church as they confess Him, and to train them in Christian character and usefalness that they may be like Him: these are the aims of the Catechumen Classes and the Junior League, and are surely superior in every way to simply teaching missionary facts and the raising of missionary money. Both these are good, but they are not good enough for our children, nor do they constitute the Methodist Church's whole duty to her little ones.

## What is the best way to collect Missionary money in the League?

That is the best way which will bring in the most money, with the most regularity, as the free-will offering of the Leaguers. I judge that there is no better plan than the Monthly Offering through the Forward Movement envelope. Write Dr. Stephenson for detailed information as to Missionary methods in every phase of the work. He will gladly advise and assist you.

What is the main purpose of the Third Department; entertainment or education?

Both combined. Every League entertainment should be educative, and all League education should be entertaining. Meetings that are held solely for entertainment are not likely to produce permanent good; meetings that are vally educative are apt to become too academic, or, to use a popular word, "dry." The Literary Committee should seek to make the League a school of intellectual culture and verbal expression, the Social Committee should permeate every meeting with a spirit of real friendliness and warm sociability.

What study in Evangelism may our Leagues take up?

If the Leagues will follow faithfully the topics about to be taken up in the coming League year, for the first evening in each month, viz. The Personal Interviews of Jesus, they will learn something of our Lord's methods of approach to individuals and His ways of dealing with them. I have aircady advised that in each League a Personal Workers' Class be formed, presumably led by the Pastor, for a careful study of these Interviews, not simply to know what Jesus said or did, but to emulate Him In sout-winning. The coming year's studies in this particular will mean the salvation of thousands if our young Christians will but give these studies a practical bearing, and do as they suggest in personal evangelism. Organize a Personal Workers' Class.

What is the relation between the Epworth League and Organized Adult Bible Classes? Where you cannot have both, which is the preferable organization?

The Organized Aduit Bible Class has introduced into the Sunday School the industrial element of young people's work, for which the Epworth League, Christian Endeavor, Baptist Young People's Societies have stood. Its plan is largely patterned after that of the young people's society, and consists of the practical co-operation of its members in committees, under regularly constituted official leadership. Examined closely, the scope of the Organized Class is very much like that of the League, but as to which is the preferable organization, I cannot say. Certainly, if I were the Pastor concerned, who could not have both, but could have one, I should have the one that seemed to promise the most good for the work of God. The trouble with too many of both Leagues and Classes is that the members seem to think that when organized the whole is

accomplished. Wherever organization is esteemed as an end in itself, it accomplishes little, if any, good; but where considered simply as a means to an end, it is most useful. The putting of the one against the other and making comparisons is not wise. Have the best organization for study, sociability and service that you can, and then see that it does the best work that members who mean business can accomplish. Many are carried away by the newest thing, the latest idea, the most popular plan, who endure for but a little while, because they are not really in earnest, and without essential principle of earnestness, neither League nor Class can succeed. Many Leagues have died because of its lack. and many Classes are going the same We have by no means reached the way ultimate of perfection in Organized Young People's work, and probably never shall. Out of the Sunday School of a generation ago the Young People's Society grew, to give expression to the necessary activities of growing young Christians, and whether in Sunday School or League, the Methodist Church must make pro-vision for such expression or the young people will die. The happy day may come when the Sunday School will be truly and in every essential sense a school, but our expectations of some very promising Organized Classes of a couple of years ago, do not at all warrant us in concluding as some of our friends seem to have concluded, that the mission of the Epworth League is ended and its usefulness done. In my judgment the Epworth League is still indispensible in every well-ordered Methodist congregation, and properly conducted, is one of the most fruitful agencies we have.

## The Secret of League Success

(NorE.-The following lines were written by Miss Mabel Cooper, Souris, Man., fater listening to my address at the Brandon Convention. The italicized words give the key, and together they help towards League success. Miss Cooper has given a capital epitome of my thought.-Ed.)

- The first essential in our quest, To make our League the very best
- Is *Purpose* strong and true. The winning of each wandering soul; Be this our highest aim and goal
- In everything we do.
- To reach our ideal we must know Just how to work, and where to go; And so we Leaguers *Plan*.
- But every one must play the game, And do the part the plan may claim In every way he can.
- As Bruce's spider learned to climb, By trying bravely every time, By *Practice* we succeed.
- A band of workers strong to make, To speak and live for Jesus' sake,
- And be a help in need.
- To Him, whose Spirit is the power Our need supplying every hour, In *Prayer* we daily go.
- We in communion with Him meet, And learning lessons at His feet In sympathy we grow.
- In sympathy we gre

Purpose, plan, practice, prayer, By these we as a League prepare \* To be a true success.

To fill for Him our lowly place And be a *Power* each foe to face, For Christ and Righteousness.

"How old are you, Ethel?" "I'm five, an' mamma says if I'm good an' eat lots of oatmeal I'll be six next birthday."— Life:

## Summer Schools for 1913

Arrangements are being made by the Arrangements are being made by the various Summer School Committees for the coming sessions of their respective schools. The Summer School idea, far from becoming obsolete, is being very generally adopted, and the widening scope of the curricula in the several schools is evidence enough of the pro-gressiveness of the method and plan. Begun primarily for the study of the Bible and Missions, the Summer School has come to include in its programme of has come to include in its programme of study the various phases of applied Christianity as it is needed to day to meet the demands of the age. So that from Sydney to Vancouver the Methodist Summer Schools are making themselves more and more coatres of influence and nationally. locally, connexionall, Not simply for the better understanding of the Bible as its contents are expounded by scholarly teachers; not sim-ply for a deeper appreciation of its supreme literary value; not simply for a more helpful devotional use of its precious spiritual truths, but for a clearer understanding of the ways and means whereby its principles may be applied to the solution of present-day life problems, whether these relate to countries far away or to our own home land, is being made the supreme end of the Summer Schools of Canadian Methodism. Hence the introduction of studies relating to Sunday School and Epworth League work, to questions of civics and associated and moral reform problems, that the whole duty and obligation of the church to meet the imperative needs of to-day may be realized and met more and The fears of some ardent advomore. cates of missions that such a broadened plan of Summer School activities would lessen the ardor of the young people in attendance for the evangelization of the Rather without foundation. world, are will the enlarged vision of the Summer School's place in the Church as inspiring to and preparing for personal service right at home as well as abroad, stir both the minds and hearts of the youth with a pressing sense of present oppor-tunity here and now, and lead them out to greater enterprises than ever for world conquest in Christ's name.

Summer Schools, under local committees of management, are being planned clear across the continent, and the various secretaries are, we know, taking active steps to bring the advantages of each local school before their several con-We shall endeavor in our stituencies. next issue to give as complete a list of these schools as we can secure. Meanwhile, let every Epworth League and Sunday School become interested in the success of the school nearest to hand, as the announcements from the and local committees are received, let them be promptly and properly dealt with, that there may be a doubled attendance at every school this year as compared with any previous session. We shall be glad any previous session. receive all possible information re. garding the schools from the secretaries in charge, and will announce all schools that favor us with their programmes. Send these on, please, as soon as possible.

Since writing the above we have read with pleasure two communications from Rev. B. W. Allison, one of our most experienced Summer School leaders in Manitoba Conference. One of these we have put into the form of an article, "The Summer School Movement in Manitoba"; the other is in thorough sympathy with the ideas expressed above reuting to a broader Summer School plan of operations. We may quote from it later.

SHOW THIS PAPER TO YOUR FRIENDS.