

grace; give Him yours. He needs feet upon which He may go on errands of mercy; give Him yours. He needs hands with which He may do deeds of kindness; give Him yours. He needs lives through which He may manifest His character to mankind; give Him yours. That is the only form of consecration that has any significance. According to the number in any society who thus assume this individual responsibility for its welfare, will the usefulness and influence of that society depend.



THE church has a claim upon the service of every true Christian. Christ loved the church and gave Himself for it, and our devotion to Him

The Best Sphere

for Service.

will show itself in loyalty to the church for which He died. The church is the chosen agency through which God has blest and will bless the world. We can find no other sphere in which our service will count for so much. Ian Maclaren has said, "The best service any man can render the cause of God is to see that the work of his own church is well organized and efficiently carried out." This is exactly what our society aims to secure through the deepening of the spiritual life and the training for Christian service of its members. The society exists for the church; it is subordinate to the church, it must fulfil its mission through the church. There is no sphere of service so noble. It has never had so many problems to solve, nor so many fields to occupy. At home and abroad wide open doors invite the efforts of all according to their ability. Young people are needed to teach in the Sabbath-school, to sing in the choir, to visit the sick, to distribute good literature, to reach the unchurched, to cheer the discouraged, to preach the gospel, to carry the glad tidings to the regions beyond, to advance the cause of missions at home. One can do this and another can do that; all can do something and some can do much, but the best thing, the greatest thing, the most essential thing all can do—pray. Then, help your church! The truest Endeavorer is he who most loves, is most loyal, and renders most service to the church which is the pillar and ground of the truth.



To reach young people and hold them for Jesus Christ is one of the most pressing problems of our times. Every pastor has it kept continually before his mind; every convention of Christian workers seeks to shed new light upon it.

Reach the Young People. Progress is being made, but we are only beginning to grapple with the difficulties. In this work the Christian Endeavor society must make itself felt. It was first organized to help the church in this very work, and it must do it or acknowledge defeat. In many places a remarkable work has been done. It has gathered the young people under its standard, and has trained them for ser-

vice that makes glad the hearts of pastor and officers. Elsewhere the work is but poorly accomplished, not because the society is inadequate, but because the means are not employed to make the work of the society effective. It is the duty of the workers in every society to face this problem and solve it. It is not enough to issue invitations and hold pleasant meetings. A little may be accomplished in that way, but the question that will still demand solution is, How can the great mass of young people be reached for Christ and the church? If the problem is to be solved at all, it will be through much prayer and effort and study and travail of soul. There is one thing certain that the most favorable conditions possible for the physical, moral, and spiritual wellbeing of young people must be secured. If you want the bees and birds to hum and sing in your lawn, you cannot secure their presence by mere wishing or by calling upon them to come. But if you plant the honeysuckles and chestnuts and maples, the influences of nature will carry the tidings, and they will come of their own accord to cheer you with their busy hum and glad, sweet songs. In a similar way we must study young people, and make provision for meeting the necessities of their lives from as many sides as possible. Provide a bright, cheerful room, as homelike as possible; make the atmosphere genial with kindness and sociability; have strong, spiritual, educative meetings; enlist the services of everyone in some work that he likes. After you have done your best, you will yet find much to be done, but you will reach some—perhaps a great many, and you will feel that you have at least in some measure helped to solve one of the most difficult problems of our times.



It frequently happens that valuable lessons may be learned from our opponents. Just read these words of Mr. O'Keefe, and see if they are

A Valuable Lesson.

not worth pondering. The Toronto brewer was being interviewed on the plebiscite returns, and among other things he made use of this significant statement: "The liquor men are out of politics. They hold the balance of power, and can elect or defeat any government." Thank you, Mr. brewer, now we have your own confession of the truth we have long suspected, that the liquor men may always be counted upon to vote "solid" for their interests irrespective of party. That is the reason you have succeeded so often in frustrating the plans of the temperance people; they divide their forces at the polls, you keep yours together. With your folks the "trade" is everything; with them, temperance is kept subordinate to party. Get together, temperance people! For the sake of the cause, keep "out of politics"! Then the balance of power will be changed, and the party that gives its support to the liquor traffic will fall so suddenly that it will carry the drink curse with it, and from that day there will be no party so poor as to do it reverence.