

comes either by our own choice or consent. The lesson for all is that we must not choose for ourselves, nor consent that any other shall impose upon us, any form or habit of conduct that will dwarf our spiritual growth or militate against our Christian usefulness. How much would "the simple life" profit were it generally practised!—Ed.

**The Junior League**

At the Lindsay District Epworth League Convention, held in Omemee a few weeks ago, Miss M. Puley gave an admirable paper on the work of the Junior Department. She said that the Junior League is a place where boys and girls should be cultivated physically, intellectually, morally, socially, and pre-eminently spiritually. Every meeting held should tend to this in some degree.

The Sunday School plays a very important part in the religious culture of the children, but the teachings given there are not sufficient. In Sunday School the children learn the source of right thinking and all good habits, but in the Junior League they are trained to put into practice the teachings received. Sunday School and Junior League must go hand in hand for the accomplishment of one great purpose, the winning of our boys and girls to a life of loving service for Jesus Christ. Neither is the home influence sufficient, for the very best home does not provide all that is needed by the growing child in the line of service.

If in early life, when the children are most easily influenced for either good or evil, the church does not claim and use them, Satan will. In thus using them the Junior branch of the Epworth League performs an office that no other department of the church provides for. A boy may be won for Christ at a very early age in his own home, but as he becomes older and goes out to associate with other boys, he is exposed to all forms of temptation, and unless there be some other restraining and educative influence than the average home provides, he will not long be kept safe from the pitfalls of sin and vice.

The Junior League may thus be termed a training school, in which boys and girls are fitted for personal service "for Christ and the Church," and it is therefore the future church's best ally.

The Junior and Senior Leagues are not two different societies; but together they form one. And no League is complete without a fifth vice-president, the superintendent of the Junior division. The meetings of the Junior section may be satisfactorily conducted after the same methods as the Senior Leagues with the various departments and committees. The details of these are best worked out according to local conditions and needs.

There are discouraging features in connection with the work, but these are very few and insignificant in comparison with the delight and joy that follow even the training of one young disciple for lifelong service for the Master.

The duty of every pastor and Senior Epworth Leaguer is to form a Junior Society in connection with the local church. By this means both church and Senior League will be strengthened, for upon the boys and girls of to-day depends the success of the work of the church and League of the future.

"When a man has his own respect he need not care much for his standing with others. Keep square with yourself. Jealousy is 'cruel as the grave' in more respects than one. They say that when a bee stings it forfeits its life. Jealousy is suicidal.



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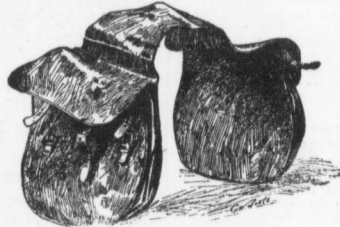
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