

KNOX CHURCH

Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour.

REPORT AND STATEMENT AS TO THE NATURE AND OPERATIONS OF THE SOCIETY.

On behalf of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour of Knox Church, we have much pleasure in respectfully submitting a report of the operations of this Society, and a statement as to the nature of the work maintained and proposed by it.

At the close of the Evangelistic Meetings of last winter, it was thought desirable to establish a meeting for the younger members of the Church, which would be of a distinctly religious character, and for the carrying on of which they would be themselves responsible. A Society of Christian Endeavour was accordingly formed, and has been maintained with a gratifying measure of success, and with good prospects of increasing power and usefulness.

The name of the Society emphasizes three essential points which should be recognized and given practical effect to by the Church: 1. That the work of the Church is Christian work. 2. That aggressive effort for the advancement of God's kingdom and the good of souls is the duty of those who profess to be the followers of Christ, and 3. That there is a part in work of this nature for the young people of the Church.

In the past a vast amount of the energy of young Christians in many churches has been improperly absorbed in maintaining musical and literary societies and other secular agencies,—good enough in their way, but of no value in building up the kingdom of God. This Society is intended to take the place of these things; and the large attendance at the weekly meetings, and the interest manifested, sufficiently indicate that agencies of the kind alluded to are not necessary in order to attract and hold the young people of a Church. It may be mentioned that not a few belonging to other churches where such meetings as ours are not maintained, have expressed an intention of meeting with us. The Society of Christian Endeavour in all its plans and operations works on spiritual lines, and aims at the advancement of God's kingdom amongst the young people of the Church.

It has been a serious mistake to allow the impression to arise that the young people who have accepted Christ as their Saviour should wait until they have grown old or middle-aged before taking part in prayer and testimony in the services of God's house. The fact is that the longer young believers delay open confession of their Master, the more difficult the duty becomes, and the less likely they are to fulfil it. If they are to avoid adding in later years to the already too large number of those who are always silent in the prayer meetings of the Church,

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