

## Bay of Quinte Official Messages

### Christian Endeavor

A. W. Terrill (1st V.P.).

**T**HE work of the First department is to build up and strengthen the spiritual life of the league. Its purpose, as its name implies, is to strive to bring about an evident Christ-likeness in the members. This is the object of all Christian life, the goal of all Christian effort.

Christ-likeness implies that our individual characters are to be so purified of evil and have what is good in them so fully developed, that we shall be dominated by the same principles that Christ manifested. In proportion as it is accomplished do men take knowledge that we have been with Jesus and have learned of Him.

Christ-likeness means holiness, freedom from sin, and the way to attain it is to keep the thought studiously fixed upon Christ. In order to do this we need the power of the Holy Spirit's presence. When our Lord was giving His last instructions to the disciples, He told them of the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, which would abide with them forever, teaching them all things. In our Leagues to-day we need greater Spiritual Power through that abiding Presence, to teach and guide. We may have it if each member seeks to become filled

prayers of all Epworth Leagues throughout the Conference go up to God for a gracious outpouring of the Spirit upon all who attend, inspiring their lives to more active service in the Master's vineyard.

### Literary and Social

Miss F. Hall (3rd V.P.).

The social spirit must dwell in our hearts and pervade our intercourse with others. The ordinary "Social Evening," by no means represents all that should be attempted by our committees. Sociability in itself is good; but only as we use it as a means to a greater end is it at its best. The words "Social to save" stand for the correct attitude we should assume to the real purpose of our League as a whole. To be sociable as Jesus was, that we may bring all the powers of human sympathy into play in order to reach the heart of another to ease it of its pain, or that we may bring sunshine into some shadowed life—that should be our aim. "To do good and to communicate forget not," would be a fitting text for our Social Committee.

Our Leagues are to be training schools in such truly Christian Social Service, and every avenue of league ac-

Divine Library. To know it, and to apply its messages aright to the needs of the age in which we live, are truly noble aims. To be, to know, to do what our Saviour and Lord wills for us should actuate us in all our Literary and Social work. Let us do our work as well, both the unseen and the seen; make the house where Gods may dwell, beautiful, entire, and clean." Willing, waiting to do our part, we know God will do His.

### Citizenship

G. F. Stewart (4th V.P.).

The wisdom of the authorities of the Methodist Church in providing a Citizenship Department in connection with the work of the Epworth League, has already been amply vindicated by the strong and fast growing interest that is being manifested in the various subjects of study and work included therein. A sufficient time has not yet elapsed for the organization of this branch in all the Leagues; in this, as in other departments, indeed, a great deal depends on the aims and ideals of the local leaders. It is very gratifying, however, to be able to record that a large number of Leagues have entered enthusiastically on the line of work indicated, in some the Citizenship night being the most popular of all.

Although no definite numerical report can be made on the 4th Department in the various societies of the Conference, it can be stated in general terms that the work is taking well among the young people, a considerable number of whom have studied "Canadian Civics," with great interest and profit. In this way added strength and usefulness have been introduced into many Leagues.

It would be superfluous for me to suggest methods of procedure or to give outlines of programmes here and now. The Epworth Era has contained from time to time a large amount of helpful matter, and, after all, the character of the programmes must depend upon the needs of each local society and the kind of talent that is available there.

I would strongly urge upon all our young people the importance of a thorough study of the general and comparative principles of our own and other Governments, and especially of the historic bases upon which rest our guarantees of civil and religious rights and liberties; with the ultimate purpose of emphasizing the great responsibility placed upon every citizen, and particularly upon every voter, present and prospective, in the exercise of the franchise and in the discharge of all other functions, duties and privileges of citizenship.

There should be no hesitation in having a full, free and frank discussion of the outstanding political and moral issues of the day, care being taken, of course, to eliminate undue partisan bias and feeling. One of the most hopeful signs of the times is the large and ever-increasing number of the better class of citizens who have broken loose from rigid partisanship, and who vote for men and measures rather than for mere party aggrandisement. This new Department of Citizenship in our Leagues should inspire a still larger number of coming electors to consider always and only the highest and best welfare of their country, and to recognize in themselves and to instill into others the eternal principle that "Righteousness" only can "exalt a nation," and the correlated truth that "sin is a disgrace to any people." Let "Canada for Christ" be the burden of our prayer, and our watchword as we go forth to save our land for God.

## The President's Call to Prayer

TO THE BAY OF QUINTE CONFERENCE EPWORTH LEAGUERS:

Dear Friends,—In a month from the time you receive this issue of the "Era" we will be assembled at our Tenth Biennial Conference Convention at Belleville. This is by far the largest, and should be the most effectual gathering of our Young People within the bounds of the Conference. Local Leagues will send delegates to this Convention trusting they may become enthused and inspired, and bring to their respective Societies a fresh empowerment for service.

How can this be accomplished? There is only one answer. The assembled hosts must be vitalized with spiritual power. And herein lies my appeal to you: there must be an agreement of prayer and effort. Will you join with the Conference Officers in praying for:

Our Father's guidance and blessing upon our Convention as a whole.  
For wisdom and power to be given those who have kindly consented to take part in this Convention.  
For the Local Committees who are endeavoring to make this Convention a success.  
For divine guidance in selecting the Officers for the ensuing term.

For the Master's benediction to abundantly rest upon those who so graciously offer to entertain us.

REV. L. S. WIGHT, B.A., B.D.

Believing that this Convention will result in largely increasing the consecrated intelligence and spiritual fervor of our Young People, I am,

Yours in His service,

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with the Spirit through more fervent prayer and a closer study of the word of life, and it is the duty of the Christian Endeavor Department to seek to instill this thought into the mind and heart of every Leaguer.

As the time draws near, when again we shall meet in our Conference Epworth League Convention, may the

divinity should find outlet there. All our study of books will fail to make us useful disciples of our Master, whose name not to be ministered unto, but to minister, unless we draw our supreme knowledge and find our inspiration in the Book of books. Of more importance than modern poetry, history, or biography, are the ancient books of the