

her parents looking forward eagerly to the weekly Church-going as something precious and not to be set aside for anything; if she is promised as a result that she may go too, her education is well begun.

The child should never hear her mother criticize music, or sermon, or pastor, or fellow members. An atmosphere of reverence, of joy, of fellowship should surround her first contacts with the Church. So far as is possible she should learn the hymns, the responses, and be able to participate in an increasing degree in the worship.

The element of regularity cannot be too much stressed. Many mothers fail here. They educate the child for the Church if nothing interferes; slight indisposition, the weather, an outing, the arrival of a friend. The child being a logical animal draws the inference that prayer, worship, attendance upon Sunday School are not, after all, of great importance in the scheme of things.

In these three and in other ways the mother should co-operate with her Church in helping her daughter to form right habits and attitudes in early childhood. The more trying years, however, come later on.

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How is a Christian mother to pass on to her daughter her faith made operative in a devotion to the Church even greater than her own?

The collective motherhood of the Church should collectively mother the children of the Church. The adult women of the Church are responsible to see that mission bands, societies for boys and girls of high school age, are maintained. Sometimes for lack of encouragement a promising young society that was making a real contribution to the training and education of the girl is allowed to die for want of leadership. Mothers absorbed in their clubs and their amusements cannot escape responsibility if they look forward to seeing their daughters take a worthy part in the Church. Perhaps the greatest failure in the women's organizations in the Church has been their failure to provide right leadership in missions and philanthropy to the children and adolescents of the Church.

Mothering is not so difficult a task. It in-

volves sympathy, the providing of occasional good times, the arranging of pieces of work suited to young shoulders, faith, and hope and prayer. It isn't so difficult, but it is absolutely essential.

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Work must be shared, and so must responsibility. Boys and girls demand activity. They cannot be blamed for failure to enter into the deeper things of the Church if they are never called upon to help. Two boys who were pages in a big national convention, got their call to missionary service there. A group of girls who were ushers at a state rally of their mothers, were perfectly thrilled by the meetings and by the fact that the state president invited them to take supper with her and talked to them about the work.

Daughters love to dress up and to pretend. Why not ask them to stage a simple bit of missionary drama for the missionary meeting? Often times the debate, or quartette, or recitation, or dramatic sketch contributed by the daughters will add greatly to the effectiveness of a missionary meeting. There are so many things that they do better than we; why not get them to do them?

But we have to confess that we older women do hold on to the offices. The young girl who would love to be secretary or clerk is not asked because some maiden lady has held the position for twenty-five years. The girl, who would charm subscriptions out of people's pockets, feel highly honored to be asked, and immediately get a life-interest in the missionary magazine, is not asked even to help the woman who has carried the burden so long.

If we want our daughters to care for the Church and her work, we must be on the outlook to find services for them to perform.

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Girls should be sent as delegates to the various conferences of the summer. Here they get a vision of the most spiritual life of the Church, here they learn how to take their part. No better investment can be made by the mothers of a Church than in seeing that the necessary expenses are met in sending young women to places like Northfield. The mother who takes her young daughter with