

responsible officers is respectfully called to the great need of correct reports from the local schools on the several circuits and missions. Failing reliable data from them, it is unavoidable that there shall be unreliable reports made of the work as a whole. The Financial District Meetings might well spend an hour in investigating the situation, and, if possible, preventing the recurrence of such errors another year.

The table of Young People's Societies gives food for serious thought. The General Secretary has no other figures than those coming through the regular channels of District Meetings and Annual Conferences, so cannot speak as positively about the Young People's Societies as about the Sunday Schools. New schools asking for aid are all reported at the central office. Because of this fact he has fuller knowledge of the standing of the schools than of the Leagues. The decreases in Epworth Leagues or Epworth Leagues of Christian Endeavor, both adult and junior, are not met by the increases in Young Men's Clubs and "other Young People's Societies," and the total decrease in membership in our societies as a whole is a very grave one, and shows a serious state of affairs. The responsibility of the Church for the young people was never so great as it is now, and we must endeavor by all possible means to stem the tide that threatens to carry our young people away from the Church and so deplete our organized Young People's Societies that they shall fail to perform their necessary office and work. To meet the situation and save the young people "for Christ and the Church," we must surely all unite our forces, from the General Board down to the remotest mission station, and hope for a better report next year.

Who Is This?

Dr. Brummitt, the able Editor at the *Epworth Herald* enjoys a wide acquaintance with Epworth League Officers. It is evident that he is acquainted with at least one Ideal President, as he thus writes in a recent number of his valuable paper:—

I KNOW A LEAGUE PRESIDENT

He's a true Methodist.
He reads the *Herald* every week.
He never forgets the real business of the League.

He helps the Sunday School superintendent in many ways.

He knows a few things about parliamentary law.

He's good at getting other people to work, preferring that to doing the work himself.

He doesn't let things die on his hands. When any work ought to be discontinued, he insists on it being done decisively.

He has no ambition to break any records for continuity of presidential service, and is always on the lookout for possible successors who can be trained for the work.

He does most of his work, and his most effective work, away from the public eye.

He knows how to step in and take anybody's place in an emergency.

He has a programme for his administration, and has it planned so that the things the cabinet will attempt can all be done by concerted and intelligent effort.

He is in the confidence of each department officer, knowing the problems, difficulties, and resources of them all.

He is a systematic and sympathetic friend of the Junior League superintendent.

He attends all the department meetings so far as he can, but he does not dominate them.

He carries an Epworth League notebook

with pages for plans, dates of coming events, outlines of workable methods, hints, suggestions, class lists, book lists, and miscellaneous. "Miscellaneous" takes most of the room.

He has a good temper, large patience, a sunny outlook on life, a perfect faith in the Epworth League, and a deep and vital Christian experience.

Isn't he worth knowing?

This motto is placed on the walls of a great school in Germany:

"When wealth is lost, nothing is lost;
When health is lost, something is lost;
When character is lost, all is lost."

Any person who can read, remember and act on this motto has progressed a long way in the science and art of life.—*Great Thoughts.*

A Few Reminders

That cats and kittens should not be given to children as toys.

That half-starved cats cannot catch mice. They lose their keen sense of smell when not fed, and have not sufficient strength for the work.

That when puss is a mother she needs extra care and quiet, and should not be teased or pulled about.

That it is wrong to keep all her kittens, unless you are sure of good homes for them.

That those who cannot afford to feed a cat properly, or are too busy to see that the animal is rightly treated, ought not to keep a cat at all.

That cats are timid, nervous animals, easily frightened and hurt; it is very cowardly to abuse them.—*Our Dumb Animals.*

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