

adopts the self-sacrificing spirit of Christ and lives for others, feeling that he does most for God who does most for man. The aim is not to populate another world with dead saints, but to transform the present age by living ones.

Such is our Christian covenant which we assume in the following explicit words: "In witness of this my pledge, I hereto set my hand and give my heart." And it should be sacredly kept, not for the vow's sake only, but because of the essential principles therein contained. The true teetotaller abstains not because pledged, but because he approves the principles of total abstinence and takes the pledge as an evidence of that approval. Our aim is to produce Christian principles, not mere religious emotions or formal churchianity. The pledge should not be treated lightly, but regarded as an oath with God who will hold us to, as well as help us in, its keeping. "If a man vow a vow unto the Lord, or swear an oath to bind his soul with a bond; he shall not break his word, he shall do according to all that proceedeth out of his mouth."

The Epworth League and Christian Endeavor Society do not exist solely for the benefit of those who are church members, but to do good to all young persons. Its special aim is to reach those who are not decided Christians, and affiliate them with Christian work and workers with a view of bringing them, in time, into active membership. Therefore a pledge epitomizing certain general duties and giving an assurance of sincerity of purpose upon the part of Associate Members is required of those who are not qualified or willing to become Active Members. The Associate Member's Pledge is as follows:

EPWORTH LEAGUE.—"Believing in God as my Father, in Christ as my Saviour, and in the Holy Spirit as my Helper, and desiring to lead a Christian life, I promise habitually to attend some Church and Sunday School and the Christian Endeavor meetings of the League.

As an Associate Member, I am willing to serve on committees, and to work as I may be required to advance the interests of the League, and will, by conversation, conduct and choice of companions, endeavor to sustain its Character as a Christian Society.

I also declare that I will more carefully consider my duties to my God, to humanity, and to myself.

In witness that I will endeavor to abide by this my pledge, I hereto affix my name."

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.—"As an Associate Member I promise to attend the prayer-meeting of the Society habitually, and declare my willingness to do what I may be called upon to do as an Associate Member to advance the interests of the Society."

The advantages of taking such a pledge are many. It gives a right tendency to moral character; it is a step towards