

directing affairs who assumed charge when the movement started. Meanwhile they have been absorbed into all other forms of Church activity. The energy which was once poured into the League is now distributed throughout the Church's activities. The League does not occupy in their thought the place it once did. And yet they flatter themselves that it will die if they step aside. Hence there is a generation missing. Had they been willing to surrender the responsibility of the League to younger members, the problem of "Age Membership" would not have confronted us.

The weekly meetings for the promotion of the original plans of the League will be just as interesting and profitable to the

can be done. An analogy runs between the educational and religious worlds: the public school and the Junior League; the high school and the Intermediate League; the college and the Epworth League; the post-graduate course and special Church work. Tactfully, the wise pastor can lead the trained workers of the League into the Sunday School, men's club, mission study classes, district League, official board, and kindred Church activities, surrendering League responsibilities to those who in the Intermediate League have been mothered by the Epworth League and trained for mighty leadership—the cabinets meeting together and the Intermediates assuming the responsibility of one Sunday evening in each month. Thus the buoyancy, wil-

and that it is far better "to be sixty years young than forty years old," and that "fifty years is the old age of youth and the youth of old age," still the fact remains that the Epworth League is to nourish us at the time when the sublime things of life are being settled, and when destiny is in the poised. I am appealing to those who have been most graciously permitted to live during these formative days of the League, and who by it have been made strong in faith, in intellect, in character, and in experience. You are now the influentially strong; in your Church. Hear me! Hear me!—you using your strength! To perpetuate yourself in power and prestige! Remember you are to serve the weak; you are to be burden bearers; you are to carry loads too heavy for younger members; you are not to please yourselves.

Let me paraphrase the words of John: "I have thus spoken unto you, Epworthians, because ye are strong; and ye are strong because the Word of God abideth in you; and because the Word of God abideth in you, ye are overcoming the wicked one." The solution of this problem is in your hands. Because you have been trained, and are now strong, voluntarily surrender places of leadership, and by sympathy and suggestion send out the young warriors. They cannot go in Saul's armor. Neither did David. You think they cannot fight? So thought David's older brothers. They may excite the pity of the army as they rally forth to meet the giant; they may have only a sling; but with the conquering tread of youth, with an indomitable purpose to do their best and with a consuming passion for the honor of God and his Church you will soon see the "garrulous Giant of Gath" low in death. Give the boys and girls a chance! You have had yours.

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That Boy

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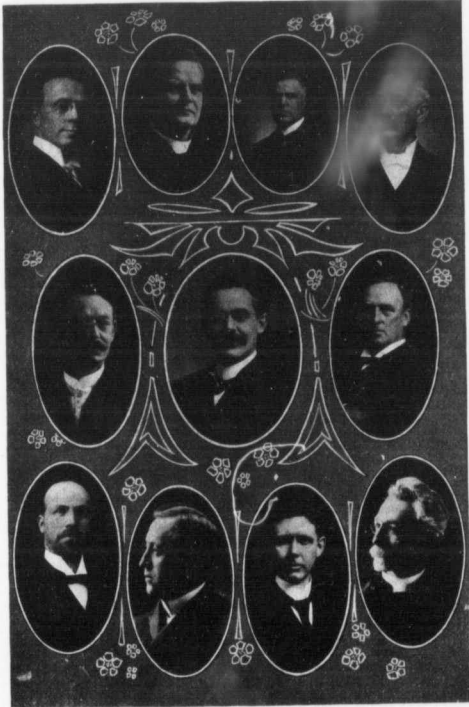
The boy is a fact. He is here to stay. What are we to do about it? The bachelor solved the problem for himself—put him in a barrel, and feed him through the bung-hole.

We must understand the boy if we are to succeed with him. The proper study of mankind is the boy. In order to understand him, we will have to follow the directions of the Welsh artist for painting—mix the colors with brains. The man who wins the boy must have a genuine interest in him. You can't fool him with a make-believe interest. He may be freckled, brown, or other color, but he is not green. "In dealing with my child," said Emerson, "my Latin and Greek stood me nothing, but as much soul as I have avail." If Michael Angelo would not move his hand in art until he had steeped his inmost soul in prayer, then let us not lay an indifferent hand on a boy.

A BOY IS JUST A BOY.

Of course he will play Indian, cowboy, highwayman, soldier, sailor, knight, and daddy; but at sundown when he goes home with his trousers torn, and his toe stumped, he is a simon-pure boy. A boy is fearfully and wonderfully made; curiously wrought within as to stomach, and without as to pockets. This is what a boy is made of: a jar or two of water; jars of fat; phosphate of lime; carbonate of lime; a few ounces of sugar; potassium; sodium; jars of hydrogen, nitrogen and oxygen; a little iron; a small load of brimstone and other things. You can't put all of the boy in bottles. He has an endless chain of appetite, a pound of grit, a jugful of mischief and bushels of fun.

Ethnology regards the boy as a rational animal, as a social creature, and is concerned with his intellectual and religious development. We must not ignore the fact that a boy has a body; that he wriggles, squirms, giggles, shouts, jumps, runs, climbs, falls, and gets hungry. That is



CANADIAN EPWORTH LEAGUE.

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young people of to-day as they were to us at their age. Their interest and enthusiasm is in that one channel, and the League, if worked, will be as appealing to them now as it ever was to us.

Instead of looking for the most reliable, the most steady, and the most trustworthy and experienced worker, let us rightly estimate the value of young life and enthusiasm. I have no more fear that they will attempt to drive out the old and experienced workers in the Church than I have that children will expel their parents from their homes.

The salvation of the situation is largely in the hands of the pastor. Without his adroit and sympathetic co-operation, little

lingness and enthusiasm of youth will be kept very close to the heart of the Church. The senior is a big man to the freshman and the trained Epworthian can mightily influence the younger people of the Intermediate League if at a logical time they should give place to new and younger members.

Publicity is the cry of the modern business world. Turn on the light. Let the people know the real situation and evils will be righted. Some individuals may need to have a Marathon, a Tours, or a Waterloo, but out of the struggle they will come crowned and sceptred.

I know that youth is quite as much a matter of the heart as of the calendar,