to make the church building more comfortable or attractive. These are a few of the many ways of being a Christian worker.

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The Twentieth Century Bible Class

By Frank Yeigh

What was good enough for the nineteenth century is not necessarily good enough for the twentieth. So it has come to pass that a new kind of Bible Class has come into being, and with such good results, that, where formerly there was one class, now there are a score; and where there was a comparatively small enrolment, now the membership is greatly increased.

What are the new methods that have brought to pass such satisfactory results? It is chiefly a matter of one new method: giving the class members a share in its life and work: giving each one some definite