

connected, puts itself in absolute subjection to the wishes of the pastor and the church.

II. As to the results for good, concerning which I am asked to write, it is not an easy task to condense them within the limits assigned me. I hope I shall not be considered a partial and biased advocate, or be thought to speak in a boastful strain, if I attempt to enumerate some of the more noteworthy. One of the happy results is the *discovery* of a vast number of earnest young Christians. The society has discovered them to themselves and to the church. It has made use of their powers, and developed their capacity for Christian service.

Twenty years ago it was an uncommon thing to hear a young voice in our church prayer-meetings, or to find many young people engaged in the various activities of church life. Now there is scarcely a church between the two oceans which has not a corps of young workers, who can be relied on for any service which may be needed.

In other ways, too, have a multitude of Christian young men and women taken their places among the moral and religious forces of the day. As officers of local, state, and county unions; as promoters of Junior Endeavor work; as members of the various committees that advance the cause of temperance and good citizenship and missions and evangelism, under the direction of the pastors and churches, and in many other ways are they making themselves felt.

In a somewhat wide acquaintance among these young men and women, in England and Australia and Canada, as well as in the United States, I could name thousands who have been brought out by means of the society and who to-day are doing a special and most useful work in the kingdom of our Lord.

Another beneficent result which all will acknowledge is the rejuvenation of the young people's prayer-meeting. This somewhat decadent institution, as it was a dozen or fifteen years ago, has taken on surprising life and vitality. It is a real power now in almost every church, and as indispensable a feature as the Sunday-school or the mid-week service. The society of Christian Endeavor has sometimes been called with a sneer, "a prayer-meeting society." I know of no higher distinction which can be conferred upon it, than the one implied in this epithet. The prayer-meeting is its beating heart. Here its interests center, here its workers are trained. This it is which gives tone and character to the whole movement.

But it does not confine itself to the training of a generation of prayer-meeting goers, and prayer-meeting participants. It has proved itself to be an all-around training-school for the young people. Its Lookout Committee teaches them how to care for the spiritual interests of their companions. Its Prayer-Meeting Committee puts care and thought upon this most important service, and gives to it a new dignity. The Social Committee trains in tact and winsomeness, while it is merely necessary to read over the long list of other committees which have