

specific work? Yea, is there not a demand for definite organized effort to reach this great class in our cities and towns? Can not young men best be reached by young men? The young are naturally in sympathy with each other, and are influenced by each other. Boys and young men adopt the tobacco, drink, and other habits, not because old men, but young men, do these things. So they will attend church and pray when they see young men doing so.

On account of these and other reasons, we argue for a young men's organization in our churches. But inasmuch as the question is sometimes asked, Why have a young men's organization? it may be well to simply mention a few facts. First of all, there are no mixed organizations in the Church which engage the activities of young men to any large extent. The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor and Epworth League has done most along this line, but even these societies do not include within their membership any large proportion of young men. Second, the desperate need of special effort on the part of the local churches or congregations in behalf of young men. The largest proportion of non-church-goers—those not Christian—is found among young men. It is estimated that but five per cent. of the young men of the United States, between the ages of sixteen and forty—and they constitute one-sixth of the population—are church members, fifteen out of twenty-five attend church with any degree of regularity, and seventy-five out of every one hundred never attend church at all.

This estimate may not be correct as to Canada, yet the young man is conspicuous by his absence from church. On the other hand, the world's temples are filled. The saloon, billiard-room, concert-halls and other worse places are supported almost entirely by the young men. Our land teems with secular orders, clubs and societies whose tendency is to draw their members away from religious influences, and to unfit them for Christian work. The changed conditions of modern life have changed the relations and social positions of young men most of all. Thousands of young men are on the move; they have no home life; they are strangers, standing in special need of personal touch and