

qualities which would put me to shame. If it were man's duty merely to make a living respectably we might with some degree of confidence leave to ourselves the great majority of these. But man's duty is not primarily to make a living but to make a life. Young people, let us remember this always: we were not sent into this world merely to be good, but to do our best. And none of us can do our best in our own strength. Neither can these or any young men or young women that are living in themselves. They need to be touched with a sense of eternity and trained with a skill for service.

And nowhere can this be done better than in a young people's meeting where the Spirit who inspired our League motto, however veiled at first from weak eyes, is the dominating presence incessantly. We need them at our meetings. And they need us. Such a two-fold need constitutes a necessity. And in a moral universe a necessity always implies a possibility and a possibility always, to the Spirit-led brightens into an opportunity.

And if any Look Out Committee are in doubt of this they may prove it. Let them draw up a list of the young men and women whom they feel an ideal League should reach in their neighborhood, and then with all the insight and wisdom they can command divide up these names, allotting so many to each of themselves. Proof of our proposition will be found before the members of the Committee have covered all their names once. A frank conversation, unforced but not aimless, with these young people, will reveal to members of the Committee a marvellous degree of hunger and thirst after the highest things. This will be mixed in with much apparent indifference which will not deceive a determined Committee member. This may bring out some to the League, but in any case the main work has yet to come; consisting of relentless following-up tactics when each Committee member must stick to his man as closely as a scrum-player in a championship rugby match, but with even more tact and alertness. Then will come proof positive if only these two things are remembered. As your shadow on the stream scares the trout from which you are trying to get a rise, so will the shadow of self make fruitless the most determined efforts of a "Fisher of men." Moody but very clearly, once, our second point. "I never knew a case," he declared from his world-wide experience, "where that used a discouraged man or woman who had great things." If any case is to be done it must be done. That is the whole pattern. It is no use to spend an discouragements.

One other point must be noted. You know how soon a small boy would fail to appreciate the privilege of merely watching while a roaring game of "pump-pump-pull-away" was going on among his companions. Seldom more permanent is the interest of any young person who is merely a look-on in League work. And here the Look-Out Committee members, from the knowledge gained as to his disposition and inclination in first inducing him to attend, may be now of great service in helping to place him in the League activities.

But you say, all this is setting a tremendous pace for the Look-Out Committee. Doubtless. Much too gruelling a pace for any ordinary enthusiasm, however confident at first. But to the Chris-

tian the word opportunity may be spelt in another way. "Our talents," one has said, "are our opportunities for doing good." Which surely means, if there is any truth in algebraical formulae that our opportunities are our talents. Which is only a modern way of putting that old promise, "As our days—with all their demands perpetual and imperative,—so shall our strength be."

In conclusion, let us consider the condition and secret of it all. It is, somehow, to have in our lives that note of passion which Paul had in his, which drove him onward through a life of shocks to victory. Dr. Meyer has nobly clothed in words this compulsive passion of Paul's great life, "Like as a night-lost wanderer looks for day—it is Paul's life speaking—like as the shipwrecked mariner longs for a sail,—

So, even I, but with a pang more thrilling,

So, even I, but with a hope more sweet, Yearn for the sign, O Christ, of Thy fulfilling

Faint for the flaming of Thine advent feet,"

Galt, Ont.

A dozen short prayers, even from timid members, are better than one long prayer offered by a veteran. Invite occasionally your younger members to quote appropriate Scripture texts as prayers. Many such are always fitting and proper. It is good to have an occasional brief paper on "prayer," "Christ our Example in Prayer," "Old Testament Prayers," "the quiet hour," "early morning prayer," "prayer and thanksgiving," and similar themes.

Follow up your meetings by some form of active Christian work when the meeting is over, and you will make the department doubly useful. Always Be Active.

Christianity in Shaving

A barber in a large Yorkshire village had a rival. Our hero is an earnest Christian and local preacher. He noticed, in a recent week, a great increase of customers, and on making inquiry learnt that the practitioner at the other end of the village was ill. At the end of the week the barber made a calculation, and all he had taken above his average he took



EARLY POTATOES

Sane Suggestions

In a recent address, Rev. S. A. Kemp, of Plainfield, Ont., well said of the First Department:—

Let your vice-president be a thoroughly consecrated person and a wide-awake worker. Let him be ever looking for opportunities to set others to work. It is the best way to retain active members is to keep them active. Self activity is a condition of self-development, Christian usefulness and godly character are often marred if not destroyed by inactivity.

Keep the evangelistic purpose and plan always in the forefront. While in every department we are laboring to bring souls to Christ, this is pre-eminently the aim of the first department. Let there be personal effort among the members. The lookout committee has a supremely important duty. It should be constantly on the lookout for new members. It must seek to restrain the old from indifference, indolence, and neglect. Personal conversation is what counts when the work is done privately.

Induce members to take part by making it easy for the weakest to do so. Do not forget the value of sentence prayers.

to his brother of the razor, with the warm expression of his Christian sympathy.

Little Attentions

A cup of water timely brought,
An offered easy chair,
A turning of the window blind,
That all may feel the air;
An early flower bestowed unasked,
A light and cautious tread,
A voice to softest whisper hushed,
To spare an aching head—
Oh, things like these, though little things,
The purest love disclose,
As fragrant atoms in the air,
Reveal the hidden rose.

—Household Journal.

Wesley Epworth League, St. John's, Nfld., received twenty-eight new members at the February Consecration meeting, and twenty more in March. The pastor, Rev. J. K. Curtis, has formed a class of twelve young men for the study of theology, for the ministry. Reason: They have had a revival.

"The riches of Christ will never make a man independent."