

orders with Christ, I see no reason why this gulf between the Sabbath School and the Church should not be bridged, and the greatest argument for the creation of other societies for doing this work be removed.

But while this may be a possibility, and perhaps a desirable possibility, the fact remains that there is a work for young people which should be done, but which is not even attempted by the existing Sabbath School. This is a work of systematic Bible study and training and instructing for the more public and outward forms of Christian work in connection with the Church of Christ. For this work there has arisen in our day a multitude of Young People's Societies, the work of which has assumed a variety of forms, and, yielding to the tendency to specialize there has come into existence what sometimes seems to be a congested state of organization, and so a ground of objection has been created by the establishment of what has been declared to be mere machinery. Lord Macaulay, in one of his essays, pointed out that a great element of the strength of Rome lay in her thorough knowledge of the way in which to deal with enthusiasts. "The Church of Rome," he said, "neither submits to enthusiasm nor persecutes it, but uses it. She considers it as a great moving force which in itself, like the muscular power of a fine horse, is neither good nor evil, but which may be so directed as to produce great good or great evil ; and she assumes the direction to herself. It would be absurd to run down a horse like a wolf, it would be still more absurd to let him run wild, breaking down fences and tramping down passengers. The rational course is to subjugate his will without impairing his vigor. When once he knows his master, he is valuable in proportion to his strength and spirit. Just such has been the spirit of the Church of Rome with regard to enthusiasts." There is a lesson here for us.

Now, it is not to be denied that there may be over-organization in the Church, just as there may be a fifth wheel to a coach, but it seems evident that our Young People's Societies