

Invocation Hymn for the Canadian Chautauqua, Niagara.

BY F. MUNRO

O THOU Almighty Father, God,
Whose are the earth, the sea, the sky;
Thine they were ere man had trod
The valleys or the mountains high.

We thank Thee that thou hast ordained
Those lakes and groves for fallen man,
That thus communion is maintained
With Thee, through nature's wondrous plan.

For, who can look abroad and see
The beauties which surround us here,
And not be drawn more close to Thee,
And worship Thee with filial fear?

May every soul who comes within
This consecrated grove be blest
With loving zeal, and strength, by him
Who aids his workers, gives them rest.

Let the great work of Christ, our Lord,
Be carried out, and hastened on
By those who here proclaim Thy word,
And thus bring honour to Thy Son.

Thus may the Holy Ghost preside
O'er all the counsels which we hold,
To Triune Deity confide,
Our plans and schemes to him unfold.

Now Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
O'ershadow with protecting care,
Chautauqua, with its numerous host
Of workers, here and everywhere.

May thousands yet have cause to bless
The day when first Chautauqua's gates
Were opened to the world, no less
To us than the United States.

May blessings rich descend on him
Who planted and carried out his aims
Of education, which may win
Both soul and body to God's claims.

Thorold, Ont.



"I desire to form a League, offensive and defensive, with every soldier of Christ Jesus."—John Wesley.

To Use and Thus to Please.

BY REV. WM. INGRAHAM HAVEN.

THE purpose, and so far the effect, of the Epworth League has been to awaken the young people and interest them in our Church enterprises. I believe more young people come from the Sunday evening League prayer-meetings into the larger prayer-meetings or preaching services of the church than would come if there were no young people's meetings. I believe all our connexional societies have through the Leagues access as never before to the minds and hearts of our young men and women, and thus indirectly to their pockets. In a good many instances the programs of social evenings have been made up of papers on our great institutions and activities.

If we can once acquaint our young men and women with our vast world-circling aims and plans as a church we will attract to it as by the force of gravity all our young folks that have enough solidity of character to be in any way valuable to it. The Epworth League has in it no purpose of coddling our young folks, but of stirring them to be everywhere advance heralds of the chariots of the hosts of our King. In looking over many reports from many chapters only here and there do we find indications that, for the sake of the young, the Church has neglected its great mission. From almost every local organization come tidings of revival, new additions or improvements of church

property, enlargement of meetings, advance in contributions, all, more or less, from the response of the young men and women to that interest in them which they think this authorized movement tokens. Thus by being taken into the counsel and work of the Church our young folks are becoming pleased and proud of the privilege of its fellowship.

How to Organize.

LET the pastor of the church or some member send to the Secretary, Rev. Dr. Withrow, or to the Methodist Book and Publishing House, Toronto, Montreal, or Halifax, for a set of the Epworth leaflets, and the form of application for charter. These will be sent free. In quantity they are sold at low rates.

Call together young people aged fifteen or more. Present the plan of organization. Organize and choose officers. The "model constitution" will be found in Epworth Leaflet No. 2. Its adoption is strongly recommended. Send the form of application for charter, duly filled out and signed by the secretary of the local chapter, to the Recording Secretary, Wesley Buildings, Toronto. It is not necessary at once to attempt all the departments of work arranged for by the "model constitution." Do as much as you can effectively; leave the rest for future development. Each chapter is at liberty to prepare its own by-laws, provided they are in accordance with the constitution and general plans of the Epworth League.

We Would Like to See

A hand-shaking revival.
A League in every church.
Much inter-league visiting.
The badge universally worn.
A well-selected League library.
A multitude of Junior Leagues.
More intelligent church loyalty.
The League pledge generally adopted.
The devotional meeting royally sustained.
The man with faith enough to forecast the results of this great Epworth revival.—*Epworth Herald*.

Epworth League Notes.

—It takes hold in England.
—Several chapters in India.
—Toronto has several large chapters.
—Canada has one hundred and twenty chapters.
—Soon shall we hear of chapters of the Epworth League in every foreign mission field.
—Centenary Church, Hamilton, Canada, recognizes the local chapter as a wonderfully helpful agency.
—The next General Conference of the Canadian Methodist church will be asked to recognize the League as a part of regular church machinery.—*Epworth Herald*.
—Our new department of "Epworth Themes" was made necessary by an accumulation of happy little essays upon various appropriate topics voluntarily submitted to us for publication. Isn't it wonderful how this movement is developing? The times were ripe for it. God is in it. Young people, all hail!
—*North-Western Christian Advocate*.
—Out of the Epworth League we expect a thousand ministers a year, and missionaries, male and female, for every field. We expect hundreds of DePauws and Craigs to take the place of fallen and falling business men, who will give like princes, and work like heroes, says the *California Advocate*.

"Don't lie! don't lie!" said one child to another.
"You can't deceive God, and He'll read it before everybody at the judgment day."

The Peacock.

A SEPTUAGENARIAN, enjoying an immense circulation, in replying to a query respecting the above beautiful creature, says: "It is claimed that in the time of Solomon peacocks were known to the Hebrews, but the word may have meant parrots."

Many years since, the present writer attended a meeting of the Palestine Exploration Society held at the Mechanics' Institute, at Liverpool, when Dean Howson in his opening remarks as chairman, referred to the name of this very bird, as an undesigned proof of the truth of Holy Scripture, and that Solomon really traded with India. The name of the bird is not Hebrew, but Sanscrit and is found embedded in the Hebrew Scriptures. How did the word get there if there was no intercourse between the two countries. Just as when the wingless bird of New Zealand was taken to Britain its name was taken with it—the Apteryx. We are seldom left to make the names for articles of import, the names are as a rule brought with them.

There are exceptions as in the case of calico from Calicut, diaper from Ypres, tobacco from Tobago, etc. But the fact of a Sanscrit word being found in the historical records of the Old Testament, is, to my mind, a clear proof of intercourse between the two countries at the time.

While we should cherish every evidence of the truth of the blessed Book, we should be satisfied with none, but the delightful assurance of our own salvation through the atoning blood of a crucified, risen, and glorified Lord.

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How to Treat Children.

THE Princess Alice of England was a high-minded and practical woman, with a warm heart and much good sense. She was especially wise in the training of her children, as her "Memoirs" testify.

"You are, indeed, right in saying," she once wrote to her mother, Queen Victoria, "what a mistake parents make in bringing up their daughters with the sole practical object of marrying them off. It seems that this is the leading characteristic of English education among the upper classes. It shall be my endeavour to bring up my girls in such a way that they will not regard marriage as the one thing needful in their future, and that they may feel themselves equal to employing their lives just as usefully in other directions. Marriage for marriage's sake is surely the greatest error a woman can commit. I never forget anything you tell me; and as you say, nothing is more disadvantageous to children than to make too much of them. They ought to be unselfish, unspoilt and easily satisfied."

"Up to the present this is the case with mine. That they occupy a more salient position in my life than is often the case in families of our rank is simply because I have never been able to employ persons enough of a responsible kind to look after them; upon this account certain things remain undone unless I do them myself—and the children would suffer were they not done. I certainly do not belong by nature to the class of women who are wives *avant tout*; but circumstances have compelled me to be a mother in the true meaning of the word, and I had to school myself to it, I assure you, many small self-sacrifices proving unavoidable. But child-worship, or having one's children about one without intermission, is by no means the right thing; and women are intolerable who continually talk about their own children. I hope I am free from these faults—at least, I try to be so; for I agree with every word you say, and so did Louis, when I read him your letter."—*Ea*.

*Apteryx is not an aboriginal name, but a descriptive name derived from the Greek by European scientists.—*Ea*.