

make it a pleasant time, and much credit is due to the sisters, especially, for the general enjoyment. Also to those who took part in the program—good music, readings and recitations. Then the speeches took the form of addresses on Christian Union, and were well calculated to do good. Our cause is looking up in Brunel.

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C. E. Notes.

GEO. FOWLER.

SEPT. 23rd.—How bodies affect souls. Jan 18-17. (A temperance topic).

A saloon which we pass daily in our morning walk to our office, displays above its door the unique and somewhat startling sign, "The College." It has furnished us food for meditation. It is rightly named—it is a college. The preparatory department covers the period of occasional drinking, steady drinkers fill all the regular college classes; and the bleary-eyed, bloated, blasted drunkards are its full-fledged graduates. It gives instruction regularly to its students in lying, stealing, swearing, gambling, law-breaking, adultery, fornication and murder, and nearly all students take the full course. The steps are made easy from one grade to another, and students pass quickly to graduation. Secret societies are numerous, composed chiefly of pimps and black-legs and bummers and thugs. The brothel is an inseparable annex, and so is the pool-room. Its graduates are found in poor-houses, hospitals, asylums, jails, penitentiaries, and many take the master's degree on the scaffold. Its diploma certifies that the graduate has lost absolutely and forever his health, his property, his reputation, his character, his soul, his hope of happiness here and hereafter, and every diploma bears the simple signature, "The Devil," and will admit the bearer without examination into the blackness and torment of the bottomless pit.—Christian Evangelist.

SEPT. 30th.—Consecration, what it is, what it does. Rom. xii. 1-21.

What is consecration? It is not something indefinite, hazy or mysterious; not the mere standing up in endeavor meeting and repeating some formula, but the devoting, the dedicating, the setting apart of self, of mind, body and spirit to the service and worship of God through Jesus Christ. "In the old sacrifices of the high priest, the anointed oil was placed upon the right ear, upon the hand, and upon the right foot, to signify that brain and hand and foot were to be laid down at God's feet." It is a striving in the strength of God to be like Christ, who was consecrated in thought and work and word.

What consecration does:

- 1. It makes us willing and anxious to do whatever He would like to have us do, and to be regular in attendance at the services of the church.
2. It leads us to know the Bible and to be fervent in prayer.
3. Consecrated endeavors make Satan tremble, and his empire to totter.
4. It makes a pleasure what before was an unpleasant duty.
5. Consecration to God leads Christian Endeavorers to visit the sick, to minister to the needy, to go about in the name of Christ doing good.
6. It increases our missionary zeal.
7. It opens our purposes, enlarges our conception of Christ's mission, and enables us to look upon all men as brothers.

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Children's Work.

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The Advantages of Junior C. E. Work.

We have had considerable experience in Junior C. E. work, and will earnestly endeavor to discuss this subject in the best interest of the cause. Realizing that our Mission Band did not put all the boys and girls to work as systematically as we could wish, we decided to organize a Junior Endeavor Society on Jan. 1st, 1891. This did not meet with unanimous approval at first, for only five signed the pledge. Previous to this it was almost impossible to get the boys to join the Mission Band, as many of them said that the Band was only for girls. But after forming the society numbers of boys have joined till at present we have as many boys as girls. Our membership is 32 active, and 5 trial. We used to find it hard to keep up the interest in the Band, as the success of the whole meeting depended on the President, and the boys and girls did not feel that the meeting belonged to them. Now the meeting is almost wholly in the hands of the Juniors themselves. They lead the meetings in turns, offer prayers, write essays, give readings and quotations on the subject, and act on all the committees in a cheerful and pleasing manner. Our Executive Committee, for business like principles, would do credit to any organization. We had some trouble in keeping order in the meetings at first, but now the boys and girls are behaving admirably. Our meetings are held every Sunday afternoon from four to a quarter to five, and our attendance is much larger than when we held the meetings semi-monthly. We have members from the Methodists, Presbyterians and Congregationalists.

We believe that Junior C. E. has many advantages. It is a training school for the right upbuilding of Christian character, and a preparatory school for the Senior Christian Endeavor Society. It covers the years between the days of childhood and the years of youth with its training of heart, head and hand to work "for Christ and the church."

The society teaches (1) that the joys, beauties, and works of life, are marred or destroyed by sin, and so a Saviour is needed to help the boys and girls lead a Christian life at all times; and that Jesus helps all who ask His aid, and forgives the truly penitent.

(2) The solemnity of a promise and the duty of becoming Christians. Some say that the Juniors do not keep the pledge, but world-wide experience teaches that they keep it better than the seniors. When the members pledge that they will try to lead a Christian life just so far as they know how, if they have not already given themselves to Christ, it has a tendency to make them consider this matter. In our society we had no Christians when organized. But before our report for June, 1893, one member joined who was a Christian. Since then our hearts have been gladdened by fifteen of our members giving their hearts to Jesus, making sixteen Christians in the society.

(3) It teaches self reliance, self control, and all true Christian virtues. The boys and girls are taught to lead meetings, pray aloud, and read so that you can hear them. As you will see by our report, missionary work has not been neglected. We have no fee in connection with the society, but a voluntary offering for missions is taken at each meeting, which we think is the proper way to raise money for the

Lord's work. Also mite-boxes were distributed, in which the members were to place special self-denial offerings. The money used for running expenses is raised by means of entertainments.

(1) It teaches the boys and girls to become soul-winners. The fate of the future nation depends largely upon the training of the young, for the children of to-day are the church of to-morrow. The pressing need of to-day is more consecrated men and women in the church, so let us teach the boys and girls to think for Christ, speak for Christ, act for Christ, and the blessing of Him who said: "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of Heaven." will rest on our land.

Miss H. McDougall, Guelph.

I am sorry to say that this paper on "The Advantages of J. E. Work," is the last of the series prepared for and read at the Convention in connection with Children's Work. I heartily wish I had a few more as good. It has been a great relief during the last two months to know that our column was provided for so well, and the writers have my heartiest thanks for their kindness in allowing me to publish them. Are there any questions you would like answered, or any suggestions you would like to make? If so, now is the time. As three months of this year have gone, it is time we were all getting down to earnest work again. Why not have a Mission Band and Junior rally soon. J. E. L.

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