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Good Advice.—Attached to the door of the parish church of Seale, near Farnham, is the following notice: "Be in time. Come straight into church. Kneel down. Do not look around every time the door opens. Stand up directly the hymns are given out. Do not whisper to your neighbor. Keep your thoughts fixed."

To Train Teachers.—The Church of the Holy Communion in New York proposes to raise a fund of one hundred thousand dollars, the interest of which shall be used to pay experts to train Sabbath-school teachers and heads of departments in the school, and also to pay such teachers as shall demonstrate their willingness to be classed as expert workers.

Colored Young People.—A Negro Young People's Christian Congress will be held at some point in the South, August 6-11, 1902. Societies of various names, and from different denominations, will take part. This enterprise was considered at our International Convention in San Francisco, and was heartily endorsed. Mr. I. Garland Penn, Secretary of the Epworth League for the colored churches, is one of the main promoters.

Wesleyan Missions.—The British Wesleyan Missionary Society had an income last year of \$800,000, including nearly \$100,000 for famine relief in India. They employ 364 missionaries and assistants, and 9,000 other helpers. They have a Church membership in their mission-fields aggregating 48,478, besides 13,622 on trial. Notwithstanding the hindrances occasioned by the war in South Africa, they have made decided gains in that difficult field.

Four Good Books.—The *Central Christian Advocate* advises all pastors and Sunday-school workers to buy four books: Dr. H. Clay Trumbull's classic "Yale Lectures on the Sunday-school," Dr. Marianna C. Brown's "Sunday-school Movements in America," Bishop Vincent's "The Modern Sunday-school," and Dr. George E. Coe's "The Spiritual Life." If any person will read these books, he or she will understand how great the vocation of a Sunday-school worker is.

Captivate Them.—Dr. Clifford, the leader of the Baptist Church in London, closed a ringing speech with these words: "If I wanted to utter any word to the churches of this land it would be this: Whatever you do don't miss the young men and the young women; do captivate them. Lay yourselves out to secure them for Jesus Christ, first of all as His disciples and subjects, and next into His

Church. Let us, as pastors and leaders in connection with the Church of Jesus Christ, see to it that we win the young men and women for Jesus, and thereby win their lives for the highest duty of citizenship and for the noblest forms of service."

Men Wanted.—Bishop Hartzell, who is in charge of the missionary work of the M. E. Church in South Africa, is in danger of being forced to relinquish his beloved work through ill health. His enthusiasm, however, is unbounded, as shown by his recent call for men. "Many a night," he says, "I have looked up into a clear sky and cried for men! I find scientists seeking bugs, men going into the heart of the country to plant cocoa plantations, or to build cattle ranches, but day after day and week after week I scarcely see a missionary. O, for men!"

They Sang Them All.—Dr. E. E. Hoss, of the M. E. Church South, thus describes a Methodist service in Ireland: The service was much less elaborate than in the English Methodist Churches, though it included, among other things, the singing of five or six hymns. This leads me to remark that on the eastern side of the Atlantic they do not chop up their hymns as we do in America. In concluding the service I gave out a hymn which, in our book, has four stanzas, not reading it through, but simply repeating the first stanza. When the choir began to sing I noticed that there were nine stanzas. Did they sing them all? That they did, and well, too. Not so much as by a look did they express any surprise, or raise any inquiry. And the whole congregation followed them.

They Raised it Themselves.—At a recent meeting of the American Missionary Board of the Congregational Church, held at Hartford, Conn., it was stated that the Board was \$100,000 in debt. At one of the evening meetings there were two thousand well-dressed people present, when special reference was made to the debt. Anxiety and distress were in the air, and the two thousand well-dressed, well-fed Christians sighed as they sat in their cushioned opera chairs and contemplated this miserable situation, when, suddenly, a speaker suggested they extricate the Board, and relieve their own pain and dismay, by subscribing the \$100,000 needed, then and there. Happy thought! What a simple solution of the difficulty! And no sooner said than done; in an hour the \$100,000 was raised, and the Board was out of debt! This simply shows how much more might be done by all our churches if they were fired by a holy enthusiasm.

Christianity not Losing.—The *Chicago Record-Herald*, which gives more attention to religious matters than most metropolitan journals, sounds this cheering note: "People who are inclined to listen to the voice of the pessimists who indulge in lamentations over 'the waning power of Christianity' will do well to look at the figures which measure the marvellous growth of the religious organizations during the past one hundred years. It is found that church membership has grown in this country four times as fast as the population. As our growth in population has no parallel in human history, it will be seen that the advance in organized or institutional Christianity is something amazing. Over a billion dollars a year for Christianity is the answer of the Church to the skeptic and the pessimist."

World-Wide Evangelization.—The Pastoral Address read at the Ecumenical Conference in London contained the following paragraph, which is worthy of special emphasis. "It cannot be too strongly pressed home that the genius of Methodism is evangelistic and missionary. Evangelism made Methodism. John Wesley lived to save souls. He saw more clearly than perhaps any other man since St. Paul the glorious meaning of salvation by faith, and he preached it to the people. He was imbued also with missionary enthusiasm, for missionaryism and evangelism are essentially one. We rejoice to know that the work of foreign missions throughout Methodism is being prosecuted with untiring energy and with distinguished ability, and we beseech you to support the work to the utmost of your power. Let your missionary enterprise be aggressive, bold and liberal. The duty of evangelizing the people at your own doors is of almost equal urgency, and it is a most glorious and promising fact that the strongest and best men in Methodism to-day are intensely evangelistic. We pray you all to come nearest to those who need you most. Carry the gospel to the poorest of the poor and compel them to think about the Saviour. And particularly may we impress upon you how suitably in this work you may enlist the ministry of good, sympathetic and consecrated women. Methodist culture and refinement must be laid at the foot of the cross."

Greeting.—The Editor of this paper wishes every reader a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and desires to express the hope that all present subscribers will renew for the coming year. We do not want to lose a single subscriber from our list. When renewing send the name of a friend along with your own.