

"There is no little and there is no much :
We weigh and measure and define in vain,
A look, a word, a light responsive touch
Can be the ministers of joy or pain.
A man can die of hunger, walled in gold,
A crumb may quicken hope to stronger breath,
And every day we give or we withhold
Some little thing which tells for life or death."

To encourage others in the work is a service each can render. The young as well as the old can see to it that they at least place no obstruction in the way of others. If all the young people were to strike this attitude, and perform this office, as in their various spheres they did the work of the Lord, we would speedily be brought into the dawn of the millennium.

And now to be still more definite about the mission of the young people in the church, let us briefly consider these questions :

1. Is it not, by bringing new life and joy into the church, to make her more what she really ought to be—a home? The church that does not have the bustle and noise of childhood is as dull and cheerless as the home where no children romp and play. The active presence of children in the home is the normal condition of things, and is productive of both life and joy on the part of the older members. Take away that activity by sickness, or removal in any form, and you take away the real life and joy of the home. And cannot the same be said of the young people in the church? Their very presence in a large degree fulfils their mission; but when they are active in all kinds of work of which they are capable, how enlivened and joyous the church becomes. Let that activity be withheld, or removed in any way, and coldness and cheerlessness are sure to follow. There must be a continuous supply of this new joyous life, or the church will not fill out the idea of a true home. To furnish this supply is certainly a part of the mission of the young people in the church.