

ing a powerful influence upon the character, will brighten and ennoble life. Said Michael Angelo: "Nothing makes the soul so pure, so religious, as the endeavor to create something perfect; for God is perfection, and whoever strives for it, strives for something that is Godlike."

### Down South in Dixie.

**T**HOSE who are looking forward to a visit to Nashville in July will be glad to learn of the plans that have been made for the accommodation of the convention. It has previously been announced that the chief places of meeting would be the Union Gospel Tabernacle and a convention tent on Haymarket Square. The committee has now decided to hold the meetings in the buildings of the Tennessee Centennial and International Exposition at West Park. Rev. Ira Landrith, D.D., has this to say concerning the change:

"Not only are these buildings admirable for this use, but the park itself is a spot of rare beauty, within fifteen minutes' ride of the heart of the city on three lines of street cars, and less than five minutes' ride on the railway which runs to the grounds. Cooler by several degrees than it is down in the city, the grounds shaded and surrounded by lakes, and the magnificent campus of famed Vanderbilt University within two minutes' walk and tendered to the convention as an additional and most charming park, the Centennial buildings and grounds seem ideal for the use of an International Convention. We now feel that we are able to promise our friends, who 'come away down South in Dixie, to Nashville '98,' the most satisfactory meeting places and the most conveniently located auditoriums and headquarters a Christian Endeavor Convention ever knew. Come and see."

### Endeavorers in the Church.

**S**OME time ago the editor of the *British Weekly* sought to secure information with respect to the influence of Christian Endeavor in increasing the attendance at the church services. The question that he invited his readers to answer was: "Have the Christian Endeavor societies within your knowledge improved the attendance at church services and prayer meetings?" From the answers that were printed one could not but feel that a number of those who replied had no direct knowledge of the working of the society within their own congregation. Much of the criticism has already been authoritatively contradicted. But the replies of an adverse nature furnished a good deal of tempting material to those not well disposed toward the movement, and they made the most of it. We are glad that *Christian Endeavour*, the British organ of the movement, has sought to get reliable information on the question of the loyalty of the Endeavorers

to the services of the church. Five hundred replies were received, covering the whole country and the principal denominations. When these were tabulated and averaged, it was found that nearly twice as large a percentage of Endeavorers attend the Sunday evening service, and more than twice as large a percentage the week-night service, as of all the other church members, old and young. This attendance is the more gratifying and commendable from the fact that in England and Scotland, the church clause, familiar to us, is omitted from their pledge. We are glad to see that Christian Endeavor in the motherland is proving what it was primarily designed to be, a true helper within the church.

### A Notable Victory.

**I**N its efforts to maintain the sanctity of the Sabbath, the Lord's Day Alliance has been greatly encouraged by the victory secured in the Merrittton Carbide case. The point at issue was whether the Carbide Company could operate its works continuously—Sundays and week-days—under the present Act. The plea of the defence was mainly that the cessation of the works on Sundays would be attended with such loss to material and machinery that the manufacture of carbide would be rendered commercially unprofitable. The evidence produced was so weak that the magistrate regarded it as "trivial and unworthy of serious notice." His decision was that no case of necessity had been made out and that the operation of the works on Sunday would be a clear violation of the Lord's Day Act. Thus the gross materialism that sets profit above the Divine law has received a check and the cause of righteousness has triumphed.

### Family Endeavor.

**N**OTHING in our religious life at the present day is more to be deplored than the falling off of the good old practice of family worship. The reports presented every year in conferences, synods, councils, and assemblies all bear testimony to the decay of home piety. In multitudes of professedly Christian households there are no religious observances whatever, and in many others the practice of family worship is either formal or fitful. No one can over-estimate the importance of maintaining the religious life of the home. There is to be found the secret of the Church's strength and the nation's exaltation. Whatever furthers its true welfare is deserving of our most earnest thought and effort. We have no means of determining the extent of the influence of Christian Endeavor in the home, but every worker will recognize that it is capable of making itself powerfully and widely felt in this direction. The training which young people receive in the meetings of the society fits them in the best way for taking up the duties that pertain