

the South is dependent upon every white man in the South. There have been placed in the midst of the South eight million negroes, that in most of the elements of civilization are weak. Providence has placed them here not without a purpose. One object, in my opinion, is that the stronger race may imbibe a lesson from the negroes' patience, forbearance, and childlike, yet supreme, trust in the God of the universe. These eight millions of my people have been placed here that the white man may have a great opportunity to lift himself by lifting up this unfortunate race. The strongest individual is he who is most ready to lift up the weak. The most powerful State is that one which is most ready to make strong the weak. The white South will be intelligent in proportion as the negro is intelligent; it will be in darkness in proportion as the negro is in darkness. Not long ago, on the outer edges of a southern city, I saw a white child, who represented the wealth and culture of a white family, surrounded by a group of negro children in the playground. What those black children are that white child will be in a large measure. If these black children use language which is ungrammatical and impure, the white child will do the same. If these black children learn crime, the white child will do the same. If disease invades the body of the black child, the same disease endangers the life of the white child. My white friends, there is no alternative; we cannot escape the inevitable. Through public schools, through churches, and private benevolence, God means that you shall make the highest effort to lift us up, if you would make and keep your civilization pure and permanent. If the negro goes backward in this country, he will take you with him.

### Best Things.

By John Willis Baer.

THE societies were asked to state, in short sentences, the best thing that had been accomplished this last year. Here are some of the "best things" and they have been selected with a view to showing the great range of Christian Endeavor activity. We give them without comment. They speak for themselves:

"Paid part of our church debt," "Purchased hymn-books, library books, and church furniture," "Paid part of our pastor's salary," "Sent money to educate children in schools in foreign lands," "Assisted our pastor in the evening service," "Supporting home and foreign missionaries," "Held cottage and tent prayer meetings," "Organized Sunday-schools in country-places," "Visiting and holding services in prisons, almshouses, hospitals, car-stations and fire-engine houses, in parks and at steamboat landings," "Flower mission and fresh air fund work," "Organized chorus choir for Sunday evening services," "The study of missions and missionaries' biographies," "Formation of classes for system-

atic Bible study," "Special contributions for the sufferers in India and in Cuba," "Evangelistic work among the soldiers," "Distribution of good literature," "Warfare against Sunday baseball and Sunday excursions, whether by bicycle, train, or boat," "Well-planned Christian citizenship victories won at the primaries," "Organized notice campaign against the saloon," "Support of a missionary's family in Alaska," "Six hundred mothers and children taken from Boston to a nearby suburb for an afternoon's outing," "Home department of the Sunday-school organized," "Opened a reading-room in our church," "Shut up a candy-store that was tempting Sunday-school scholars on Sundays," "Christmas dinners for the poor," "In charge of evening services during illness of our pastor," "Invitations to our church left at hotels Saturday nights," "Helped to close the doors of a gambling-den," "Raised the amount given to missions per member from 20 cents to \$2.50," "Forty of our members gave their hearts to Christ" (from the society in the Albany (N.Y.) penitentiary), "Sustained a good-literature exchange," "A picnic for fifty-four Chicago waifs," "Closed barber shop upon Sunday," "Paying for a church pew for strangers," "Christmas box given to each inmate of the county poorhouse," "Made bandages and comfort bags for the sailors and soldiers," "Paid our church coal bills," "Members delegated to escort two blind girls to our meetings," "Three hundred people fed in Philadelphia's slums upon Thanksgiving Day," "Furnished a bed in a hospital," "Furnished Testaments to soldiers," "Cared for four families (twenty persons) all winter," "Support native preacher in Burmah."

There are many other splendid achievements of hundreds of societies we would gladly mention at this time, but lack of time prevents.

### Six Questions Answered.

By William Shaw.

*How long should one remain in the Christian Endeavor Society?*

Just as long as he can do more good there for the extension of Christ's Kingdom than in some other department of the church, and until his presence there prevents the younger members from assuming their full share of the responsibility. Until he is prepared to take up advanced work for the Master. There is a good deal of sanctified selfishness lying around loose in many of our societies. When a careful examination shows that the older members ought to move on into the wider work of the church, the time has come to go.

*How can we get our committees to do better work?*

By getting chairmen who will stop trying to do it all themselves. It may be easier, but it is not business nor Christian Endeavor. Insist upon monthly written reports. Have regular committee meetings. For a change let the mem-