

Query:

"How Can We Secure the Co-operation of the Epworth League in the Junior Department?"

This problem has been submitted. We make the following suggestions to assist in its solution:

1. The League must recognize junior work as a constitutional department of its organization. Plenty of leagues as yet seem to be ignorant of the provision of the constitution for five departments of work. (See Article IV. of the Constitution of the Local Societies.) Therefore, no Epworth League is fully organized without a junior department.

2. The League must organize and operate the junior department, not only because the constitution so requires, but because it is a vital matter. A junior department is as indispensable to the League as the elementary grades are to a Sunday School. Imagine a Sunday School without a primary class! Every fraternal organization and insurance company knows the absolute necessity of introducing "new blood" into its membership. Any society that neglects the young members will suffer and soon die.

3. Not only does the League need the juniors to perpetuate its own life and ensure its permanent existence, but the necessary preparatory training for efficient service in the older society. The vital need is mutual. The benefits of co-operation are reciprocal. Value the juniors for their own sakes. Their present worth is great. Their future usefulness to the League and church depends on the way in which we treat and train them now. For what they are and for what they may become, the juniors must be highly esteemed. The league that neglects them is allowing its most valuable asset to lie waste and unimproved.

4. The League thus awake to the supreme worth of the juniors will carefully consider the needs of the junior department and make suitable provision therefor. In the executive meetings these needs should be prayerfully studied. The fifth vice-president should present a written report at every business meeting of the League. Here for his suggestions should be dealt with as of equal importance with those of any other department. If assistance is desired in conducting the junior work, the very best members should form a committee, to be associated with the superintendent in pushing the department. The League should also arrange for occasional union meetings with the juniors. In such a way only can the whole league be seen together. The children should not always be kept out of sight or be unheard. "Out of sight, out of mind," is too true in this case. The junior department should be equipped for its work by fraternal assistance also from the League. In short, don't think of two leagues any more—a senior league and a junior league—but of one society, with its junior and senior grades, and treat the children as they are treated in every true home, as an integral part of the family.

5. The constitution of the Junior Epworth League, especially Article 3, defining its object, should be carefully studied. When its full import is understood and its far-reaching mission is seen, neither the superintendent of the circuit, the quarterly official board, the Sunday School, Epworth League, or parents can afford to despise or neglect it; but ought all to unite in hearty co-operation "to promote in its members an earnest and intelligent spiritual life, and train them in works of mercy and help."

Ten Points To Be Remembered

1. Every child is an individual. Study him as such.
2. You are teaching children first and subjects second.
3. You must know the child you teach and the subject you teach him.
4. All childhood follows broad, general principles in its development. Know them.
5. The language you use must be simple and clear.
6. Your illustrations must illustrate.
7. Real teaching is done through association of ideas. Make these associations.
8. Choose good questions and know the value of time.
9. Realize the aim of all teaching, and make impressions which shall lead to expression in life and character.
10. Put your whole mind into the preparation and your whole life into the illustration of what you teach. Success will then be yours.—Margaret Slattery.

The Next International Epworth League Convention

Relating to the coming convention to be held in Seattle, Washington, July 7 to 12, 1909, Rev. Dr. Randall has furnished the following information:

"The invitation for the convention was supported by requests from high officials, and numerous civil, commercial, and ecclesiastical bodies of that section. The remarkable enterprise and progress of this region is evidenced by the fact that in the city of Seattle more than 16,000 building permits have been issued since the panic of one year ago, and the city

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of Seattle is but typical of the great Northwest. They will put the same spirit into the convention.

During the summer of 1909 the Alaska-Yukon Exposition will be held at Seattle, and offer great additional attractions. It will represent a vast expenditure, and will be a great exhibit. The sale of intoxicating liquor will be strictly forbidden upon or within a mile of the exposition grounds. The exposition gates will be kept tight upon the Sabbath Day, and the director-general declares that no concession will knowingly be given to any amusement feature to which one could not go accompanied by his wife and daughter without embarrassment.

"In connection with the exposition, exceedingly low transportation rates will be offered. Tickets may be purchased to and return by different routes, with stop-off privileges for sight-seeing or visiting, both going and returning. These tickets may be purchased in May, and will be good for the entire summer. The Rocky Mountains and the Pacific Coast of the United States, Canada, and Alaska offer the greatest scenic attractions of the continent. The opportunity to choose one's own route going and returning and the special excursions offered will enable all to visit their choice of those places of interest under conditions that make it the privilege of a life-time.

"The International Committee is planning to make the convention by far the greatest feature. Instead of a number of simultaneous programmes, which have hitherto proven so unsatisfactory, one main programme will be given. Seattle

is building a magnificent new armory, with a floor space 100x200 feet, surrounded on all sides by a gallery, which will be offered for the occasion. A large tent will be provided if it is preferred. Great auditoriums for overflow meetings are convenient. In this case, meetings-place the multitude will be gathered, and the interest and enthusiasm will reach their flood-tide. A great programme is being worked out. The convention will begin on Wednesday, and continue without interruption, except for an opportunity to go on local excursions on Saturday and Sunday night, but will close on Monday with a great demonstration at a remarkable natural amphitheatre at the exposition grounds."

Is Your Society Afflicted?

A rumor says that many missionary committees have fallen victim to a disease termed "general apathy."

Here are the symptoms:

Loss of appetite for missionary fruit.

Sluggish chairman.

Poor digestion of missionary books.

Diffidence to missionary appeals.

Lack of educational nourishment.

Hardening of pocket book.

Dread of missionary meeting.

A desire to constantly play with mis-

sions.

More ginger is sometimes prescribed, but success lies in knowing how to apply it and intelligently mix with other things.

—C. E. Visitor.

Worth Remembering

"The Central Church Notes," of Topeka, Kan., contains the following items from the pen of the pastor, the Rev. Chas. M. Sheldon, D.D. They are worth remembering.

1. We do not have to be perfect before we join the church.

2. What we cannot do alone we can do with God's help.

3. Growth is as natural in the spiritual as in the earthly kingdom.

4. There is a heavenly comfort for every earthly sorrow.

5. A child who joins the church has a whole life to give in service.

6. A Christianity which is not good for every day is not good for any day.

7. Most of our discouragements come to us because we are not daily walking with the Heavenly Father.

8. The happiest feelings we ever know are those that come to us along the track of doing something for others.

9. The world belongs to God. We have no right to call its strength, its beauty or its wealth our own unless we always mean they are ours simply because we are the Father's children.

10. God does not love greatness apart from goodness; and He does not care for power apart from principle.

"Twelve Months Hence"

A person having behaved very rudely to Mr. Boswell, he went to Dr. Johnson, and talked of it as a serious distress. Dr. Johnson laughed and said: "Consider, sir, how insignificant this will appear twelve months hence." "Were this consideration," says Mr. Boswell, "applied to most of the little vexations of life by which our quiet is too often disturbed, it would prevent many painful sensations. I have tried it frequently, and with good effect."

We hear of a British society which has 43 active, 10 associate, and 22 honorary members. Twenty of these are Sunday School teachers, 39 are church members, and 15 are in the church choir. That society, is evidently true to the pledge.