

and does during the next few years, will largely depend on what you are!

"The Epworth League in its undertakings and achievements must transcend the past or perish. Its greatest peril lies in apathy."

"To do anything worthy we must be inspired by a great purpose. When I hear a crowd of people singing, 'O to be nothing!' I say to myself, 'that is a prayer that is likely to be answered right away.'"

"What is the use of being orthodox, if you are so non-contagious that nobody cares what you are?"

"The Epworth League should be in the very forefront in the conflict against rum and public roguery. It should use its influence to see that only clean and honest men are elected to office from town constable to president. The League badge should be feared by every political boss."

"It is the business of the Church to see that its young people are trained for service, keeping in view the fact that the great purpose of the Church is to save men."

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## Our Representative at Chicago.

The fraternal delegate from our Church to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which met in Chicago during the month of May, was Rev. W. J. Hunter, D.D. He gave a splendid address, which was received with great enthusiasm. Although he has been in the ministry for forty-four years, Dr. Hunter still speaks with the fire and force of youth. The Michigan *Christian Advocate* thus characterizes his address before the General Conference:

"By his genial spirit, his well-selected phraseology, and his free and happy manner, he carried every soul with him and brought forth cheer after cheer. Of course some of our preachers are pro-Baker and anti-British in their attitude to the present war in South Africa. He referred to that war and he referred to the United States and England, and assumed that we all agreed with his British views, and actually swept everybody along with him, and did not ruffle the feelings of even the man who took the opposite view. It was a skilful speech and a useful one, and Dr. Hunter made friends for himself and his Church and his country by the kindly spirit and the large-hearted adroitness characterizing all his words."

## Gems from Dr. Watkinson.

Each morning is a bright angel coming down from the presence of God laden with spiritual, immortal treasure, and we cannot afford to entertain one radiant visitor unawares.

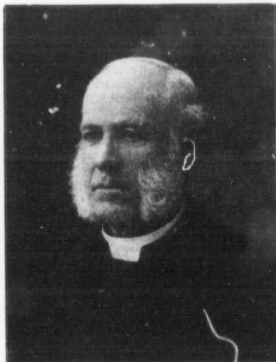
Each day brings new light, new inspirations, new opportunities, new possibilities of being good, getting good, doing good; and if we are attentive, sensitive, faithful, aspiring, life shall enrich us beyond imagination.

Brethren we are not to be talkers, dreamers, critics, but toilers in the vineyard of the Lord. We must leave solitude, and sentiment, and song, and do

real practical things for man's good and God's glory. By and by God will pass with derision over all mere idealists and critics, and give his divinest rewards to such as have entered heartily into the whole work of life, and served Him with both hands earnestly.

As the summer shines on the landscape, and brings green leaves out of the barren steers, full flowers from the sleeping bulbs, singing birds from the silent woods, a world of sweet smells and bright colors and rich music, so Christ acts upon human nature, realizing its instincts, its faculties, its powers, making it to blossom as the rose, to stretch its wings like the eagle, to thrill with joyous feeling as the harp with many strings.

There is in Roumania a valley, known as the Kezanlik, entirely given up to rose culture. So saturated is the air with the perfume that it clings to the body and clothes, and the scent remains for days. Get away to your Bibles, to those precious flower paths, to the hills of spices, walk there, muse there, pray there, and



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the dust of the city shall be cleansed, and in the strength and sweetness of those hours you shall go many days.

Mere decoration will not suffice. A watch failing to keep time will not be corrected by any jewelling of the case; painting the organ pipes will not improve the music; white-washing the pump will not purify the water. Society in various ways seeks to gild the exterior, but what we need is beauty of life springing from truth in the inward parts. Let none of us stop short of this—the love and purity of God filling our breast. Out of the heart are the issues of life.

The unwelcome worshippers in our temples singing, "Onward Christian Soldiers" are not really unwelcome. They have not the garb of soldiers it is true, but nevertheless, under smooth appearances, they are fighting day by day as keen battles for truth, honor, purity, faith, as did confessors and martyrs in the so-called heroic ages. Never was temptation more searching, or life more perilous, than it is to-day. Let us see to it that we are faithful, and the whiter

the flame of the furnace through which we pass the more complete shall be our transfiguration.

## Interesting Facts.

THE Methodist Book Concern, in New York, is the oldest publishing house in America, having been founded in 1789, twenty-eight years before Harper Brothers started business.

ALL the funerals in Paris are conducted by a single syndicate, which has a licensed monopoly of the business. There is a regular tariff of rates, a first-class funeral costing \$2,000 and a cheap or ninth class \$5.

THE number of persons suffering from the famine in India who are receiving relief is 5,617,000. Recent rains in Madras and Mysore have materially improved the outlook. The steamer *Quito*, chartered by the Government, sailed from New York last month carrying 200,000 bushels of corn, valued at \$100,000, for Bombay, which port she is due to reach in forty days.

REV. A. E. WISSHIP, in the Boston *Transcript*, describes a town in Maine with a population of about 2,000 and fourteen churches, all but one of them maintaining regular services. He also mentions a town in Nebraska with less than 3,000 inhabitants and thirteen churches, each having a regular ministry. These are probably not isolated instances of overchurched communities.

THE Annual Report of the American Sunday School Union shows that the amount received for missionary work during the year was \$131,796, an increase on the previous year's figures of \$10,778. The number of new Sunday Schools organized during the year was 1880, and 515 were reorganized. During the year churches have developed out of Sunday Schools in eighty-nine cases.

THE Auditorium building at Chicago represents an investment of over \$2,000,000. It is built mostly of granite from Maine and Minnesota. The main building is 144 feet in height, while the tower, which is the home of the U. S. Weather Bureau, rises to 235 feet. The weight of the building is 110,000 tons, 17,000,000 bricks were used in its construction, in addition to 50,000,000 marble slabs and pieces.

REV. C. M. SHELTON sailed for England May 23rd on the *Teutonic*. His first address will be given, June 3rd, in a Liverpool church. Soon after that he is to speak at Glasgow and Edinburgh, and will address the International Endeavor Convention in London, July 14th. He has already disposed of the \$5,000 which was his share of the profits accruing to the *Topeka Capital* during his week's editorship of the paper. One thousand dollars he gave for India famine relief, and the remainder was distributed among local charities. When he returns from England, which will probably be about the last of August, he has placed himself at the disposal of the Christian Endeavor Society for the months of October, November, and December.