

—“Among the practical benevolences have been the furnishing of the Sunday-school infant-class with chairs, the supply of the pulpit with flowers, and the distribution of invitations to Church and League services.”

—“The members (twenty) all take an active part in the Monday evening prayer-meeting. Under the direction of the finance committee the church basement has been finished off and the prayer-meeting room has been carpeted and neatly painted.”

—“Over seventy of the one hundred members are professing Christians, and they give the prayer-meetings a strong revival spirit. At a recent meeting eighty testimonies were given. The chapter pays \$10 annually for space in the local newspaper, and wherein to advertise the meetings. We have monthly receptions, printed programmes of work to be done, etc. Our society is strictly a “young people’s” society. It has been among the means of promoting the greatest revival the church has ever had. The treasury of the League now contains over \$300. An excellent showing all around.”

—“During the revival services League meetings were held every night preceding the regular meeting, and many of our young people were saved. We organized with thirty-two members; we have now over fifty, and we know that God is with us.” Secretary Charles Hinness sends this cheering report.

—“We have just completed a series of extra revival services in our church, at which time there was much good done in the conversion of souls and bringing us closer to Christ. Our League has been the most genuine means of stirring up the young people to the sense of their social and spiritual duty to the church.”

—“We have every encouragement of pushing on all of the interests of the Epworth League. We know what it has done for our church, for our young people, and this done must certainly glorify our God in heaven.”

—“The prayer-meeting helps both the young people and the older ones who attend it. Socially and spiritually the League has strengthened the church.”

—“The *Epworth Herald* will be a bright, newsy, helpful weekly journal for the young people of the Epworth League. Edited by the Rev. Dr. Berry, a native Canadian, and son of a Canadian Methodist minister.

—Three thousand young people have, within the space of two weeks, been organized to work under the direction of the Methodist Church for active Christian work.

HAS the day been full of care?
Have you had no time for prayer?
Not one chance a plea to send
Upward to thy Saviour Friend?

Ne'er did He forget to give
Strength and breath by which you live;
Yet you daily cannot spare
E'en an hour for earnest prayer!

The Picket Line.

THE Sunday-school is the picket line. It leads the van. The President of the Congregational Sunday-school Society recently related to us some incidents illustrating the truth that the child holds the key to the home. At our request he has put a few of these incidents into paragraphs for our readers.

In a ward in one of our largest cities recently there was a blatant infidel who refused to allow his wife to enter a church, but could not refuse to permit his boy's attendance on the Sunday-school, for all the other boys went. In a short time the boy became a Christian. His father watched him, and finally said to his wife: “There can't be anything very bad in this religion when it makes such a change for good in our boy.” The result is that the father now permits the mother to attend church, and has commenced to go occasionally himself. Light has entered that home, but it entered through the child and not through the parents.

A similar infidel, who doubted whether there was any future at all or not, permitted his boy to attend one of our Sunday-schools. The boy became more and more interested in religious things, and has now been sent to Moody's School at Northfield, with a reasonable chance of becoming a minister of the Gospel. Thus again the father is being reached through the child.

In another home, the father was so indifferent to religious things that when the minister called, he took his pipe and disappeared out of a back door. But he could not prevent his little girl from attending Sunday-school. At Easter time she was presented with a little book which gave the story of the crucifixion and resurrection. Book in hand, she started for home, climbed up into her father's lap, saying: “Yead my book.” And the father was compelled to read the story from A to Z. There was only one road to that parent's heart, and the child had “the right of way.”

What is true of the individual is true of the community. Some years ago there was a large district of country where infidelity reigned supreme. The Sabbath was a day of desecration. A young man entered the region, trying to establish a Sunday-school. There was nothing out of which to form a church. The people turned away from the man, refusing to give him anything to eat, and one woman set her dog upon him. Finally, through the intercession of a little child, whose father was one of the district school committee, permission was given for the use of the school-house one hour on Sunday; and the result of it is, that to-day there are four churches in this region, and infidelity has gone forever.

FILL up the void spaces of your time with meditation and prayer.—*J. Mason.*

THE soul is the life of the body. Faith is the life of the soul. Christ is the life of faith.—*Flavel.*