

headache, but mothers will sacrifice considerable for the real good of their sons.

Every church should have a boys' club of some sort, and some should have several. The almost universal neglect of the boy is incredible. Almost every section of the congregation has been entered to, but the great army of big boys has ranged at their sweet will. The most difficult, but perhaps most important, class, have been "passed by on the other side."

Every club of boys should be framed to the keel of physical activity. Action, not contemplation, is the key-note; they must *do* something. Let boys spontaneously organize, and eighty per cent. will be devoted to physical activity. He's a restless, cosmic creature, this colt of ours, and whether by military drill or gymnastic work, by manual training or play, keep him busy, hands and feet, body and brain. I submit that the ordinary Junior Endeavor Society can never include the average boy of fourteen. It is too quiet. It is also too introspective. The boy is expected to express in prayer and testimony feelings which he is not sure he has, and around which, if he were sure of them, he would at this age throw a triple steel of reserve. We cannot hold a boy by a fragment of his nature, but through the main movements, and this fourteen-year-old is mainly an engine of energy, who looks not in upon himself, but out upon an intoxicatingly lively world.

Nor is the Sunday school meeting the need. The boys' class of this age—and, alas, they are too small and too few—should not be expected to be a limp company of patient auditors, but should be directed towards Bible study and Christian living by methods suited to their active natures. The Sunday school is sadly in need of a pedagogy for the adolescent boy.

I plead that the best wisdom of the Church be given to the boy problem. I long that every boys' club, whether in home, or shed, or church, or Y. M. C. A., should be directed on lines not only Christian in spirit, but also divine in methods, divine because suited to the nature God has given them. Is there no call to look after the boy? *Is it well with the boy?* The fearful leakage from the Sunday school at the age of fifteen, the scarcity of boys in church services, the droves running the streets at late hours, the growing practice of cigarette smoking and reading of the