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OUR PAPER.

THE circulation of last month's Epworth Era was a little over 13,000, which is about the figure our regular subscription list should touch. This could easily be accomplished if the Leagues throughout the Dominion would take hold of the matter earnestly. The paper is published primarily in their interests, and to them we mainly look for support. Many have done nobly, while others have rendered little or no assistance. It certainly is not too much to ask that an earnest effort be made in every League to secure new subscribers. It goes without saying that all the officers at least should be supplied with a paper which will keep them informed on League topics, and which will let them know what other societies are doing. At the present time there are even some presidents whose names are not on our subscription list. They cannot be as efficient in the discharge of their duties as they would be if they had the opportunity of reading a journal like this. Let the first of their determinations for the coming year be to wheel into line as regular readers of the ERA.

A SPECIAL OFFER.

All new subscribers, whose names are received during the month of November, will have the December number mailed to them, in addition to getting the ERA for the whole of 1901. We do not offer any premiums, being determined that the paper must stand or fall on its own merits. During the coming year we are planning to publish a better paper than ever, and every new subscriber secured will help to do this.

TO OBTAIN NEW SUBSCRIBERS

is not by any means a difficult matter, if it is undertaken in the right way. Let the president of the League, or the pastor take a copy of the paper to one of the meetings, and show it to the members. Take a little time to thoroughly explain what it contains, and mention the different departments which are conducted. It will also be a good plan to have those who are already subscribers testify briefly as to the benefits they have received from the paper. Follow this, by opening a subscription list upon the spot, and let every member be asked personally to subscribe. Absent members should be interviewed afterwards. This work should be placed in the hands of the corresponding secretary, or some other energetic person appointed for the purpose. AS

A SMALL REMUNERATION

to the individual who gets up the club, we will send one copy of the ERA free, for every five subscriptions which may

be obtained. If five names are sent with 50 cents each, we will send six papers, and for ten names two extra copies will be given. The papers may be mailed to one address, or to the individual subscribers, as desired. In canvassing do not fail to give

THE OLDER PEOPLE

an opportunity to subscribe. Many of them are just waiting for someone to ask them to give their names, and others would become interested if they knew of the many good things which the ERA contains for old as well as young. It has often been said that we do not want any lines of division between the young and the old elements of the church. The best way to avoid this is to get the senior part of the membership interested in what the young folks are doing, and reading about their work. It might be a good plan to divide up the membership of the League and congregation into sections, and give one to each committee to canvass.

PERSONAL WORK

will surely bring success. Do not be satisfied with merely making an announcement at the meetings, but go from house to house, and talk up the paper. If this work is thoroughly done the result will astonish everybody. Some of our country leagues have shown what can be accomplished by earnest effort. Several of them have succeeded in putting the name of every one of their members upon our subscription list. What has been done in one place can be done in another. Let the campaign commence at once, and continue throughout the rest of the year.

SILENT GROWTH.

DO not think that nothing is happening because you do not see yourself grow, or hear the whirr of the machinery. All great things grow noiselessly. You can see a mushroom grow, but never a child. . . . The higher the structure, the slower the growth. The lowest forms of animal life develop in an hour; the next above these reach maturity in a day; those higher still take weeks or months to perfect; but the few at the top demand the long experiment of years. If a child and an ape are born on the same day, the ape will be in full possession of its faculties and doing the active work of life before the child has left its cradle. . . . Foundations which have to bear the weight of an eternal life must be surely laid. Character is to wear forever; who will wonder or grudge that it cannot be developed in a day? To await the growing of a soul, nevertheless, is an almost divine act of faith. How pardonable, surely, the impatience of deformity with itself, of a consciously despicable character, stand-

ing before Christ, wondering, yearning, hungering to be like that. Yet one must trust the process fearlessly, and without misgiving. The "Lord the Spirit" will do his part.—*Drummond.*

HELP FOR DAILY LIVING.

OUR need of God's help for the meeting of the petty vexations and the minor trials of our every-day life is as real as it is for the supreme struggle of our being in the final conflict with the arch-enemy of our souls. And as to the relative measure of God's power requisite for our aiding, who shall say what is much, or what is little, for God to do? God is as ready to aid us in one time of need as in another. We can depend upon him alike when to us our requirements seem great or seem small. He who will help us in our dying will help us also in our daily living. He knows your need. It seems to you that no one can know it, it is so vast. He knows it better than you do yourself. The multitude of your own aspirations are not present to you, are lost to you, but he has caught them all in his own vessel and will see to it that all are duly fulfilled. He knows your need, your bodily and your social need, your intellectual need, your spiritual need, your need to-day, your need yesterday and your need to-morrow. And he knows it that he may supply it.—*George Bowen.*

THE proof which these people who had seen Christ and followed him, gave that they had really found him, was that they went and tried to bring others to him. They said to their kinsfolk and acquaintance, "We have found the Messiah"; "We have found Jesus." Ah! you have never truly found Jesus if you do not tell others about him. You know how children act, and we ought to be children in all things before God. If a little child in its rambles were to find honey, and its brothers and sisters were all around, I feel certain that it would give such a cry after it had first sucked its own fingers that all of them would soon be plunging their hands into the honey too. Thou hast never tasted its sweetness if it has not made thee cry, "Come hither; was there ever such joy as this? Was there ever such delight, such rapture as this?" It is the instinct of true children of God to desire to fetch in others to taste and see that the Lord is good, to share in the bliss unspeakable which is already their own.—*Spurgeon.*

A CHRISTIAN, when he makes a good profession, should be sure to make his profession good. It is sad to see many walk in the dark themselves who carry a lantern for others.—*Pecker.*