

This is by far the most inviting and profitable field for home effort, and one which has been greatly neglected. Our Woman's Mission Societies are mediums through which thousands of women get information, and as a natural consequence make liberal contributions. The Girls' Bands are developing many lives and sowing precious seed which will bring forth an abundant harvest in the next generation. The children are the "Little Sunbeams" being trained by faithful leaders for future usefulness. Why is it so few efforts have been made to help and train and save the boys? They are the hope of our country; on them depend the civil and religious honor or dishonor of our nation in the near future; to them we must bequeath the results of our labors, either to be carried forward to a glorious consummation or cast aside as a worthless heritage.

Like Israel of old, God has led us to the borders of the promised land. Our faithful leaders are sounding the watchword, "Go forward"; our missionaries are sounding back the report, "It is a goodly land, and we are fully able to possess it"; a faithful few are straining every nerve to carry out the commands; but where are the multitude?

For want of the training and information, that should have been given them when they were boys, those who are men of this generation, are indifferent and self-satisfied, knowing little, caring less for the cause, not assuming their share of the responsibility that rests on every follower of Christ. I know it is the earnest prayer of each heart that God will not turn us back until another generation shall be raised up more worthy of the honor He is offering us. Shall we not realize how much depends on the training of our boys, and ask Divine guidance to our duty?

Some ask, "How can we interest our boys in missions, and get them to attend the meetings of the Band?" Experience has taught some of us that they attend more punctually than girls, and are quite as easily interested.

To any one who would be a leader I would say, always be there yourself and let nothing be considered of more importance. Boys are sensitive plants, and should always be made first choice. Be interested and informed on missionary subjects, and they will catch the spirit of your enthusiasm. Scatter missionary literature as good seed, broadcast in this rich field, and many will take a deep root and bring forth a rich harvest. Pray for and with the boys. God has ordained prayer as the medium by which we receive strength and wisdom, and secure for others those blessings we desire for them. Consecrate your time and means to the work, and do not be discouraged by the seeming smallness of your efforts. Remember the valuation our Lord put on one soul; also that we are seed sowers in this field; the harvest time is not yet, but if we sow liberally we have God's promise of a bountiful harvest.

Then there is a social side to the boy's nature that must not be neglected. This is the point at which "the world, the flesh and the devil" make their most successful attacks, and we must be wise enough to provide for them such healthful, pleasant and innocent social meetings as will satisfy this want in their nature, and cultivate in them a genuine self-respect.

If in every church there could be a faithful leader who would organize and help the boys, furnish them the best literature, impress on them the necessity for a knowledge of the Bible and prayer, leading them into the ways of doing the Lord's work that lies nearest them, and informing them of the great fields beyond, within the next decade we should have a grand army whose motto would be "Christ for the world and the world for Christ."—*The Foreign Mission Journal.*

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