

to teach cooking, geography, reading, writing, etc., will allow and sanction methods in religious teaching which antedate civilization? As a fitting sequel to the "poverty social," how would it do to provide a kit of burglar's tools and play at picking locks, picking pockets, skulking in the dark, dropping the personality entirely into *alias* Light-finger, *alias* Supple-joint, *alias* Skip-the-country? I am sure the children would enjoy it immensely, and such an entertainment would be quite as educative as a "poverty social," and along the same lines.

The standard of teaching in every department of knowledge is becoming undoubtedly higher year by year, and if the C. E. and Sunday-school are going to keep pace with general progress they must exact better qualification from their workers. Formerly a strong desire to save souls was considered ample qualification for a S. S. teacher. Fortunately this is still the most essential point, but it must be strengthened and made effective by knowledge and skill. Hundreds rush to a fire with a strong desire to put out the flames, but the firemen do the most effective work, having not only a strong desire, but knowledge, science, skill, and special equipment. With a view, then, to securing more effective work with the children, "child study" classes are being formed. Studies of the body, mind, and soul, the influences which affect for good or evil; studies of environment, outer and inner, past and present; studies of ideals, methods of presentation, and effect of; studies of plays, imitation; study of criminology, intemperance, defectives, weaklings, causes of and means to help, etc. If such study as this is of vital importance for parents, kindergartners, philanthropists, public school teachers, it is undoubtedly of equal necessity and importance for Sunday-school and Junior C. E. workers, and certainly the bright, enthusiastic Junior workers who are in the vanguard as to motive and zeal, will not allow themselves to be found in the rear as to knowledge, methods, and appliances. Indications everywhere point to the near future which will see such a scientific "child study" movement a prominent feature of every C. E. Union, and the consequent revolution in methods of dealing with children, and for the children's sake we fervently say, Amen to the movement.

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DR. MACLAREN, of Manchester, makes a plea for more Bible study in our Christian Endeavor societies, and suggests that Scripture exposition should have a more important place in our meetings. In speaking of the dangers to be guarded against, he said, "the most imminent are the scrappy character of the scriptural study, and the disproportionate attention given to the emotional side of the Christian life. I feel this strongly, and wish that there was more consecrated Bible study, and even more theology."

THE Lord is my Strength and my Redeemer.

Frances E. Willard.

By S. John Duncan-Clark.

O SWEET, true heart of love! Thy love indeed
Was kindled by the radiance of that flame
First lit on Mount Golgotha, when man's need
Was met by Him who suffered for man's shame
Thou, too, didst climb the hill beyond the wall,
And took thy stand beneath thy God's rude cross
And vowed—"He helping me, henceforth my all
Is His; for Him I count my life but loss!"
And God approved thy vow and gave His might
To a frail woman, that her name should be
Hope to the bleeding hearts crushed in the fight,
Strength to the hands that struck to set men free.
Above the bitter curse and threats of Hell;
Above the sighs and sobs of breaking hearts;
Above the anguished cries that rose and fell
From liquor's slaves, sold in the city marts,
Thy sweet, clear voice rang like a silvern peal;
And cringing souls took courage when they heard,
And many a slave new-hearted raised his heel
And crushed the serpent, strengthened at thy word;
And many a home whence happiness had fled,
Where Love's sweet spirit long had ceased to reign,
Touched by thine impulse, rose as from the dead,
And happiness and love returned again;
And many a woman donned the bow of white,
And vowed eternal vengeance 'gainst the foe
Of God and man, of love and life and light,
And prayed for strength to strike a winning blow!
These are thy monument, and these thy crown,
Stronger than marble, richer far than gold;
When all earth's transient glories crumble down,
By deathless souls thy fame shall still be told!

O, women, raise your fallen leader's shield,
True-hearted men join with you hand in hand,
The battlements must fall, the foe must yield!
On, for our God, our home, and every land!

Toronto, Ont.

Humility.

Thoughts for the "Quiet Hour" from J. R. Miller, D.D.

THE truly great among men are those who are most ready to serve. All self-seeking is littleness. The law of service is taken from the very heart of God; nothing else is great.

Humility is an excellent grace. It is the empty hand which God fills. Self-conceit is weakness. We are strongest when we distrust ourselves, and are thus led to lean upon God. Emptiness is the cup into which God puts blessing. Faith is simply letting God work in us and with us. Pride leaves no room for the divine strength.

It is said of a great artist, that when painting his immortal pictures on the ceiling of one of the chapels in St. Peter's, he carried a little lamp fastened to his cap on his forehead, so that no shadow of himself should fall on his work. It would be well if we should learn always so to carry the light by which we work, that self shall never in any way come between our lamp and our work. We should so relate our own person-