

and no other is needed. The Christian Endeavor can work on many lines, and when wisely led can work as well as anything we are likely to get.

Still, if people are bound to have more societies, we take the liberty of suggesting one or two fields where there may possibly be some room. How would it do to organize a society for the propagation of

#### Common Sense?

An organization of this kind might truthfully say that it had come to fill a long-felt want. The number of people who might be improved by a larger supply of common sense is considerable. The chief objection we see to a society of this kind is that if it worked well it might wipe out a number of the other organizations. On the survival-of-the-fittest principle a vigorous, successful society for the culture of common sense might prove destructive. Well, what if it did? The country might be the gainer. If we are to have more societies let the next one be a society for the promotion of common sense. Most of us can think of some people that we can, with a clear conscience, urge to join.

A society for the promotion of

#### Modesty.

might be a good thing, but we fear it could not be made to work. So many people in both church and state depend on "pure cheek" for their place that the opposition would be tremendous. A society to put an end to "blowing" would be a boon to this country, but it could not be started. The press would most likely oppose it, for much of the blowing is done through the press, and the noble army of heroes who perch on high places, talk continually about themselves, and begin every sentence with "I, myself," would be down on it from the first. The influence of nearly all the evangelists in the world, and of some of the clergy, would go dead against any such society.

A society for stamping out shame—especially religious shams, frauds—especially pious frauds, humbug—especially ecclesiastical humbug—would be a great thing in this country, if it could be made to work.

A society for the promotion of professional honor among clergymen would be a good thing—if it could be carried out with any degree of success.

The fact of the matter is, several societies are more needed, and might do better work, than some that now exist. A society that would lead people to read more good books, and think more and talk less, could hardly fail to help this country mightily.

A committee had settled on the man it would recommend for pastor of a church, says the Philadelphia Westminster. The church paid one thousand dollars salary. Said one of the committee, "Let's try to get him for nine hundred dollars. He is out of a job. He can't get any other place. We'll save a hundred on him." The speaker was an elder of the church. This is not fiction. It is truth. Thomas Tinklewell's Elder Wetherbee, who was the meanest man west of the Mississippi, was a schoolboy to this elder. He is a past master in the grand lodge of the ancient order of mean men.

#### THE SUNDAY SUPPLEMENTS.

We are glad to see the great Sunday School Convention at Louisville adopted pointed and needed resolutions concerning the so-called comic supplements which appear in so many United States Sunday daily newspapers (and some Canadian Saturday issues).

The Dominion Presbyterian feels it is doing a good work in passing along these resolutions, as follows:

Whereas, The colored supplement issued by many of the leading Sunday newspapers of the country is finding its way into innumerable homes all over the land, and, through its bright homes all over the land, and, through its bright colors, exaggerated humor, pictures of childlike and unnatural representations of the animal kingdom, presented in crude forms, appealing to the children in the homes in an irresistible way at the most imitative period of their lives; and

Whereas, Those pictures tend to vitiate taste for genuine art, and to stultify the growing mind in all directions; and

Whereas, In these pictures a low type of life is constantly presented, malicious mischief is suggested; vice is made to appear a thing to laugh at, and disobedience, deception, disrespect for parents and others in authority, are held up as clever and worthy of imitation; and

Whereas, The ideals of the Sabbath on which the welfare of our homes depends are being steadily undermined and destroyed by the insidious influence which is so powerful that in the minds of millions of children the chief association with the name of the day is the coming of the colored supplement; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Elementary section of the International Sunday School Association in convention assembled, representing several million children within the International field, hereby registers its protest against this growing evil which is menacing the future of the country through its coming citizens; and be it further

Resolved, That we who stand for the highest ideals in mental, moral, and religious culture shall in every way possible, through all the agencies open to us, endeavor to secure the exclusion from the home of papers that issue such supplements, and to substitute for them papers that do not have this objectionable feature; and be it further

Resolved, That we hereby pledge ourselves individually to see that this matter is presented and some definite action taken in all organizations with which we are connected, such as State and Provincial, County or District Associations, Graded Unions, Mothers' Clubs, and the local church, and that it is exploited through the local press wherever possible; and finally be it

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Editorial Association of every state, province, and territory having such an organization, and to all the Sunday school and church papers.

The delights of thought, of truth, of work, and of well doing will not descend upon us like the dew upon the flower, without effort of our own. Labor, watchfulness, perseverance, self-denial, fortitude, are the elements out of which this kind of joy is formed.

#### TERCENTENARY SERMON.

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speak." Shall we not catch the self-sacrificing spirit of the fathers, whose deeds we celebrate, to maintain the heritage bequeathed to us for human good? For we stand on vantage ground of sacred memories. Around these walls and over these elevated plains, there have been contests in other days, but now garlands of honor to the heroic virtues of the contestants intertwine upon their common monuments; and the perfume of their blended memories is grateful to their common posterity. No more humanizing impulse could have been given to the spirit of international law; no more delicate tint to the glory of the reign of Victoria, the good; no better guard of strength to the reign of Edward the VII.; no surer seal to the wisdom of the governmental policy of Great Britain; nothing more in harmony with the aims of Christian civilization. And I bless the Providence of God that enables these words to be uttered by one, in whose veins mingles the blood of both the powers that contested the dominion of this continent. As in the rolling of a river the rougher rocks are smoothed, so in the stream of time the asperities of men are worn away. The Scottish clans, that once with claymores, clove each other's skulls, now stand shoulder to shoulder in defence of common good. So it is for the lasting glory of our institutions that different nationalities, blending here under the same flag can follow the leading of God for the common good of man.

May this significant gathering in Quebec, prove to be the seal and security of the fact, that the settlement effected here, was a forward movement of Divine Providence, toward the highest well being of the race.

#### NEW GRAND TRUNK EQUIPMENT.

The Grand Trunk Railway System are now putting into service 13 new coaches of 25 that have been ordered for assignment to trains on international runs, viz., between Chicago and New York via Niagara Falls, Chicago and Montreal, Montreal and Portland, and Toronto and Buffalo. The cars are known as first-class day coaches and are of the standard pattern which the Grand Trunk operate on all their through trains. Length of cars over all their through trains. Length of cars over all 75 feet 6 inches, weight of each car 108,620 pounds. They are mounted on six-wheel trucks, are wide vestibule with steel platforms, and are equipped with high speed, quick-action air brakes. The inside of the cars are beautifully finished in polished mahogany, and are constructed with the Empire style of roof. Seats are Grand Trunk standard with high backs; the car, seating 60 people, is upholstered in green plush, while the smoking room is large and roomy and upholstered in leather. All modern conveniences have been installed for the comfort of passengers. The body of the car is carpeted, and the passageways and smoking room covered with linoleum.

There are 7,392 students of theology in all denominations in the United States, according to the report of the Commissioner of Education. This is an increase of 41 per cent. since 1880, but it is a decrease as compared with figures of eight or ten years ago. The increase is notably small when compared with increases in other professional studies: Law, 256 per cent.; pharmacy, 231 per cent.; medicine, 129 per cent. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest."