

the League standards and make no compromise with what seems to be a tendency in some quarters to make membership in the Epworth League a rather easy if not trifling matter. *Observe the pledge.*

"The Great Feeding Ground"

The current number of *The Missionary Review of the World* reports a Wesley Guild in England that has "a membership of 652 with a junior guild of 500 boys and girls." After referring to the various activities of this guild it says, "As soon as the Sunday School boys and girls reach the age fixed for entering the Guild, they are welcomed and made to feel at home. The junior Guild is, of course, the great feeding-ground of the older society." It is a misfortune that so many among us do not see the force of the two words "of course" in the above connection. If we realized their full meaning we would place a higher value on our juniors, and a significant increase of Junior Leagues would result. Be assured that your League will never die or even lose the vitality and enthusiasm of youth as long as you make provision for the periodical introduction into its membership of a graduating class of juniors duly promoted into the ranks of the adults.

But neglect the boys and girls and you will find difficulty in keeping things "moving" in the direction of exuberant growth. Your League will finally die of old age after lingering awhile in decrepitude and weakness. Keep young by the constant accession of youths and maidens in early adolescence—such as have already accepted League standards, formed League habits, learned League experience, and acquired some measure of League skill in the Junior Society. Otherwise your obsequies as a young people's society will soon be in order and you will be numbered among those who live in mournful memory only. The Epworth League need never die as long as Methodist girls and boys live. May their numbers never grow less.

Newness of Life

Dear young friends: When our Lord mounted His throne He said, "Behold, I make all things new." We

know that "if any man be in Him he is a new creature." It is this newness of life we most need. Do not stop short of it. Mary chose deliberately and forever the good part—the one thing needful—and was grafted into Christ as a branch into a living vine. She thus became established in Him. If you have been made new, still seek to be more closely united with the Lord, for life should be a daily becoming something else and something better—more like Him. The Lord Jesus wants to work daily these renewals in His youthful disciples, and through them in their young friends, in their families, in the world, until at length we shall have a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness. O, love the Lord with all your hearts; labor to please Him every day in all things; listen to His still small voice speaking within you, and walk with Him in newness of life.

GEO. M. MEACHAM (1856).

Experience Adds Power

Memory goes back seventy years to a Sunday evening in Sunday school; the lesson, "Salvation by Faith"; the teacher a leading merchant in Dundee, Scotland. He was so earnest in making the truth simple, and so loving in impressing it on our minds and hearts, that I have never forgotten the occasion. He spoke out of his own knowledge, knowledge gained by experience of the truth he taught. Four years later, in Canada, I sought and found my sins forgiven, and sixty-three years ago was led by God into the ministry. It is good to see so many young people in the Sunday schools and Leagues. My message to all is simply that we still need the leaven of experience to give power to the truth we teach to others. The experience of the teacher, more than his knowledge, gives power to his utterance.

GEO. McRITCHIE (1850).

"The race of mankind would perish did they cease to aid each other. From the time that the mother binds the child's head, till the moment that some kind assistant wipes the death-damp from the brow of the dying, we cannot exist without mutual help."—*Sir W. Scott.*

TOPIC TABLE FOR THE LEAGUE YEAR, MAY 1914 TO APRIL 1915

MONTH.	I. CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR DEPARTMENT.	II. MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT.	III. LITERARY AND SOCIAL DEPARTMENT.	IV. CITIZENSHIP DEPARTMENT.
	<i>First Week of Month.</i> General Theme: Realizing the Kingdom of God.	<i>Second Week of Month.</i> General Theme: Christian Missions as a Social Force.	<i>Third Week of Month.</i> General Theme: Epoch Makers in Church History.	<i>Fourth Week of Month.</i> General Theme: Social Duties of a Citizen.
MAY.....	Christ's Teachings concerning His Kingdom.	Social Aspects of Home Missions.	Paul, "the Apostle to the Gentiles."	Courage.
JUNE.....	What does God's Fatherhood imply for me, here and now?	Our New Neighbors and their Church Home.	Origen, "the Apologist of the Early Church."	Truthfulness.
JULY.....	What does the phrase, "Jesus, My Saviour," mean to me?	The Gospel as a Pioneer Social Force.	Athanasius, "the Creed Maker."	Honesty.
AUGUST.....	How may I demonstrate in this day the Lordship of Christ?	The Gospel as a Social Force in Industrial Centres.	Augustine, "the Father of Western Theology."	Justice.
SEPTEMBER.....	The Provision God has made to give me Wisdom and Power.	Once Strangers, now Fellow-citizens.	Charlemagne, "the Empire Builder and Pope Maker."	Humanity.
OCTOBER.....	The Place and Purpose of Bible Study in my life.	Our Response to Opportunities for Service.	Bernard of Clairvaux, "the Father of Western Mysticism."	Generosity.
NOVEMBER.....	My present obligation for the realization of the Kingdom.	Social Aspects of Foreign Missions.	Francis of Assisi, "the Father of the Mendicant Orders."	Love.
DECEMBER.....	Prayer in its relation to character and service.	Our Indians and their Training for Citizenship.	Wiclif, Huss, and Luther, Forerunners and Fathers of the Reformation."	Temperance.
JANUARY.....	The Faith of a present-day Christian.	Our Mission, and 40 years of Social Progress in Japan.	Zwingle, Calvin, Knox, "Reformation Heroes."	Purity.
FEBRUARY.....	The witnessing that counts.	Our Mission, and 20 years of Social Progress in Szechwan.	Ignatius Loyola, "the Founder of the Jesuits."	Health.
MARCH.....	My Ideal for our Church.	Christian Education a Factor in Social Betterment.	John Bunyan, "the Puritan."	Industry.
APRIL.....	Making our Society a Community and Kingdom Force.	The Medical Missionary as a Social Reformer.	John Wesley, "the Prophet of a New Era in Religion."	Conscientiousness.