

*young people.* The majority of young people are greatly fascinated by the ball-room, the euchre table and many other places, the influence of which is hurtful and pernicious. In these same persons you will generally find a strong dislike to church going, Bible reading, etc. How can we eliminate the former and cultivate the latter? I believe that Christian Endeavor is solving the problem. It reaches young people through young people. When joining the Society, the new member is pledged to pray, read the Bible at stated periods, and attend certain religious services. Doubtless many will object to this point, and say [that pledge-taking is very low ground for the Christian, "we are not under the law but under grace." True, it is not the highest ground for the Christian, but it is legitimate, and often proves to be a spur to help on to better and higher things. At first there is no taste for reading the Bible or for prayer, but loyalty to the pledge insists upon these duties being performed. If persisted in, a love of the Bible naturally springs up. Prayer becomes a source of comfort and strength, an interest in devotional meetings is aroused, and from the low plane of pledge duty, the Endeavorer rises to the higher plane of spiritual privilege, that which was once an irksome task becoming a veritable delight.

*2nd. Christian Endeavor will also help to solve the money problem of the churches.*

This Society does not believe in the thousand and one schemes employed by the churches of to-day for paying off their legitimate debts. Instead of having church lotteries, ice-cream socials, etc., for the raising of money, it advocates the duty of every member putting his hand into his own pocket, and giving systematically to the Lord. It recognizes the important principle laid down by Paul, "Ye are not your own." At all conventions, great prominence is given to the subject of systematic giving, and the result has been that thousands and tens of thousands of Endeavorers give regularly and systematically a portion of their income to the Lord's work.

*3rd. Christian Endeavor is helping to solve the missionary problem.*

Never has it been my privilege to hear such soul-stirring missionary addresses as have been delivered at the International Conventions. Native Christians from India, China, Africa, the Islands of the Sea, in fact from every country under the sun, have delivered such fervent and rousing appeals on behalf of missions, as to awaken the greatest interest in and enthusiasm for this department of God's work. As a result there are between six and seven thousand Endeavorers in America who stand pledged to go forth to fight under the banner of the cross in foreign parts as soon as the sinews of war are forthcoming. In the various Societies, by means of the monthly missionary meeting, by the use of maps, and the arraying of his-