

statement account for those who fail to do any real personal work for the Master. Everywhere there are people who do not half try. No wonder they do not succeed.

The boy who will jump, and jump again, until he has strengthened his legs and made his muscles supple by the very repetition of the exercise, is the one who will carry off the honors some day on the athletic field when the games mean something of honor and victory is of supreme value. But he who only half tries, and then dejectedly says, "I can't!" and stops all effort to achieve, may well be dubbed "a quitter," and is doomed to oblivion as an athlete. It is so everywhere. The church has too many "quitters," too many who don't even half try. You say, "That's true." Look out that you are not one yourself.

### "Buck Up, My Boy"

"Buck up, my boy, and be a better man when you come out," were the words of counsel given by a sorrowful father when his son, who had been found guilty of stealing, was sentenced in a Toronto court recently, to six months in the Central Prison. A pathetic scene surely. Let us not be too hard on the boy. He has gone wrong doubtless, but perhaps no farther than we would have gone had not the restraining grace of God prevented us. It were easy to moralize on such an incident as the above. But what little of that kind we have to do here and now, is not by way of pious admonition to the big boys who are open to temptation, but to the parents and teachers and pastors of the little boys who are in less danger just at present. It is necessary to restrain the evil-doers, but it is better to fortify the young against temptation. This can only be done by early teaching and wise training. It is one thing to put a youth where he cannot steal if he wants to; it is a better thing to so develop the spirit of honesty in a child that the boy will not want to steal wherever you put him. We make all allowance for heredity, for inherited taint, and all that; but are persuaded that it is possible for the constructive power of Divine Grace to be so operative in a child that he will grow to manhood able to withstand in the evil day. The real remedy consists not in jails and prison cells; but in better homes. Before even education comes dedication. Failing in this first step, no parent has any assurance that his boy will not grow up to be a thief and find lodgment in the penitentiary. When we recognize the Divine ownership of the babe, present him to the Lord as did Hannah and Elkanah of old, we may expect more Samuels. But failing in the dedication, education has but limited effect. To restrain from sin from outside is good, but to fortify against sin on the inside, is better. And we are persuaded that it is this inward fortification which our children and youth most

urgently need, and that the home is the place where they should first receive it.

### Special Notice

The Book Committee on May 14th found, as it has found annually for thirteen years in succession, that this paper has not paid its way. The former editor exerted himself to the utmost to add to the circulation and put the paper on a self-sustaining basis. I have done the same, consistently endeavoring to assist the Publisher in increasing the mailing lists. But until now I did not know I was responsible for more than this. At the recent meeting, however, both the Book Steward and the General Superintendent placed the responsibility for the circulation returns solidly and unmistakably

### Notes

From Saltoots, Sask., we have received word that the majority of the young people who were members of the League four years ago are scattered all over the Dominion, carrying on in many instances the good work in which they had been trained. This speaks well for the laborers in the vineyard at Saltoots.

From Brinston, Ont., we have received the following: "We have lately organized an Epworth League here. We need a Roll Book, Minute Book and Treasurer's Book, so kindly send one of each. If the new Topic Cards are printed send some of them also." This Secretary is alive and up-to-date. The League should prosper.



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### LANTERN NOTICE

To ensure satisfaction and to guard against delay or disappointment, it will be well for you to make early definite arrangements for the use of one of our lantern outfits for next season. We are booking dates now for a year hence, and shall be pleased to enter your engagement on the list. First come, first served. Plan ahead, and so make sure of prompt and timely service. Full particulars from the General Secretary, this office.

on the editor's shoulders. I confess my surprise at this; but I shall try to fulfil the additional new duties thus added to the already lengthy list resting legitimately in my office, and shall soon communicate personally with our local officers regarding the circulation, as well as continue to deal with it generally through the columns of the paper. In this way I hope to be able to present an intelligent report to the General Board of Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies at its annual meeting in September, that the standing prospects and probably the fate of the CANADIAN EPWORTH ERA may be known and determined.

S. T. BARTLETT, Editor.

The Whitevale Epworth League has been growing in members. A number of the young people have joined the church.

The Leaguers at Fullerton, for eight weeks at the beginning of the year had a contest, giving marks for memorizing verses and reading books. The side that at starting was seemingly the poorest, won out in the end by following the rule "Always at it." The boys from the home-land are sought with the result that a large number of them are in the League and are always willing to take part.

For the Annual Election of Officers in the League at Brandon, Man., the Social Department prepared a delightful luncheon, at which about forty of the young people gathered at 7 p.m. At eight o'clock the business of the year was looked into, reports heard, and the officers for the ensuing year elected. The Secretary writes: "We believe we have the right people in the right place."