

man was not seriously injured at all. They declare that "his case belonged to the type known as ideational or auto-suggestive paralysis, where the person does not walk because he thinks he cannot." This disease is more common than is generally supposed. There are many people in our churches who are quite capable of leading a meeting, teaching a Sunday-school class, or superintending a Junior League, but they do not think so. What they need is such an application of the "faith cure" as will lead them to believe in themselves, in their own ability to work for Christ.

### The Saloon Keeper's Testimony.

"Are you selling as much whiskey as you used to?" was the question asked of a saloon keeper by a Sunday-school Superintendent in one of our towns recently. "No," was the reply, "not nearly so much." When asked for the reason, the liquor seller said, "Why, down in that Sunday-school of yours, for the past fifteen years, you have been instilling the principles of temperance into the minds of those boys and girls, and now in these Leagues and Christian Endeavor societies you are teaching the young people of the place to hate my business. If you go on with this work a few years longer, you will close my doors entirely."

There is something to think about in this testimony, coming from such a source. We believe in prohibition and work for it, but if it is ever to be realized we must educate the people to believe in it and support it. This education and instruction must be commenced in very early youth to be of any great value. More can be accomplished for the temperance cause by work among the young than by any other means.

### Personal Effort Tells.

In the last issue of this paper we published a notice, in a prominent place, referring to the fact that we intended giving special attention to the Junior League in this number, and asking all Junior superintendents and secretaries in our Church in Canada to write at once, giving some information about their work. How many responses did this invitation bring? As a matter of fact, only one. The large amount of correspondence which this issue contains is the result of personal letters sent out from this office, containing an urgent request for facts and suggestions. Two methods of doing Christian work are here illustrated. The printed notice is very much like a pulpit announcement which is so general in its nature that nobody pays much attention to it. The communications sent out by mail resemble personal work by the individual members, especially the lookout committee. If you want to increase your membership, or to secure workers for any department, do not trust to general announcements, but depend almost entirely upon personal solicitation. It is hard for anyone to say no to an individual invitation.

"We have no Junior League in our church" is a statement frequently made. If that lack continues, the strong probabilities are that you will very soon have no League at all in your church.

✕ DOCTOR JOHNSON'S definition of a wretched man was, "One who has no taste for reading on a rainy day." The non-reading person does often find it difficult to pass the time, but the book-lover can make himself at home anywhere.

✕ "I DON'T believe in the Junior League at all," was the remark made by a man who was expressing himself somewhat freely about Church institutions. When asked if he had ever attended a Junior meeting, he replied that he had not. How much was his opinion worth?

✕ A WEALTHY gentleman who recently died in the United States, left the following bequest: "To John H. Brewer, of Chicago, for being kind to me when a boy, \$1,000." This is an illustration of the abiding impression which kindness makes. A little kindly attention given to a boy may influence his whole life for good.

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WE quite agree with some suggestions made by Junior workers, in another paper, that it is frequently highly desirable to divide the Junior League into two sections. These may be called "Junior" and "Intermediate," or may be designated as "A" and "B." In our opinion no additional machinery or constitution are needed.

✕ WHATEVER part of this paper may be skipped, we trust that all our readers will carefully peruse the pages devoted to "What the Juniors are Doing." It is really the most interesting portion of our bill of fare for this week. It would seem impossible for any one to lack sympathy with an organization that is doing so much good work.

✕ WHILE always a firm believer in the possibilities for good of the Junior society, the editor is free to admit that the preparation of this number has greatly increased his admiration for this organization. We trust that many who read these pages will be similarly impressed, and that the institution of many Junior Leagues may be reported before next Conference.

✕ WHEN Lord Nelson discovered two of his officers in a fierce dispute, he rebuked

them by saying, "Cease your quarrelling, gentlemen, yonder is the enemy." There can be nothing sadder than for two members of the same Church to be at variance. The enemy never fails to take advantage of such a condition of affairs. We should be prepared to sacrifice much in order to maintain the spirit of unity.

✕ IN reading Dr. Grant's letters against prohibition, one has to look at the end of the article several times to be really sure that the noted principal's name is there. It seems almost incredible that a man of his standing should so rehab the old arguments against prohibition which have been doing duty for a score of years, and which have been successfully answered over and over. It is simply an illustration of how hard pressed a man finds himself when he undertakes to make out a case on that side of the question.

✕ THE Hamilton *Spectator*, in commenting on Principal Grant's statement that "prohibitionists have been doing harm to the cause of temperance," remarks: "that if Principal Grant were to discover a bottle of Walker's Club whiskey circulating in a room full of theological students he'd issue a prohibition edict on the spot, and enforce it, too, without a referendum, regardless of the 'harm' he might be doing."

✕ WE were in a home recently where there was a money-box on the table, which was called the "Grumbling Box." Whenever any member of the family found fault with the food, or grumbled about anything else, a cent had to be deposited in the "Grumbling Box" as a fine. The mother said that it had a wonderfully sweetening influence upon the children. There are some families that would need a washtub to contain the fines if this system were adopted, and their usual habits continued for any length of time.

✕ A DISTRICT Junior Superintendent writes that the greatest obstacle to Junior work has been the old proverb that "Leaders are born, not made." She says that "so thoroughly has faith been pinned to this saying that unless a born leader appears to take charge, no effort is made in the work." This is a huge mistake. Many efficient leaders have been developed from what seemed to be very unpromising raw material. If you have a person in your Church who loves Christ and who loves children, that is qualification enough to start with. Do not look for a prodigy in the way of a Superintendent.

✕ A FEW days ago we were on a train which was stopped, by some unexpected obstacle, between stations. Instantly the brakeman snatched a signal flag and ran back with all his speed to give warning to another train that was following. Under such circumstances the faithful railway man always thinks of the other train that is coming. In all our work of education, legislation, and religious effort we should have mainly in mind the generation of boys and girls that will soon be here. Whatever else is neglected, they must be protected.