

Q.—How long have you lived here.
A.—I came to Toronto as a student attending Victoria College.

Q.—What church did you attend?
A.—Until I finished my course I did not become a member of any city church. I found that there was so much church work to be done in the college that I did not think it wise to join and begin work in any church.

Q.—Don't you think you could have accomplished more by taking up work in some particular church?

A.—I can hardly say. A student's time is so broken by his studies that regular work is an impossibility, and making an attempt shuts him off from church life in the college.

Q.—You went into business when you finished your course?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Did you join a church then?

A.—I thought I would like to work in a certain church, and I attended the Sunday School and League for some time and tried to get into the work.

Q.—Were you successful?

A.—No; for some reason, perhaps my own fault, I did not succeed. I think I would have been given work if I had stayed.

Q.—Were you ever asked to join the League?

A.—No.

Q.—Do you still attend that church?

A.—No.

Q.—Why?

A.—Because I received an invitation to work in another church.

Q.—You withdrew altogether from the first church?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Do you believe students would take a greater interest in Christian work in the city if they were invited?

A.—Yes, sir. I believe students are not sufficiently looked after.

Examined by Counsel for Defence:

Q.—Don't you think it was your duty to tell the Epworth League president you were ready for work?

A.—It may have been, but I did not like to interfere.

Counsel for Crown (to Court)—This witness is not on trial. Whether he asked or did not ask for work does not discharge the "Lookout" Department from setting after him.

Judge—Proceed.

Counsel for Defence—You are one of those fellows who have to be coaxed to work?

A.—I think not, but I don't like to push myself forward where I might not be wanted.

WITNESS NO. 5.

YOUNG MAN BOY.

Examined by Junior Crown Counsel for Prosecution:

Q.—Where do you live?

A.—Toronto.

Q.—Did you ever go to Sunday School?

A.—Yes, but I'm too big now. They put a small fellow in our class, and I ain't going to be in the same class with kids.

Q.—How old are you?

A.—Seventeen.

Q.—Did you like Sunday School?

A.—Yes, very well. We had a good time.

Q.—Did you like your teacher?

A.—Yes; he was not so bad.

Q.—Did he ever try to get you back again?

A.—Yes; he called sometimes and often wrote letters; but I haven't seen much of him lately.

Q.—Would you go back again now?

A.—I guess so, as soon as the ice-boat-
ing is over.

Q.—Ice-boat-
ing?

A.—Yes. I take that in on Sundays now.

Q.—Did your teacher ever object to ice-boat-
ing on Sunday?

A.—Yes, but he can't stop me.

Q.—Did anyone but the teacher call on you or write you when you were absent?

A.—No, but sometimes some of the boys would come around and I would go off with them to Sunday School; but, you see, I'm too big to go to Sunday School now. I'm seventeen.

Q.—Would you go into a men's Bible class?

A.—Don't like that much, either.

Q.—Were you ever asked?

A.—No.

Q.—Were you ever asked to join the League?

A.—Heard them announce about the Junior League.

Q.—Did you hear anything about the Senior League?

A.—Don't remember. They have some kind of a meeting on Monday night, but they are most all women that go.

Q.—If the small boys were taken from your class would you go back to Sunday School?

A.—Yes, I would; but teacher doesn't care much, and nobody else cares at all.

Q.—You think if the Sunday School teachers would take greater pains and keep in closer touch with the big boys that the young men might be held in the church?

A.—Yes, sir.

Cross-examination of Young Man Boy:

Q.—How old are you say you were?

A.—Seventeen.

Q.—And you think you are too old to attend Sunday School?

A.—Well, father doesn't go, and I ought to be able to do as he does.

Q.—Do you mean to say that your father does not attend Sunday School or take any interest in the Epworth League?

A.—Well, he says he used to when he was young, but he is getting too old now.

Q.—And how old is he, may I ask?

A.—About 40.

Q.—And have you a Bible class in your church?

A.—Yes, I've heard them announce one, I think.

Q.—So, then, it would appear not so much the fault of the Lookout Committee as the fault of your parents for your non-attendance at Sunday School and Epworth League.

Q.—And how old I guess they should take some interest in it.

WITNESS NO. 6.

OLD ONTARIO ARBORE.

Examined by Junior Crown Counsel:

Q.—Where do you live?

A.—Minersville.

Q.—How large is the town?

A.—About 4,000.

Q.—Why did you go there?

A.—I thought there was a good chance to make money.

Q.—Did you succeed?

A.—Not so well as I expected.

Q.—How did you find church life there?

A.—Didn't have much time for it.

Q.—You belonged to a church in Ontario before that?

A.—Yes; I took my membership card, and a transfer card from the League.

Q.—I suppose you handed these in at once?

A.—No; I can't say I did. I did not have time to go to League, and most of the other fellows didn't even go to church on Sunday.

Q.—Did you ever hear of a Lookout Committee in connection with that League?

A.—Yes, I believe they had a good committee. I saw some of their cards posted up in some of the stores, but they didn't know me personally, so they never called on me.

Q.—Did your League know you were going to Minersville?

A.—Yes; they gave me a send-off. I was social vice-president.

Q.—Did they write to Minersville saying you were going?

A.—I don't think so. We did not make a practice of doing that.

Q.—If they had written, do you think the Minersville Lookout Committee would have looked you up?

A.—I think they would.

Q.—Why did you say so?

A.—I heard since that I was on their list of "possible members," and that they visited me the day I returned to my old home.

WITNESS NO. 7.

LOOKOUT EXPERT, MR. STATISTICAL FIGURES.

Crown Counsel—You are an expert in Sunday School work?

A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—I understand you have gathered a lot of information from many Sunday Schools concerning lookout work?

A.—Yes, I have a list of answers to questions given me by representatives from the different Sunday Schools.

Q.—Do you think that Sunday School teachers are faithful in looking after absentee scholars?

A.—I find, after careful investigation, that 50 per cent. of Sunday School teachers look after absentees carefully, 30 per cent. are moderately careful and 20 per cent. are very lax in this regard.

Q.—Are there any lookout workers outside of the teachers of the classes?

A.—Ninety per cent. of the schools have none. A few have messenger brigades.

Q.—Are any special methods used to create regular attendance?

A.—Yes, sir. The star class system; the white record system; the messenger brigade are used by some.

Q.—Does the Epworth League assist in visiting absentee scholars?

A.—Fifteen per cent. only of the Leagues assist in this work.

Q.—What plans are adopted for obtaining new members?

A.—Such plans as reward cards, prizes; in some cases visiting cards by deaconesses.

Q.—Do you think more might be done by the schools generally along these lines?

A.—Yes, sir; the figures show that clearly.

Q.—That will do.

Cross-examination by Junior Counsel for the Defence:

Q.—You say that the Epworth League does not assist in visiting absentee scholars of the Sunday School—they give no assistance whatever?

A.—Not so far as I know.

Q.—Can you tell the jury, please, in what line of business the majority of Epworth League presidents are engaged?

A.—The majority would seem to be in some mercantile institution. Their position, of course, depends on their ability and experience.

Q.—And how about the League members in the majority of Leagues.

A.—Well, many are students and many are in business.

Q.—Then, do you think it reasonable for people working hard all day to spend their evenings visiting absentees from the Sunday School or Epworth League?

A.—I think they should give some of their time to the work.

WITNESS NO. 8.

LOOKOUT EXPERT, MR. HARD FACTS.

Crown Counsel—Q.—So you are an expert in Epworth League Lookout work?

A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—In what condition do you find the Epworth Leagues of the Toronto Conference?

A.—I have received written answers to questions from a large number of churches, and, considering all the answers, have arrived at the following re-