

built along the water front at a cost of \$1,200,000. A sea tempestuous with strife and storm and sin is breaking against the youth of our land; with every roll of the surge another group goes under.

A study of alcoholic cases in Bellevue Hospital, New York, disclosed the fact that thirty per cent. began to drink before the age of sixteen years, and sixty-eight per cent. before the age of twenty-one. The cent. before the age of twenty-one from each saloon must get two million boys from each generation to take the place of the dying drunkards. Whose boys? His mother stood by the crib and looked into the face of my boy and prayed to God that he might be boy and happy and successful. With all good and happy word and life, I say to the demonized saloon, "Keep your hands off my boy."

What's the use of a boy? The Spartan answer was, "He may make a soldier." The Church says, "He may make a man, a Christian." This is our high work, to train a boy and send him out a man whose heart in one day will expend sufficient energy to lift a one hundred and twenty-pound weight a foot high, and with heart-throbs transmuted into moral and spiritual power, he will help to lift the whole world up to God.

Alexandria, Va.

"What About the Girl?"

BY MISS CLARA G. WALLACE.

What attention has been given to the growing children of the Junior and Intermediate Departments, has been largely focused upon the boy.

Will the fact that there are about three times as many girls as boys in our Churches allow us to close the door of investigation and be satisfied with what we are doing with and for the girls?

We need in our Churches organization for the cultivation of rich, noble womanhood. She is but a girl, an important individual—full of faith, frolic and energy. What do we owe her?

She, like the boys, needs opportunity for better physical development. Every Church should have as part of its equipment a gymnasium, and the girls should have a very large share in the use of it. To give her steadiness, she needs this healthy exercise. But in some of our Churches we shall have to wait until most of the old fossils are eradicated or die off, before we can hope for such equipment.

She needs the culture of her appreciation for art, literature and music. "We can incorporate methods whereby we may introduce our girls to what is really best in the finer arts." Let us take out of our Sunday Schools and Leagues the ragtime music and airs which are contaminating the tastes of our boys and girls.

She needs the development of the altruistic spirit and some worthy object to work for. "There is never was a girl with soul so dead, who never to herself hath said, This is the object of my life."

She needs opportunities to meet her companions socially. While it is very wise to keep boys and girls separate at times, it is proper that they should come together under careful leadership and be taught to meet socially at the period when views of life are being altered.

She needs religious training, dependent on her psychological development. We have but two natures, body and soul. Soul growth is dependent on our personality, particularly our mental equipment, so that religion is a life affair. Did it ever occur to you that while a girl accepts religious truth more readily than a boy, it is more difficult to keep her within the grip of such truth? You remember that verse in the story of David and Jonathan: "And Jonathan, Saul's son, arose, and went to David in the woods, and strengthened his hand in God." That, as the highest office of friendship, is the duty and privilege of every worker amongst the girls—the enthronement of Christ in the girl.

It was perfectly natural for us on our

trip across this great continent from the far East, when looking at the rushing river, to forget the numberless, tiny streams that have formed it and given strength to its current. Not from Jerusalem, but from despised and ever since then it has Saviour of men, and ever since then it has been the girls and boys of our little hamlets, villages, towns and cities, who have been bringing fresh courage and force into the long battle of the Kingdom.

In the course of our reading and observation we find the girl not without faults. Some writers refer to the matter of dress, stating that girls scarcely think of anything else. We refute this idea. What man is there who does not like to see a girl well dressed?

Someone has said that there is a lack of moral earnestness. If that be really so, what responsibility rests upon us to help our girls to reach a high excellence of character in the preparation of themselves for life by self-discipline and culture. When a girl ought to stand like a rock, she at times yields and falls. Notwithstanding the fact that the girls of our land have power to mould the lives of our boys and men, it is high time that we boys and the men we have taught that the girl is not always to blame, that she ought to be respected. If we, in our Leagues, churches and homes, talked more plainly to our boys, and taught them more frequently their duty by means than of studies, travel talks, etc., we firmly believe there would not exist a double standard of morals as does now exist in the United States and Canada. The hope of our cities and towns lies in safeguarding the girls, endangered by sins ranging about them on every hand. We have small hope of rescuing those already scorched by the hot fires of human passion. We must make a desperate effort to save the young. The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world. Save the girls and you save the United States and America, which means the saving of America. Save the great continent of America and you save the future seat of empire of this Anglo-Saxon race, whence we will issue its influence and power to the ends of the earth.

Therefore, save the girls, or you will never save the world.

It has been said that the Church is retaining in her fighting line only ten per cent. of her recruits. When just in the threshold of duty, they escape from the colors. The battalions of children in our churches must be kept there. Many go out from us, and are beset by foes because we have not yet learned the secret of holding them in service. To learn this is the most pressing duty of the hour. We must learn to know intimately and lovingly the material with which we have to deal. We must train according to the laws of psychology. We have indeed been too conservative and must indeed bend our methods, especially in training the girl. All the instincts of the girl hunger to grow by doing.

It is important that we bear in mind that our girls should be trained not for the conditions of ordinary national life, but to eventually take their place in a social structure which, owing to the inevitable influx of people from other lands, may in a few years' time contain more foreigners than native born. Our girls must be trained to be sagacious and able leaders and not blind and helpless followers. We rejoice this year in the fact of a much healthier public opinion and a quickened national conscience in relation to the claims of womanhood. If we are to check a great evil stalking in this land and other lands, nothing is more essential than to get international co-operation, international measures and international response.

The situation regarding foreign girls coming into our land unprotected demands our closest attention. A great many girls are led astray by answering advertisements for nudes, companions, etc. Much commendable work is being done at the railway depots of our large cities by the Deaconesses, the U. S. Travellers' Aid, etc., but much has yet to be done in the interest of the girl. Through the agency of drink and

opium, many are lured and dragged down to the lowest depths of degradation. These may be saved, but the prevention of the disease is preferable to its cure.

What is the grandest thing of all? Is it winning heaven some day? No, and a thousand times as no; "This making this old world turn and glow With the light of love, till each shall know Something of heaven here below And God's 'Well done' for our pay."

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Young Christianity in Earnest

BY BISHOP WILLIAM A. QUAYLE.

This band of human life to which you have graciously extended welcome is the young Christianity-in-earnest of this Western Hemisphere. By one who was no true friend of our denomination, Methodism was yours since denominated Christianity-in-earnest. Others have given our Church its names. Those who would have made light of us called us "Methodists," and we kept the name and hope of heaven redeemed from being ridiculous, and this other name we have held to as a legend for service and a sting to rouse our lethargy into tumultuous and effective life. Both names we rally to; and both by no means but pompous methodism and earnest but not excited activity, we humbly hope to prove ourselves helpers of the world.

And as young Christianity-in-earnest we feel strangely and magnetically allied to the future that blinks in our eyes. We are helpers of the world to be, we are dwellers in a world that is, sent hither by the world that was, but associated with the world that is to be. We feel the sense of this in the West, and hear dim voices inarticulate but thrilling, saying to us to-morrow calling us. And we are come!

This young Christianity-in-earnest believes, "We believe in God the Father Almighty and in Jesus Christ." We are not dubitant. Faith appeals to us as a lordlier than doubt. We feel the great things must be so. We would fain be sincere women and men whose strength is as the strength of ten because our hearts are pure and because our faiths are great.

We are not doubters in the little things, nor are we quibblers over little things. We are devout believers of big things. We believe in the task and the God of the task. We believe in the brave Christ and in his love who died for all men. We believe in the new heaven and the new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness. We believe in the optimism of God. We believe that love is the fulfilling of the law. We believe that laughter is better than bitterness. We believe that the Kingdom is coming and that we are competent to hurry its advent. We believe that the great God who made the world and keeps it from growing senile is the Forgiver of the sin and the Cleanser of hearts and the Healer of souls and the Giver of Songs to the night, and the Champion of all righteous things, who will bring right to victory. We are not agnostics. We are young believers in the Bible book and the Bible God and the Bible Christ.

We are friends of six weary week days. We are not sitters around. We are not resting up. We are candidates for getting tired out. We want to do our share of honorable toil. We are not prisoners. We feel the love of labor. We are not sorry for people who work. We are ashamed of those who do not work. We want to have a job and stick to it and honor it and have the applause of the Master of all good work of labor. We believe in working out our vocation, in our Church, in state. Six days of labor we believe in and practise.

We believe in a holy and restful Sunday. We do not believe in Sunday as a holiday but as a day when we believe the interests of the human race are bound