

been adopted by many societies, whose names describe their work, to show the various classes into which this training-school of the church has been divided.

But this work which the young people do is not simply preparation and training for future service. It involves present service and present results. Over a million of the associate members have been drawn into the different evangelical churches of America, many influenced to a greater or less degree certainly by the efforts and prayers and kindly persistence of their companions, the active members. And now every year a great host, a quarter of a million strong, of these associate members, avow before men their love for Christ and their purpose to serve Him.

It would be pleasant to dwell for many pages upon the results of the special efforts of the last few years; efforts to purify the political atmosphere; efforts to close the rum-shop and plant the mission in its place; efforts to make this country Immanuel's land, for everywhere the thought of Christian Citizenship has caused the pulses of the young people to beat fast and their hearts to bound with the hope of a regenerated America.

It would be pleasant, also, to dwell on the wonderful missionary advance of the last few years. "Missionary extension" has been one of the watchwords of the day, and with the enthusiasm born of youth the Christian Endeavorers are seeking for the subjugation of the whole world to the King of kings. I find that their mottoes in their state conventions, are not only "Our State for Christ," but "The whole wide world for Christ."

Evangelism has been considered preeminently the "new Endeavor" of the past twelve months, and nothing has gratified me so much as to note the deepening and broadening of the spiritual lives of the Christian Endeavorers, the intense spirituality of recent State conventions, and the vigorous efforts to turn them to account in the salvation of men. This spirit of devotion, I believe, will more and more characterize the societies in all their meetings in future days. The keynote of the great meeting to be held at Washington, in July next, will be the deepening of the spiritual life, if I am not mistaken.

This spirit of evangelism is working itself out in many directions. It is sending the young Christians out into the highways and hedges. It is forming young people's Christian Endeavor societies in the prisons of various States, whose formation has almost always been followed by a revival and the conversion of many prisoners. The life-saving stations have been visited and evangelized, and hundreds of conversions from them reported. Societies are being established in many of our great factories, and the work of Floating Endeavor societies among the seamen of the navy and of the merchant marine is beyond all praise.

I can not stop to speak of the results accomplished by the ten thou-