

twice this number, probably, in the course of the year go to this training school of service.

But such figures are cold and tame compared with the glowing, human, Christlike work for which they stand. The uplifting meetings planned for, the souls won, the music that thrills, the sanctuaries that are beautified, the poor who are relieved, the sick who are visited, the prisons that are entered, the children who are made happy, the sailors who are cheered, the money that is secured for philanthropies, the pastors who are encouraged, the missionaries who are supported—all these things are being accomplished while at the same time the doers are being trained for still larger service in this practical school of activity, a school that is never closed, that takes no vacations, that goes on in spring and summer and autumn and winter in every corner of every continent, quietly, unostentatiously training its scholars for the larger service of the days to come.

The innumerable forms of active Christian Endeavor for the prisoner and the soldier and the sailor; for the inmate of the hospital or the sick room; for the children of the Fresh Air Camps; the Comrades of the Quiet Hour, the Tenth Legionaries, the Macedonian Phalans, the Good Citizenship clubs,—are all outgrowths of this twin idea that Christian Endeavor is a training school in action as well as expression, in doing as well as speaking for Christ.

But because Christian Endeavor aims to be such a comprehensive training school let me urge my older friends not to put all the burdens of church and mission upon the shoulders of the young people, and lay all sins of omission at their door, as some are inclined to do. There are older people as well as younger in the church. There are fathers and mothers as

Oratory

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ORATORY, in a greater or lesser degree, has always been an accompaniment of civilization. It has had an influential mission, both in ancient and modern times. A man gifted with true oratory has always had a welcome hearing, both from the intelligent and the unintelligent. While the tendency in public speaking is less rhetorical than formerly, oratory still has a charm which commands attention and furthers any great subject before the people which demands public discussion. The mission, therefore, of true oratory will last as long as people are interested in popular government and advancement of civilization and culture.

Two essential qualifications of oratory are intelligence and enthusiastic advocacy of a great subject. Whatever the natural qualifications of a speaker may be, as to voice and presence, he must have a proper interblending of mind and heart. A man may have the vast stores of information, but unless he has a passion to make that information tell effectively on the accomplishment of some great object, he cannot succeed.

In a country like Canada young men should prepare themselves to take their full share in the civic, provincial and Dominion affairs of our great and growing country. This can be greatly furthered in a variety of ways. Debating clubs, by keeping up a high intellectual level and dealing only with great themes, requiring thorough research and independent thought, may produce men who shall make their mark upon the history of the Dominion. In order to do this a certain portion of every day must be sacredly devoted to reading. In this, as in other things, men do not happen to succeed.



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well as sons and daughters. If the congregations fall off, if the Sunday-school is diminished, if the week-night prayer-meeting drags, if the missionary collection is smaller, I have known some ministers and churches and missionary secretaries to charge all deficiencies on the Endeavor society, forgetting that primarily the society is a training school, and that they do not expect scholars while they are at school to do all the work of trained graduates. As well might you expect the boys in the grammar school to be the chief breadwinners for the home and leading citizens of the State.

However, we will accept the challenge made by even these unreasonable demands, and so far as in us lies we will, even while we are at school in Christian Endeavor, do the work of to-day, which is the best training for the larger work of that of to-morrow.

True success is governed by law, and the law of effective speaking is earnest study. The history of this country is rich in instances of marked success in public speaking, both in Church and State, and in every instance that success has been the result of deep determination and hard work.

Two classes of public men have been to the front in this country—university and non-university men. Every young man who can should have as much academic training as possible; but if he is not in circumstances to avail himself of the university he need not despair, but his success will mean much harder work for him as the years go by. To be an effective speaker a young man must read nothing but the best English literature, and the classics of English literature to-day are within the reach of young men in the ordinary circumstances of life. Such reading is very helpful to style, and writing should be linked with our reading and preparation.