

Children's Work.

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Hints for the Convention.

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I hope the next week or two will prove more financially hopeful than this statement looks at present, and I am sure it will. An increase of interest in several directions has been manifested of late, which I hope sincerely may take an epidemic form and be highly contagious. I hear from the secretary that the funds are very low, and I suppose the hard times will in a measure account for it. It can never be that any of us are losing interest in the work or letting other things take up more than their share of either time or money. Dear sisters, have you considered well the claims which our beloved mission work has upon us, and the comparative value of a little more self-denial for Christ's sake as against the extra yards of lace or ribbon, the new gloves or the dainty flowers? Up to a certain limit such things are a necessity, only perhaps we should not quite agree as to where to place the limit, but I do know that any of these things given up for the sake of helping others will bring us a much greater compensation in their absence than their presence.

It will not be possible to treat the Convention to a children's programme this year, for several reasons, so that I am hoping to be able to secure an opportunity for a conference of workers in this department. I should like it to be of such a character that all leaders and others interested would feel perfectly at liberty to ask questions, make suggestions, or in fact anything which will help, and that they will come prepared to do so. All delegates from Mission Bands or Juniors should be present and make themselves known as such. Come prayerfully and hopefully prepared to do all you can for the success of our work and the extension of Christ's kingdom upon the earth, and do not forget that every contributing Mission Band and Junior E. Society is entitled to send a delegate to the Annual Meeting who should be definitely instructed how to vote on all questions before the Convention.

J. E. L.

The Secret of Success.

"Oh, if I could only play like Paderewski!" Well, why can't you? You have never tried like Paderewski. He practices many hours every day; he has been known to practice sixteen hours out of twenty-four; he has a valet who rubs him down, gives his fingers a massage treatment; in short, Paderewski is a tremendous worker. It makes one's head almost ache to know how the nervous little creature bends to his work. Now we do not mean to say that you can rival Paderewski in music; but we do mean to say that Paderewski's wonderful success is not all due to the superior endowment for which you give him credit. The secret of excellence is work. Go to work. That is the thing—*Epworth Era*.

The Profit of Giving.

In Connecticut, a few years ago, lived a lady who had a beautiful flower garden in which she took great pride. The whole country was proud of it, too, and people drove miles to see it.

She fastened two large baskets on the outside of her fence next the road, and every morning they were filled with cut flowers—the large, showy kinds in one basket, and the delicate, fragile ones in the other. All the school children going by helped themselves, and studied the better for it. And the business men took a breath of fragrance into their dusty offices that helped the day along. Even the tramps were welcome to all the beauty they could get in their forlorn lives.

"You cut such quantities," some one said to her, "aren't you afraid you will rob yourself?"

"The more I cut, the more I have," she answered. "Don't you know that if plants are allowed to go to seed they stop blooming? I love to give pleasure, and it is profit as well, for my liberal cutting is the secret of my beautiful garden. I'm like the man in Pilgrim's Progress:

"A man there was (though some did count him mad),
The more he gave away, the more he had."

—*Gospel in all Lands*.

The Considerateness of Jesus.

An incidental trait of Jesus of Nazareth was His disinclination in dealing with sinners to drag their sins to a mortifying exposure. He quickened conscience, but He did not cross-examine sinful men. There was an infinitely delicate reticence about Him in speaking of sins. In His light

sinners knew their sins, and He knew them. That was enough. The probing, tabulating, cross-examining disposition did not mark Him. The world sees the love and the new light in the sinner's heart. Christ and the sinner alone see the sin. His dealing with the woman of Samaria, with the woman in Simon's house, with Zacchæus, with the woman taken in adultery, illustrate His method. The first interview with Simon Peter after the resurrection was private. What took place between Peter and his Lord no man knows, just as no man knows what took place between Jesus and Zacchæus in the publican's house, or what had preceded the interview with the woman in Simon's house. Before the disciples there is no railing accusation, no reproach, no dragging the man to confession, only a question as to love. He who said to the woman in Simon's house, "Her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much," in the early morning, by the lake, said in like manner to Simon, the son of Jonas, "Lovest thou me?"—*GEORGE DARSIE, in Guide*.

Candy and Cigars.

Why should not parents be willing to do themselves what they wish their children to do? Yet we fear there are many fathers, wise and kind, who have not yet illustrated their precept by example, as did the one who frankly gives this incident in a private letter: "Speaking of candy, I promised the boys last year, if they would save their pennies and put them in their banks, to double what they had in a month's time. One day as I was buying a cigar, my son who was with me, after looking longingly at the candy, and then at me, said: 'Papa, if we ought to save our pennies and not buy candy, you ought to save your money and not buy cigars.' I thought he had the best of me, and now we are on even footing, for his papa does not smoke now."—*The Congregationalist*.

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