

displayed in the sale of soap, pills, and whiskey, with the slow, sleepy, once-a-week style of gossiping so largely prevalent among the followers of Jesus Christ."

At some military academies it is the custom for every cadet daily to salute the flag. The practice is designed to promote patriotism. In the daily quiet hour Endeavorers are called upon to salute the cross. It is a practice that will surely result in a mighty impulse toward holiness and personal loyalty to Jesus Christ.

THERE is a sentiment that we saw recently in an exchange that is worthy of being repeated: "If you take the name, you must take the responsibility." The name "Christian Endeavor" stands for something definite. To bear it means the acceptance of certain obligations. With the name do you take the responsibility?

HENRY DRUMMOND as a lad was familiar with the Bible. At a Sunday-school service the church was so crowded that he and his class sat on the pulpit stairs. The minister began his sermon by saying that the Bible is like a tree, each book a branch, each chapter a twig, and each verse a leaf. "My text is on the thirty-ninth branch, the third twig, and seventeenth leaf. Try and find it for me." Henry arose at once and said: "Malachi, third chapter, seventeenth verse."

Now that the Detroit convention is over, the thoughts of Canadian Endeavorers will be turned toward the great national rally at Montreal. The date has been fixed for October 5-9, and preparations are already well under way. The Canadian Council has been busy for months upon the programme, and when it is issued, it will be found practical, inspiring, spiritual, and patriotic. No convention deserves a larger attendance than "Montreal '99," and we expect to see the expectations of the workers fully realized.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR does not exist for itself, but for the church. Its supreme object is to train up workers for the various departments of congregational activity. The proof of the success of the society is its ability to do this work. The "throughout my whole life" phrase of the pledge does not mean that one should be always a member of the society. There must come a time when it is the duty of the older members of the society to prove the value of the society by leaving its membership and entering upon the wider sphere of service in the church.

THE great convention at Detroit will have passed into history by the time this issue of the HERALD reaches our readers. On the eve of the great gathering we feel assured that it will be in many respects the most practical, the most spiritually-uplifting convention that has ever been held. Our representatives will be on hand to report the convention, and furnish the cream of the addresses for those unable to be present. The August number will contain such a store of

information and inspiration that every Christian Endeavorer should possess it. Those societies desiring extra copies would do well to order at once.

It is one of the spheres of effort in Christian Endeavor to reveal the practical character of the religion of Christ. It is the habit of many to think and speak of religion as a thing of dreams and sentiments, having no reference to the trials and toils of this work-a-day world. A young man once sought the advice of Phillips Brooks in a matter about which he was greatly perplexed. The great preacher commended him to seek divine guidance. The young man hinted that his difficulty was *practical* and that he wanted practical help. "I have always been under the impression," said the famous divine, "that Jesus Christ was an eminently practical man."

GEORGE ELIOT on one occasion incisively characterized a certain type of religion as "other worldliness." It is so busy in its concern for the life that is to come that it has no time to consider the claims of the life that now is. As a matter of fact the Bible has very little to say about the future; its main concern is the present life. No one can pray intelligently, "Thy kingdom come," who ignores his individual responsibility for the social, civic, and political welfare of the community and nation. To labor for the advancement of righteousness and to fight against evil in all its forms is the duty of every Christian. Especially do young people need to study social conditions and prepare for the struggle of right against wrong in public life. The Duke of Wellington, when the fate of Europe was trembling in the balance at Waterloo, said, "We want young soldiers." So does the church and nation need young warriors, adequately trained and equipped, to fight the battles of the Lord.

EVERYONE has heard the story of the prayer meeting on the deck of the "Texas" after the destruction of Cervera's fleet. Rear-Admiral Philip, after much persuasion, gave the following modest version of the occurrence: "Well, it was this way. I—that is—it was—there, if you drop your hat on the street and some one picks it up for you, you say 'Thank you'; or if you fall down on the street and some one helps you up, you say, 'Thanks.' There was that boat, with a storm of iron and shot going on one side and then on the other. Then they would fall in the water all around us, and then there would be a perfect cloud of them pass over our heads, and yet we were not struck. When the fight was over, and I made a hasty inventory and found we were not hurt, it seemed to me no more than fair that we should say 'Thank you'; so I had the crew called on deck and told them so. Every man took off his cap, and you could have heard a pin drop on that deck; and, after it was over and I walked past that crew, I saw tears on the face of many an old sailor that I supposed did not know how to cry."