

Abbey and St. Paul's Cathedral, Lambeth Palace and the Tower of London, thousands of young people may be found who have never had the curiosity even to enter these buildings, much less to learn, to think, to listen reverently to the Voices of the Past, and of the mighty Dead whose names are there inscribed. All our historic buildings, museums, &c., should afford an endless series of delightful object lessons to our youth.

One of the most pleasing features of the work of the Recreative Evening Schools Association is this, that while it is wholly dependent for its funds on voluntary contributions (and has no small difficulty in securing them), its classes are conducted almost exclusively by voluntary workers. Those who have themselves tasted of the fruits of the tree of knowledge, and are permitted to enjoy the blessings of leisure and of culture, are invited to give an hour a week to their less favoured brothers and sisters. And they do it. More than 600 of such volunteers have been enrolled in London alone in the course of these three years. Many of these are engaged as teachers in day-schools, others in professional or business duties, or in the cares of home, but all have found that life's purest pleasures and dignities come as the spontaneous reward of unselfish service. But many more are wanted, both in London and in the towns and villages where local branches are started. The work, indeed, ought to be carried on throughout the whole land; and the need for voluntary workers is therefore infinite. The requirements, too, are so varied that we are justified in regarding this as one of the most important fields of service ever opened to the Church of Christ. There are vast numbers to whom Sunday-school instruction, district visiting, and other recognised forms of Christian activity are distasteful or impossible. Let them find employment here, each doing what in him lies to bridge over the gulf that separates class from class, to throw the shield of a kindly sympathy around the young of our land, and by such acts of Christian brotherliness to bring down from the region of the clouds to the common walks of life that Kingdom of God for which we pray.

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