

**International Epworth League
Convention**

July 1st to 5th, 1914, Buffalo, N.Y.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION.

1. The Convention will begin on the night of July 1st, with a great mass meeting at the Broadway Auditorium.
2. Three simultaneous meetings will be held daily during the Convention with the same programme but with different speakers at three places namely: The Broadway Auditorium, Elmwood Music Hall and Plymouth Methodist Episcopal Church.
3. The Headquarters for registration will be the Delaware Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, corner Tupper St. and Delaware Ave. Those who arrive in Buffalo by boat or the Lackawanna Ry, take a Main St. car, get off at Tupper St. and walk three short blocks to the left. Those arriving by all other railways take an Elmwood car, get off at Tupper St. and walk one block to the right to the Delaware Ave. Methodist Episcopal Church.
4. All delegates immediately on arrival should register and secure the badge which entitles them to all accommodation privileges and convention concessions, including programme, hymn book, etc. All who desire to make reservation for rooms and board in advance must have registered by mail and have received a receipt for same. No accommodation will be provided for any except those who register and pay the registration fee, which is \$1.00. We urge upon all the necessity of registering in advance and at an early date. For all matters pertaining to registration write Rev. E. L. Waldorf, D.D., 443 Porter Ave., Buffalo N.Y.
5. Ample accommodations in homes for lodging and breakfast will be provided at \$1.00 each.
6. The hotel accommodations, European plan at usual rates \$1.50 and up. Better make application soon since Buffalo is a great summer city and the hotels are usually crowded at that time of the year.
7. For all information concerning board and rooms, write Rev. F. H. Coman, D.D., 270 Georgia St., Buffalo, N.Y.
8. For information regarding railway rates, special trains (to be had wherever one hundred or more delegates get together) or special cars (to be had when- ever thirty or more delegates get together) write Rev. E. K. Copper, 349 Railway Exchange Building, Chicago. He represents the Central Office.
9. Special features during the Convention: Excursions will be arranged for Niagara Falls and certain places of special interest in Buffalo. On Saturday afternoon, July 4th a great patriotic parade and demonstration, in which the Evangelical churches of Buffalo will join. Addresses by speakers of national reputation from Canada and the United States. Saturday night there will be no session of the Convention, but a concert given by the Ciel Club Chorus of Buffalo (200 voices) which has achieved fame in rendering unaccompanied music. A banquet of Original Leaguers will take place on Thursday night, and another banquet of Conference and District Officers of the League on Friday night.

Little Kindnesses

Some kindnesses are like little gateways that open into great roads. Or, shall we say, they are like little keys that unlock great doors. Here is an incident from a report of a very famous mission in Nottingham. A working woman was having a heavy washing-day. She was wringing a large quilt by hand, not being able to afford a wringer. A lady from

one of the houses whose backs overlooked the terrace in which the woman lived called to her: "It is very hard work doing those without a wringer. If you like to come round and use mine you are quite welcome." The kind offer was accepted. While the work was being done, an invitation was given to the mission. The invitation was accepted, because "It seemed to me," said the woman, "that this was the right sort of Christianity." That servant of Christ little knew when she was offering commonplace help that she was taking the first step to bringing a woman home to God.

Now it is a very suggestive thing that our Lord was always emphasizing the enormous power of commonplace services. What infinite results He attributed to giving a cup of cold water! What value He placed on the fraternal kiss and the ministry of water for the weary feet! I think that many of us fail in life's duty because we are always assuming that little

things don't count. We think that big things are required if anything worthy is to be done. No, it is the little kindness that opens the big door. It is the offer of commonplace help which brings people into the kingdom. A returned convict was won for Christ because the mayor of his town said a kindly word to him when he got his release!

Everybody can carry these tiny keys about. Everybody can perform acts of Christian courtesy and good-will. The world is weary for civility in commonplace, for graces in the ordinary road. A gracious letter will sometimes make the receiver sing for days together. A simple "Thank you" may be the oil of courtesy to many a laboring soul. A cup of cold water may give the pilgrim new heart for the road that is yet to be trodden. And "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye did it unto me."—Sunday Companion.

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