

they must be early taught that the Lord looks for and has a right to expect them to recognize His goodness and mercy in the way the Psalmist describes when he says: "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all His people. * * * I will offer to Thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all His people."

The founder of the Society of Christian Endeavour says: "Say what you will about the beauty of quiet, unobserved Christian lives; wax poetic about the sweetness of the hidden violet, it is nevertheless true, it always has been and always will be true, that the most beautiful as well as the most useful Christian lives are those which most frequently express in some way their devotion to their Saviour. If the devotion is in the heart it will naturally find expression; as naturally as the sun will shine, or the violet will exhale its fragrance: and it is well to furnish some channel through which this allegiance to Christ may be frequently expressed. Such a channel is furnished by the prayer meetings of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour."

To get the young Christians in Knox Church accustomed to audible participation in worship, is one of the main objects of this Society; and the measure of success which has attended the effort in this direction has been encouraging. Though the multiplication of meetings is undesirable when avoidable, a little reflection will serve to convince those who think one week-day meeting for all the Church sufficient, that the younger people are much more likely to participate actively in the exercises when in a meeting which they may consider their own, than they would in the regular prayer meeting of the Church. Every believer attending the young people's prayer meeting is expected to take part in it, even if it be only by reading a verse of Scripture. Several of the Society have voluntarily pledged themselves to do so, and it is hoped that all will soon realize it to be not only a duty, but a privilege and pleasure to contribute in some manner to the interest and profit of the proceedings. The following is the form of pledge adopted:

"Trusting in Christ as my Saviour, and believing that it is my duty to confess Him before others, and to engage in His service, I hereby promise to attend every meeting of this Society unless unavoidably detained, and to take some part therein; and I also promise to do what I can, by word and by life, to extend the kingdom of my Lord and Saviour."

The Society not only aims at securing verbal expression of allegiance to Christ, but seeks to promote His cause and kingdom by practical effort in directions open to it. The Sunday School and Bible

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