

Daily Watch.

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VIVID to many is the remembrance how at times, when a child, an earnest desire would take possession of him to do something to lighten the labor of the day for father or mother, and with all the eagerness and enthusiasm of youth, and the impelling power of love, one or other parent would be sought with the question, "Is there anything I *can* do to help you?" And not unfrequently the reply would be, "Not just now, but if you will remember this evening to water the garden," or one of the numberless little messages that save the children of a larger growth in a household many steps, "I shall be glad." So he went off, and getting engrossed in some of the fascinating occupations of childhood, the hour came and went that should have seen the duty performed; but ah, the desire, even the memory of it, had passed away! and to the child was lost for that time the opportunity of being "a worker together" with the parent.

Again, it has been the desire to do something that was thought to be quite within his ability; but father knew better, and said, "No, my child, there are many things with which you must become familiar before anything so important may be entrusted to you."

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In the Christian life there are many "childish things" that have not been put away.

How eagerly His children often go to their heavenly Father with the request that they be allowed to help Him in some particular way or special time. Just then He does not desire such a form of service, but something is suggested that will require watching and waiting, which is distasteful, and in the restless activity—which is deemed service—the mission entrusted to them is neglected, and they pass on, never dreaming that the Holy Spirit has been slighted, and has withdrawn His presence because of disobedience, and of a light regard of duty.

Or, it may be in seeking to be helpful in the household of faith, the earnest prayer goes up that he may be used of the Spirit. But God sees that a deal of preparation is necessary before he becomes a fit agent for the Master's use. The Father is pleased with the earnest request, but waiting upon God, and being taught by the Spirit and the Word only, will make the petitioner fit for so honorable a service.

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For October the Epworth Leagues are asked to plan a "Forward Movement in Evangelistic Work and Bible Service." Let us not repeat the faults of childhood and demand great things on the spur of the moment, or that for which we are entirely unfitted. During the month of September let the attitude be one of humble, prayerful supplication, not so much for work—of that there is no lack—but that when the campaign of October, with its special call to "Go Forward," is upon us, we may be so fitted for the Master's use that there shall be readiness to "Witness" and "Believe," whether it be by hand, pen, or tongue.

THE EPWORTH LEAGUE PLAN OF "FORWARD MOVEMENT"
IN EVANGELISTIC WORK AND BIBLE STUDY.

(THIRD YEAR.)

To be inaugurated Sunday, October 2nd, 1898.

This Movement was commenced two years ago among the Epworth Leagues of the Hamilton Conference, and has

been adopted by several of the other Conferences. Its success having been such as to warrant its continuance, the General Epworth League Board has endorsed it, and recommended it to be undertaken by all the Leagues in our work. In order to secure uniformity the Board has prepared the Plan for 1898, and made arrangements for the Circulars to be sent out from the Central Office.

The Object.

The Deepening of Spiritual Life—A Better Knowledge of the Scriptures—The Conversion of Souls—An Increase of Missionary Zeal—Rallying the Forces of the Church for the Fall and Winter Campaign.

Features of the Plan.

1. Sermon by each Pastor, on the importance of Bible Study, with special reference to the Gospel according to John, on Sunday, October 2nd.
 2. Reading and Study of Gospel of John in twenty-one days—a chapter a day—commencing October 2nd.
 3. Young People's Sunday, October 23rd.
 4. Evangelistic Campaign, October 24th-30th.
- Key Words:* "Witness" and "Believe." *Key Verses:* John xx. 30, 31.

1. BIBLE STUDY. THE GOSPEL OF JOHN.

Hints and Suggestions.

1. Find out all you can about the author, when and where he wrote this Gospel.
2. What is the design of the book.
3. Keep before your mind in this study the Key Words, "Witness" and "Believe." The former is found nearly fifty times, the latter nearly one hundred times.
4. The author states in Key Verses (chapter xx. 30, 31) that this Gospel was written "that ye may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing ye may have life in His name." Note how he makes out his case for Christ. Study in order each one of the "Signs" that he puts in as evidence.
5. Read the book through at one sitting before commencing the prescribed reading of a chapter a day. At this first reading give a name to each chapter, as for example: Chap. i., "Eureka"; Chap. ii., "The Cana"; Chap. iii., "The Nicodemus"; Chap. iv., "The Samaritan" chapter, etc.
6. Learn to pick your way in thought slowly through the book, chapter by chapter; then do not fail in your further study to link facts in their proper relation to this known chain of thought.

Outline of Study of John, the Heart of the Heart of the Bible.

TESTIMONY.

Cf. John v., 30-40.
Testimony of John the Baptist.
Testimony of Jesus' Mighty Works.
Testimony of the Father.
Testimony of the Scriptures.
Testimony of Jesus Himself.
Testimony of Various Individuals.
Testimony of the Holy Spirit.

BELIEF.

Instances of Belief.
Instances of Unbelief.
Development of Belief.
Development of Unbelief.
Secret of Belief.
Explanations of Unbelief.
Results of Belief.
Results of Unbelief.
Duty of Belief.
Sin of Belief.
Time of Belief.
Object of Belief.