

Now is the time for the workers to get together for the purpose of planning the campaign for the fall and winter. For various reasons the work during the summer is not characterized by the same measure of interest and zeal that it has during the colder months. October is now here with its shortening days and lengthening nights; the leaves, under the alchemy of the frost, hang out their gorgeous tapestries of red and gold and russet and brown; the birds are flying south; and a hundred signs in earth and air and sky tell us that the time has come again for us to enter upon another campaign for Christ and the church.

**Advance,  
Endeavor!**

Plan for an advance all along the line. Progress is a law that all things in nature and in history obey. It is also the law of the Christian life. Take it as the watchword of your society during the coming months. Make this year the very best in the history of your organization.

Among other things, advance in knowledge of Bible truth. Do not be satisfied with reading your Bible; study it! Cultivate the spirit of prayer. Practice the presence of God. Make use of the Quiet Hour. Put more into your words in the prayer meeting—more thought, more earnestness, more desire to help others and glorify God. Put your whole heart into your society work. Give it whatever time, energy, influence, you can command. Seek to win souls to Christ—that is your main business. Help the church. Place yourself in the hands of your pastor for whatever work he may assign you. If you have done well in the past, do better in the future. Forget the things that are behind—the achievements, the disappointments, the failures, the slights—everything that hinders, and reach forth unto the things that are before. Advance, Endeavor!

ONE of the things that has disturbed the peace of mind of the editors and publishers of our paper for many months is the late appearance of the HERALD. The delay can easily be accounted for. Every member of our staff is an active Christian worker, busily engaged in various spheres. The work for the HERALD is done willingly and lovingly, but it must be done during spare hours, which, alas, are often very few. The self-denying services of these writers which have been so freely given to the cause of Christian Endeavor, our readers everywhere have learned to appreciate highly. The HERALD during the coming months will be better than ever before, and we promise to get out earlier. The December issue we hope to have in the mails before the twelfth of the month. May we not count on your help to extend a knowledge of our paper and increase its circulation?

**An  
Explanation.**

CHRIST came to seek and to save the lost. We must do the same if we would be like Him.

**Christian Endeavor Chat.**

THE time for holding the next Christian Endeavor Convention has been selected. The dates are July 5-10; Detroit, Mich., is the meeting-place.

THE Christian Endeavorers of the Reformed Church in America have contributed money through the regular denominational channels, to erect twelve mission churches.

THE reported contributions of Sunday-schools and Christian Endeavor societies to the American Board show a gain for the past eleven months of \$3,219.10 over the contributions for the same period of 1897. This is a magnificent record.

ONE of the most glorious fruits of the recent Nashville Christian Endeavor Convention is the organization of three Christian Endeavor societies in the Tennessee State Prison, one for white men, one for colored, and one in the women's ward.

"THE Young Men's Cooking Club" of the Ottawa, Ill., Congregational society gave a social, inviting the young women to a novel banquet—novel because wholly of masculine providing. There were bright after-dinner speeches, including discourses on "How to Run a Social," "Wheels," "Secrets," and "The Ideal Endeavor Meeting," closing with an edifying oration, "What I Know about Cooking."

TALK about the iron-clad pledge! What do you think of these armor-clad rules that follow? They are the regulations of the Floating Society of Christian Endeavor on board the battle-ship Olympia, Admiral Dewey's flagship. Some of the members were growing careless, and the adoption of these rules was a sort of re-organization arrangement got up by themselves. They fire pretty straight, don't they?

1. Every member shall diligently attend the meetings the society will hold on board.
2. No member shall use tobacco under any circumstances.
3. Every member shall abstain from all intoxicating drinks.
4. No member shall borrow money on interest, or lend out money on interest.
5. Every member shall abstain from such company, on board or on shore, as will hurt the progress of his Christian life.
6. Every member shall always wear his pin when in uniform.
7. Any member violating the regulations of the society shall be warned three times; if he does not comply with the requirements, his name shall be dropped from the membership roll.
8. Every one becoming a member of this Floating Society of Christian Endeavor shall read these regulations, and, after good consideration, shall sign his name earnestly and faithfully.