

"detective story," the irreverence lifting itself against parent and law, the numbers trailed before the magistrate's bench (sixty-four in our own city last year), the secret clubs for useless or evil purposes, haunts of vice frequented by boys from twelve to fifteen, all these aspects of the boy question, so menacing to them and to all society; these, as well as a study of the boy-nature, cry aloud to us seniors of Christian faith and of good morals to set ourselves to their redemption.

If any man would make his life tell, let him be a leader of boys; let him gather boys of a dozen homes to meet in home or church, or boys of the street into church or club-room; let him, by energy, tact and patience infinite, relying on the hero-worship in the boy, lead them in all good things, until he has tided them over this formative, erratic period of their life into Christian young manhood. Wanted, one hundred such men in Hamilton, and none but boy-lovers need apply.

The boys of to-day are the men of to-morrow. Would we have a democracy that is pure, a Church that is militant, a home that is holy, save the boy.

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NOTE—In the preparation of this sermon I have been greatly helped by the fine book of Dr. Byron Forbush, on "The Boy Problem." Other books on the general subject are: "The Child," by A. F. Chamberlain; "The Spiritual Life," George A. Coe; "Bible School Pedagogy," A. H. McKinney; "What a Boy Ought to Know," Sylvanus Stall. Most of these will shortly be placed in our Public Library.

