

to the older institution when they themselves become heads of households. We would like to know what influence Christian Endeavor has had during the past years in extending family worship. We are inclined to think it has been noteworthy. It is a question also if some of the methods that have served to secure the success of our movement might not be adopted with profit in the conduct of the devotional exercises in the home. Participation by different members of the family is possible and would undoubtedly add to the interest and profit of the service. Indeed, in many homes the practice of singing and of reading verse about around the circle is already observed. We earnestly commend this home service to the members of our societies everywhere. If it is to be preserved, steps must be taken for its revival. Christian Endeavor can do much to further and maintain this time-honored and God-honored institution, and what we can do we ought to do. There is no more important work.

Tell Us Where and When.

ONE way in which we can help the workers in various parts of the country is by publishing for months beforehand the place and dates of their conventions. We will be glad to do this, if secretaries will send to us the necessary information. We propose to keep a list of coming conventions before our readers, and we would be glad if all Provincial and County secretaries would send to us a post card, when the place and dates of their next convention are decided. We will keep this information before our readers and thus help to secure a good attendance and wider representation. Secretaries, before you forget, send us that card.

A Plan of Campaign.

WHILE the people of Canada are waiting for the plebiscite on the question of prohibition, there are several objective points that temperance workers should in the meantime keep in view. *The Voice* outlines the following line of battle:

- (1) To compel the more than 300 universities and colleges of America to protect their students with clean and anti-liquor surroundings.
- (2) To prevail upon the 115,000 physicians in the nation to cease prescribing alcohol for internal use, except as they would prescribe other poisons.
- (3) To bring the leading life insurance companies to acknowledge publicly what they admit privately, that total abstainers are at least twenty per cent. safer risks than moderate drinkers, and then to take the further logical step to grant these total abstainers the benefit of their abstemious habits in lower insurance.
- (4) See that the millions of children in the Sunday-schools are systematically fortified against

the drink habit by moral and spiritual arguments, as they are now beginning to be fortified in the public schools by physiological and hygienic arguments.

(5) That the 100,000 clergymen systematically, once a month at least, inculcate from the pulpit the advance arguments for temperance.

(6) To prevail upon the industrial and commercial classes to recognize the vital bearing of total abstinence on their respective interests.

These points may suggest lines of action for our Christian Citizenship workers. The effort to secure any one of these would aid in bringing nearer the result that we all so devoutly wish—the total prohibition of the legalized liquor traffic.

Federation of Conventions.

THE workers in young people's societies of various kinds seem to be feeling after some practicable method by which the number of conventions may be reduced, and at the same time the best interests of the work be conserved. Mr. E. A. Hardy, of Lindsay, has issued a circular on the subject in which he makes a strong plea for a federation of conventions and outlines a plan which not only preserves the identity of each organization but secures the unity and co-operation of all.

His suggestion is this, that in place of our several conventions, at different times in different places, we have a joint Provincial convention of the Y. P. S. C. E. and denominational young people's societies, the Sunday-school and the Y. M. C. A., this plan also to apply to County conventions. A diagram will show a suggested division of time:

	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
A.M.	Y.P.S.C.E., S.S., Y.M.C.A. (Separate Meetings)	Denominational Y.P.S.	Y.P.S.C.E., S.S., Y.M.C.A.
P.M.	Denominational Y.P.S.	Union Bible Study	(Separate Meetings) Y.P.S.C.E., S.S., Y.M.C.A. (Separate Meetings) or Union for Bible Study
	(Each to meet by itself)		
Evening	—Union Service	Union Service	Union Service

A conference of Christian workers, representing various young people's organizations, met recently in Hamilton to consider the whole question, and the idea of such a federation was quite cordially received. It was felt by all that the plan would be much more easy of application in connection with county than provincial gatherings owing to the difficulty of entertaining delegates. A resolution expressing sympathy with the movement was passed, in which the idea of co-operation, wherever practicable, was commended to the young people's societies interested.

We bring heaven to earth when we do earthly things with a heavenly spirit.

THE piety that never brightens the way of the lonely, or wipes away the tears of the sorrowing, does not commend itself to either God or men.