

"Heart and hand that move together,  
Feet that run on willing errands."

Many a weary, discouraged minister has found a wonderful inspiration and refreshment of heart in some unexpected token of his young people's sympathy and appreciation.

2. They can serve the Church as well as encourage the minister by relieving him of whatever duties they can discharge as efficiently as he himself can.

In some Christian Endeavour Societies there is a "Whatsoever Committee," to whose members the minister can turn over all sorts of odds and ends of work, which would make serious inroads upon his time if he were obliged to give them his personal attention. The time thus set free can be devoted, with great profit to the Church, to other and more important forms of service.

3. They can do a great deal to retain in connection with the Church the large numbers of young people who are in danger of drifting away from all active interest in the Church's work.

In the past, one of the most discouraging features of Church life has been the apparent impossibility of keeping in touch with the great mass of young men; and in these days of wider and more independent life for women, this steady drain upon the Church's energies is becoming doubly serious. If all who are reared in the Church would be held for the Church, the Church would very soon be immensely stronger at home and capable of far greater things abroad. The work of holding the young people, and winning them to more loyal and sympathetic relations to the Church, must be accomplished mainly by our Christian young people if it is to be accomplished at all.

The splendid success of women's work for women may have its blessed parallel in the results of young people's work for young people. There will be comparatively few defections from the church in any congregation where there is even a small band of consecrated young people planning wisely and working hopefully "for their friends' and companions' sakes."

4. They can do a great deal towards creating in the congregations they belong to a deeper and more intelligent interest in the work of the Church at large.

Already in many places it has been the privilege of young people's societies to show how much can be accomplished by enthusiastic, persevering effort. Congregations can hardly fail to realize how shamefully they have neglected the duty of giving freely

what they have so freely received, when they learn that a little handful of their own young people have contributed to the schemes of the Church a larger amount than all the rest of the congregations combined.

The steady growth of the Christian Endeavour Tithe Legion is surely a happy omen, an augury of a better state of things soon to be ushered in, when surpluses shall take the place of deficits, and the windows of heaven shall be opened for the outpouring of a rich blessing upon the Church at large.

Careful study, by Young People's Societies, of the different departments of the Church's work, will certainly result, not only in increased financial assistance to that work, but also in a larger measure of prayerful sympathy with it on the part of those who have come to realize its vast extent and great importance.

5. They can keep before the minds of their fellow Christians a higher ideal of Christian living.

The great trouble with the life of the average Christian is that it is so colourless and common-place. It is sadly deficient in the sublime, the heavenly.

"The world is too much with us; late and soon,

Getting and spending, we lay waste our powers."

It is the privilege of young Christians, while maintaining always a modest demeanour, to show to the Church "a more excellent way"—the way of lofty aspiration and heroic effort.

Youth is the time for seeing visions; and in every department of human life and in every age of human history it has been the men of visions, the men of deep insight and wide outlook, who have ruled the world.

If our Christian young people cherish lofty conceptions of life and duty, and drink deeply of their Saviour's grace, the whole Church will speedily feel the spiritual uplift of their whole-hearted consecration and enthusiastic zeal.

7. They can "pray for the peace of Jerusalem."

"More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of."

We may rule our lives according to one of three laws. The first law of nature is self-preservation—here we are one with the brutes. The second is self-realization—here we are merely human. The third is self-surrender—here we link ourselves with the Divine.