

Junior

Mrs. J. F. Chapman (8th W.P.).

"A lovely being, scarcely formed or moulded,

A rose with all its sweetest leaves yet folded."

The place given to the child shows the state of civilization in every age and nation. The most marked indication to-day of the ever-increasing power of the Man of Nazareth is the importance attached to child culture.

Classical Greece and Rome never sang lyrics of child life. But look at the utterances of the Saviour of man! He presented the child as the ideal of the kingdom of God. He made few utterances of sterner import than those spoken to the people who would harm the pure fountain of child life or underestimate the value of children in His kingdom. Few scenes of rarer beauty are portrayed in scripture than when Jesus took the little ones in His arms or told the Apostle to feed His lambs. The term of endearment reveals the infinite tenderness of the Christ heart.

The Church is just commencing to realize that the child is God's inalienable property and belongs of right to His kingdom. The grandest era will dawn when we firmly grasp the conception that it is better to save a life than to save the fragment of a life. The soul may be of equal value in either case, but in the one instance it is the life won and in the other a fragment that can never be, for time or eternity, what it might have been.

It is for the Church to throw its protecting watchful care and affection about the child that he may never wander from the hallowed associations of the Father's home.

The aim of the Junior League is not to teach lessons, but to touch lives. It strives, by an all-round development, to keep the boys and girls in the Church and to use them in practical service for Christ.

Oh, that the Most High would breathe a divine anointing upon us that we might nurture and train them all for Him.

Finance

Miss Rogers, Cobourg (Treasurer).

There is nothing more plainly taught in the Bible than that there is no true religion, no spiritual life within the soul, without the impulse to offer of our substance to God. "Freely ye have received, freely give." Is the gospel mandate, but in our carelessness we sometimes forget that money is as important a factor in the work of the Church as it is in business life. The time for our biennial convention is near, and the officers of the Bay of Quinte Conference Epworth League invite the District Leagues and Leaguers to come into a closer fellowship with them in giving and receiving. We hope that all districts which have not paid the small annual fee of \$2.00 will send it to the Conference Treasurer at once. The expenses of our Conference Convention will be heavy, and there is no revenue other than the annual tax levied upon the District Leagues and the collections taken at the sessions of the Convention.

Allow us at this time to stir up your pure spirits by way of remembrance, and to invite both District and individual Leaguers to send once and again unto our need.

Secretarial Instructions

W. Ketchum, Brighton.

To the Members of the Bay Conference League:

For some years past your Executive has issued a small publication, *Tidings*, for the purpose of announcing our Biennial Convention. This year we deem it advisable to use the columns of our excellent league paper, THE CANADIAN EPWORTH ERA, and throughout this number will be found much of special import to our Conference work. A thousand extra copies of this paper are being



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sent to our local Presidents, with this request, that they be distributed to the best advantage.

It is with deep regret that I find that it will be impossible to be at the Convention in Belleville, on February 6, 7, and 8 next. With great anticipation I have looked forward to attending and taking part in this gathering of Leaguers from all over our Conference, but as I leave for California the first of January, it will be impossible for me to be with you.

I am thankful for the honor placed upon me in electing me to the office of Secretary of the Bay of Quinte Conference Epworth League, and, although unable to complete my term of office, I trust that what time and labor I have been able to bestow on this work may add somewhat to the success of the Convention.

My earnest prayer is that God's richest blessing may rest upon all your sessions and that much good may be the result.

Your attention is called to the following

ITEMS OF INTEREST, INFORMATION, AND INSTRUCTION:

The first session of the Convention will be held in Bridge St. Church, Belleville, on Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 6th, 1912. Plan to be there.

Dr. F. C. Stephenson will be present with a fine Missionary Exhibit. Good Conventions may happen, but the most effective ones are well prepared for, and "More things are wrought by prayer than the world dreams of."

A splendid welcome awaits us by the Belleville Leaguers. Pastors and Presidents will kindly announce the Convention, see that a full delegation is appointed, and be in attendance themselves if possible.

If delegates are not yet appointed see that they are at your next meeting.

Note the arrangement of the Programme and come prepared to take part in the "Conference."

Names and Addresses of delegates, and expected time of arrival, should be sent to Mr. J. Arthur Marsh, Belleville, by Feb. 2nd to facilitate the billing.

A Registration Fee of 50 cents will be required of each delegate. This will assure you Lodging and Breakfast at one of Belleville's hospital homes during the Convention, a Programme, and a very appropriate Badge.

Dinner and Supper will be served in the New Y. M. C. A. Building by the Woman's Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. at the rate of 25 cents per meal. This will afford an excellent opportunity for Epworthian sociability.

Mr. Arthur Chapman, Belleville, has kindly consented to act as Chorister for all day sessions.

All Leagues or Methodist Young People's Societies whose aims and methods of religious work are similar to those set forth in the Epworth League Constitution shall be eligible for representation and entitled to vote, the scale of representation being one official delegate for every twenty members.

N.B.—Delegates will purchase a single fare ticket at starting point for Belleville, and obtain at the same time from the agent a Standard Railway Certificate, which should be handed to the Secretary on arrival at the Convention. On presentation of this, duly filled up and signed, the return ticket will be issued free, if it is certified as having attended the Convention and handed in Certificates; but if only 50 to 250, the regular rate will be one-third of a single fare. In any case the certificate must be presented and a ticket purchased before the departure of the return journey, or conductors will insist on the purchase of a full first-class ticket on the train. Standard Certificates alone are of no use to travel on. For the execution of each certificate a fee of twenty-five cents will be charged by the joint agent of the railways, who will be in attendance Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 7th and 8th. Tickets will be issued from Feb. 2nd to 8th and will be honored for return journey up to and including Feb. 12th, 1912.

If more than one company's line is travelled over, an additional certificate should be obtained on purchasing ticket at point of junction.

Ask your agent for a through ticket.

Do It Better

An old painter of Sienna, after standing for a long time in silent meditation before his canvas, turned away, saying, "May God forgive me that I did not do it better!" May this prayer also be upon our lips, as with a glance backward we step out upon the threshold of this new year.

The past

"Now is a part of forever.

Bound up in a sheaf, which God holds tight;

With glad days, and sad days, and bad days which never

Shall visit us with more than their bloom and their blight.

Their fullness of sunshine or sorrowful night.

"Let them go, since we cannot relieve them.

Cannot undo and cannot atone; God in His mercy receive and forgive them;

Only the new days are our own. To-day is ours, and to-day alone."

And so

"With mingling hope and trust and fear

I bid thee welcome, untried year: The path before me pause to view,—

Which shall I shun, and which pursue?

I read my fate with serious eye; I see dear hopes and treasures fly.

Behold thee on thy opening wing, Now grief, now joy, now sorrow, bring.

God grant me grace my course to run,

With one blest prayer,—His will be done."

—Selected.