

sciousness. The superintendent from the desk and by the lantern one day directs the attention of the whole department or School to what it is doing through one class; next day to the work of another class, and so on, and so on. This is not done to set one against the other, but to develop the wider social consciousness and so lead out to the wider church and community consciousness.

If our citizens are to think and work for the good of the whole and not from selfish motives in business, politics and elsewhere, the Sunday School may contribute largely to that desired result.

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The Teen Age Girl

When the girl is passing through that mysterious period between girlhood and womanhood, great, oh, very great, is her need for intelligent, sympathetic understanding of her awakening desires and hopes and dreams.

It is the failure on the part of the home folk to recognize this crying need that has sent many a girl out from the home circle to companions of questionable wisdom for her sympathy and understanding. So gradual is this change and so imperceptibly does the little girl change into the half-grown one, that too often the very change itself is not recognized until it has taken place and the mother realizes with a pang that an imperceptible barrier has reared itself between her and the daughter of her heart.

The girl in her middle teens demands love and the audible and visible expression of love. In the bubbling enthusiasm of her sweet girlhood, she bestows unstinted affection upon her chum and likewise in liberal, reverent measure upon the older woman who thinks it worth while to listen to all her dreams and plans for the future. Her emotions are easily stirred and she longs to live the purest and noblest life possible. Fortunate, indeed, is she if her maturer confidante is her Sunday School teacher, for frequently she will open her heart to her as she will feel embarrassed to do to her own mother. God pity her, if no warm, loving hand and encircling arm is reached to her at this period and she bends a

listening ear to some blasé admirer of the opposite sex who covets her fresh girlhood. Many and many a girl has thought that she has found the ideal which she has cherished in her heart only to awaken to the bitter reality of lasting disappointment and to learn that she has been in love with love.

It is a great thing to be privileged to give the little she asks and needs, to tide her over this critical time. It is a rare opportunity to build up fine, strong conceptions of her womanly part of the world's work and her need of training for it.

If the girl feels that she has a ready listener in her teacher and is inclined to go to her to unburden her heart, there is really little to fear, for she will listen to the calm advice she will receive and will be influenced by it. The real anxiety is rather to be felt for the girl who locks in her heart her own thoughts, thinking that grown-up people are the natural antagonists of young folks in affairs of the heart. If the girls can be led to feel that in every detail concerning their welfare their Saviour is ready to help, they will regard their friendships as sacred things about which to consult Him and they will talk unreservedly with a sympathetic, earthly listener and friend. A small stone may change the trend of a mighty river.—Emma Gary Wallace

Praise from Men's Voices

By Edgar L. Vincent

We shall never have the fullest measure of success in the church and Sunday School until the men sing.

There seems to come a time with young men when they do not like to use their voices in this way. Whether it be the changes due to natural causes affecting the vocal cords, or whether it be that a period of diffidence often comes to young persons at this age, does not so much matter just now. The great question is, how can we induce men of this and older ages to lend their efforts to make the services of the Sunday School and church more effective?

A large church which the writer has in mind came face to face with this question, and this is the way it was met. One of the most enthusiastic men singers of the School was