

you. "Every day—a little." That was all. But what more can one ask? It is by just that process that the good become better and the bad grow worse. Every day, not some days only; every day, not just when one feels like it; every day, not on some indefinite future day; "Every day—a little." And, mind, not every day—all. No one ever successfully crowded into any one day, the work of a life-time, of a year, of a month, or even of a week. Neither is it every day—a lot. That may be possible to you later, and yet, after all, "little" and "lot" are at best only comparative. What may seem to you a very great deal now will appear but a small achievement by and by when your capacity for work has increased and your powers of accomplishment have developed. But that of that distant period need you now worry. To-day calls, to-morrow will be but another to-day.

"To-day is yesterday returned; returned Full-powered to cancel, expiate, raise, adorn, And restate us on the rock of peace;

Let it not share its predecessor's fate, Nor, like its elder sisters, die a fool."

In such words does Dr. E. Young admonish those who deem it possible, paying it unprofitably, and postponing to some future time the work to which the present insistently calls their attention. And again he warns against presumption on to-morrow when he writes:

"In human hearts what bolder thoughts can rise, Than man's presumption on to-morrow's dawn? Where is to-morrow? In another world. For numbers there is certain; the reverse is sure to none."

Keep on, therefore, doing the day's "little" cheerfully and hopefully, knowing that in God's glad to-morrow you shall realize all the fruitage of your to-day. And in all your doing, be encouraged by the thought that Henry Ward Beecher expressed in these words: "God will accept your first attempt, not as a perfect work, but as a beginning. The beginning is the promise of the end. The seed always whispers 'oak,' though it is going into the ground, acorn. I am sure that the first little blades of wheat are just as pleasant to the farmer's eyes, as the whole field waving with grain. Even so, may our Lord see beauty in our beginnings of 1912, that we by patient continuance in well-doing may behold His beauty when as King Eternal He shall summon us at the end of our days into His glorious Presence and to the company of the glorified forever. So shall beginnings and endings all centre in and lead to Him!

Some Best Things

AMONG the inspiring and helpful features which we hope to present to our readers during the current year, none will be of greater interest or value than the series of twelve articles from leading Methodist representatives in different parts of the world. Attention was called to these in our last issue. The first article appears this month. It is from the versatile pen of the President of the Epworth League of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Bishop Quayle, and we confidently expect that his appeal will greatly stimulate all our Canadian Leagues, as well as those of his own and other churches all over the world. It is an inspiring thought that Methodism is one in pur-

pose and plan throughout the earth. Young Methodism must learn to act well its part in the furtherance of the Kingdom of God through the skillful use of Methodist machinery, and this series of articles should go a long way toward strengthening the purpose of every Epworth Leaguer to fit himself for most effective work in the universal establishment of the reign of Jesus Christ. The vision of John Wesley was bounded only by the horizon of human need; ours to-day must be no narrower in scope. His call to service was not local or circumscribed; "The world is my parish," must still be our watchword. Each month some leader in Methodist circles will address us on some vital theme, and as the result of a careful study of the articles as they appear, we pray that a deeper purpose may constrain us, and more heroic service be rendered, that we may realize all we can here and now for Christ's glorious Kingdom among men.

The topics and writers in each case for the coming half-year are: *February*, "The Heritage of Young Methodism," Rev. W. B. FitzGerald, General Secretary of the Wesley Guild, Wesleyan Methodist Church; *March*, "Prayer as a Bond of World Comradeship," Dr. Fitchett, the well-known journalist, preacher, and historian of Australasia; *Methodism*; *April*, "The Spiritual Value of Social Work," Dr. F. S. Parker, General Secretary and Editor of the Epworth League, Methodist Episcopal Church, South; *May*, "Young Methodism and Individual Work," Dr. E. M. Randall, General Secretary of the Epworth League, Methodist Episcopal Church; *June*, "The Young Methodist and His Bible," Prof. W. J. Moulton, Headingly College, Wesleyan Methodist Church.

One special request we make regarding the series. It is that the President of every one of our Young People's Societies, whether Epworth League, Club,

or other page, for instance, will be found a suggested outline for a debate, which, at our request, Mr. Farewell has kindly prepared. We advise that every League make much of the Citizenship Meetings, and that each Fourth Vice-President see well to the maintenance of young men in the services for which he will be responsible. Every month there should be earnest and serious study of some great problem dealing with what most vitally concerns us both personally and as related citizens of a great and growing country. Do not fritter away the time of your meetings in mere passing or transitory enjoyment. Have a purpose, work towards it, unite all your forces to achieve something worthy of your society, and be satisfied with nothing less than the culture of noble and useful lives, loyally devoted to God and Home and Native Land.

Bay of Quinte Convention

A considerable portion of this issue relates to the Bay of Quinte Conference League. We are well pleased to give prominence to the messages of the officers of this splendid organization. This paper exists to serve the interests of all our young people's work, and whenever its pages can be made of use to the various societies of the Church anywhere, the editor is thankful for the privilege of co-operating with the officers concerned in advancing their work. Much that immediately relates to the forthcoming Convention of the Bay Conference League is of common interest to our Leagues in all parts of the Church, so that this paper will gain rather than lose in interest because of the articles from the pens of the Bay representatives. The editor commends the example of these aggressive officers to all others in similar capacity everywhere, and cheerfully places this paper at the disposal of all who can use it to advantage in extending the work of God throughout the connexion.

"Religious Education"

Your attention is called to the article on another page from Prof. Willett, on "Religious Education in Young People's Societies." It contains so much that we believe to be indispensable to the perpetuity and strength of the Epworth League, and so clearly expresses some of the convictions that we have time and again voiced in these columns, that we give it place with great satisfaction, and commend a careful study of it to all our leaders and young people generally. The article on "Religious Education" from which this article is taken is, like all the issues of this magnificent magazine, full of the highest class matter. Every young minister who purposes to keep abreast of the progress in practical religious education, should become a member of the Religious Education Association, and regularly study its splendid Quarterly.

Two Distinguished Contributors

With great pleasure we print in this number the address of Bishop Quayle, President, and Dr. Randall, General Secretary of the Epworth League of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The underlying principles of the Epworth League are the same whether in Canada or the United States, and for the most part the procedure of the same. Our general methods in both countries. Our readers will gladly welcome the salutations of these beloved leaders, and will heartily join in earnest prayer that the young people of world-wide Methodism may be true to their glorious ancestry and faithfully perform the tasks that confront them to-day.

WE have celebrated Christmas and we are facing the New Year. This is symbolical. The joy with which the old year ends should fill all the spaces of the New Year. "The Man who came out of the heart of humanity with a message of love and victory, whose wondrous words we are all witnesses, who was the Word of God, is the pledge that sometimes all the days shall be like Christmas Day; and the earth of warfare and sorrow, of storm and blood, become the earth of the Redemption.

In this faith let us praise God for the memories and ministries of the Christmas that is past, and then contentedly and gladly turn toward the New Year and the New Years which are to be.—From "Preludes and Interludes."

Circle, Class, or whatever its name may be, shall arrange for the public reading of each article at the earliest convenient meeting after its appearance. Every one of the series will form a very appropriate and helpful item for your programme. Start at once with Bishop Quayle's stirring appeal for world-wide vision and service, found in this issue. What better contribution could you find for your consecration service or missionary meeting? See that all your constituency gets his viewpoint and catches in some degree his spirit. It will vitalize your activities throughout if they do.

Citizenship Programme

We hope to give in each issue of this paper a suggested outline programme for some meeting every month, generally in reference to the Fourth Department, as this is the newest and most vital in its details of procedure the least familiar in our League work. On an-