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Editorial.

Compensation.

The hotel men of Ontario waited upon the Government a short time ago, and stated their objections to prohibition in pretty strong terms. It is somewhat alarming to learn that the Government intends to take into serious consideration their claim for compensation. They have no more right to it than the cable and telegraph companies would have if Marconi's great invention proves a success. If the claim is pressed, then we must insist that this compensation business shall work both ways. What about the homes that have been ruined, the business enterprises that have been blasted, and the lives that have been destroyed by the liquor traffic? By the time the whiskey traffickers make restitution for all the poverty, crime and disaster that has been caused by their business, we shall have plenty of money to compensate the saloon men who will lose something by the withdrawal of business. Until this is done the compensation proposal cannot be entertained.

Christian Child Culture.

A "child!" The most precious possession in the world. And the most numerous of all possessions. Children are everywhere, and the problem of child life is ever prominent. What shall we do with our little ones? "What manner of child shall this be?" is the question often asked by anxious parents. The answer depends largely on the way the child is "brought up." And so "child-culture" is a vital problem. For nothing responds so readily to culture as a child. Neglect has ruined many a promising little one. If we as Christians fail to care for them, Satan will improve his opportunity and give attention to them, and what a host the devil gets when he gets

a child! For a child is not long a child. Soon he is a leader where once he was a follower, and his example and influence dominates other lives. What need, therefore, that a child receive the right kind of culture! "Bring up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" was the great apostle's advice. The underlying principle of "Christian child culture" has not changed since Christ said "Suffer the little children . . . to come unto me."

Methods may have been adapted, and wisely so, to changed conditions; but nothing can ever supplant the vital foundational principle of contact with Jesus. It is this that is recognized in our Junior League Constitution, honored in the pledge, made prominent in the practical work of the Society.

Boy Building.

"What's that man going to do with all those things, papa?" asked a little boy one day. "He's going to build a house, my son," was father's reply. Instead of putting a number of subsequent questions, as was his habit, as to "Where?" "How?" "When?" etc., the boy simply remarked, "My! what a lot of things it takes to build a house!" And the father looked at the child and thought "what a lot of things it takes to build a boy!" And then to the little chap was given an easy lesson in building, excavation, foundation, frame, materials. The various processes of putting up the house were simply described in turn, and then the father said, "Did you know that you are a builder, my boy?" "Me! No! I can't build a house—not a really house to live in," said the boy, and he opened his eyes in wonder as the thought was impressed on his mind that he was building "a really house to live in." So it is with every boy! But the most important consideration that came to the father's mind was that though the child was building his house, he, the father, was actually building the boy, and he soliloquized again, "What a lot of things it takes to build a boy!" What planning, what patience, what prayer, what perseverance! And this, dear Junior worker, is your work. Do it well. And the boy when grown to manhood will bless your labor, and prove that it was not in vain. The destruction of our boys by the world, the flesh, and the devil is so apparent and so awful that all the combined agencies of home, church, Sunday-school, and Junior League are none too many, and not a whit too potent to utilize for wise and enduring boy-building.

Girl Growing.

There is only one living creature that we know of more full of possibilities and promise than a boy, and that is — a girl. "How that girl grows!" was the remark of a busy mother in our hearing recently. And she added, "It seems but yesterday that she was a babe in my arms." As we looked at the girl fast growing into young womanhood we felt like congratulating the mother on her child, for we knew that Mary had been a mem-

ber of the Junior League since she was able to read, and even longer, and now after some twelve years' training among the Juniors she was about to advance to a place among the adults. We do not for a moment think that she would have been lost to Christ or Methodism if there had not been a Junior League training for her during those twelve years; but certainly she is to-day a more intelligent and useful young Methodist than she would have been without the Junior League. Our girls are growing, and will soon be women. Whether they shall be beautiful in spirit, wise in understanding, and full of fruit for the Master, depends very largely upon the disposition of their affections now, and we know of no better place as an auxiliary to the Church for training our girls for beauty and use in the Master's service than the Junior Epworth League. Let your girls grow there.

"Made Them Love Her."

A pastor, in reporting on his Junior League, says, "We secured as Superintendent a fine Christian lady who *made the children love her*." No qualification for service could be of greater value than this. There are many persons who shrink from assuming the responsibility of taking charge of a Junior society because they have little education and are not fluent in speech, etc. Most of these hindrances can be overcome by one whose heart is full of love, and who is anxious to help the boys and girls.

A lad was asked why he attended a certain Sunday-school when there were other schools much nearer. "O," he replied, "they seem to love a fellow over there."

Children are very quick to observe whether those who teach and train them have a genuine interest in their welfare, or are simply doing the work mechanically and from a sense of duty. The man or woman who can gain the affection of the Juniors is almost sure to accomplish something valuable. It is a fine art that all Sunday-school teachers and Junior workers should seek to acquire.

Thought He Couldn't Walk.

The followers of "Dr." Dowie have another case of "miraculous" cure to boast of, and it may be expected that they will make the most of it. For several years past a man named John Easton has been seen going about the streets of Toronto, lying on a bed, in his wagon, which he never left night or day. It was said that his back had been broken by a street car accident in Brantford, and for six years he has been encased in a plaster of paris jacket. The Dowites began to pray for him, and the great mogul at Chicago led the petitions for the poor cripple's cure. The result was decidedly sensational. The "helpless man" immediately got up and began to walk when the plaster of paris cast was removed, and on the next day went to church.

The doctors who attended the case at the time of the accident state that the