people were ready for them. Indignation had been rising at this shameless bar-gaining in salvation. But no one had as gaining in saivation. But no die had as yet dared to raise a protest, for fear of being branded as a heretic. It remained for this earnest young university pro-fessor to strike the first blow.

Tetzel was the first to answer Luther. Many others took up the challenge and wrote and spoke in defence of indul-gences. Luther began to use his pen as well as his voice. Pamphile after pamphlet was given out in vigorous Gerpamphlet was given out in vigorous Ger-man in defence of his views. These were scattered broadcast and were eagerly read. They served as educators of the people. At first the Pope paid little atten-tion to the controversy. He said: "It is a drunken German who has written the theses, and he will think differently about them when he is sober." But he soon learned that it was a man in sober "The Deced fact store offer he hecame

The Pope's first step after he became alarmed was to summon Luther to Rome to be tried for heresy; but the University to be tried for heresy; but the University of Wittenberg, of which he was a pro-fessor, claimed that Luther should be tried in Germany. The Pope demanded that "this child of the devil," as he called Luther, should be delivered up to him. But the Pope soon found that he him. But the Pope soon found that he was dealing with Germany and not Martin Luther only. Germany had some grievances which she wanted settled. Among other things there was a growing discontent at the constant draining of the country to fill the papal coffers. The Pope was wise enough to move slowly, and he consented to a trial at Augsburg. Nothing came of this trial except that Luther felt, on his return to Wittenberg, that it was hopeless to try to get the papal consent to any reforms in the Church.

Public disputations and the writing of pamphlets now occupied Luther's time. Had he been alone he would most certainly have been brought to the stake. But he had too many powerful friends at his back to be treated as Huss was treated. The German nobility and the German people were with him, and many of the clergy as well. A papal bull of excommunication was issued against him, but, as we have seen, Luther publicly burned this at Wittenberg, Dec. 10th, 1520

The next step was to bring Luther to trial again. Charles V. had recently been made Emperor of what is known as The made Emperor of what is known as The Holy Roman Empire. His sympathies were all with Rome. Shortly after his accession he held a Diet or Council at Worms, and hither Luther was sum-moned to answer the charge of heresy. At this famous trial Luther boldy defended his doctrines, and only by the strategy of his friends escaped. We shall "The Wartburg." find him next at "The Wartburg," en-gaged in his great work of translating the Bible into German.

## Farmers

Sing a song of farmers,

Up at early morn, With four-and-twenty chores to do,

- Before the breakfast horn. When the breakfast's over,
- There's little to be done, Except to plow the fodder,

And let the harrows run, And mow the sheep, and prune the beets,

And curry up the swine, And shear the hens, and dig the hay,

And shoe the gentle kine,

And sow the wheat, and rake the rye, And wash and dress the land, And things like that which city folks

Can never understand. -Life.

SHOW THIS PAPER TO YOUR FRIENDS.

## Practical Problems for Progressive People

We give herewith a number of questions that have been propounded by our correspondents. We shall be glad indeed to hear from any of our friends on any of them. The editor's judgment is not infallible and his answers may not always be satisfactory or complete. Write your be satisfactory or complete. Write your opinions, criticisms, suggestions, experi-ences, freely and send them in without reserve.-Editor.

"As a District E. L. President, I would like to know why the greatest em-phasis is laid on raising money. Is it not better to advise the development of young men and young women for their own sakes? Are they not of more value than money?"

Who lays the emphasis? Certainly not is paper! We concur most heartily this paper! with the evident conviction of our questioner. Any Epworth League degenerates tioner. Any spworth League degenerates whose activities are employed primarily in raising money. Many a League has died because it had no greater objective before it than to raise money. To value our young people merely as money-raising agents, is a sure way to lose them. The Epworth League exists to cultivate life, and to raise money only incidentally as the expression of life. Compromising with our young people on the basis of money.giving is harmful to them, disastrous to the League, and dishonoring to God. "They first gave their own selves." Their offerings followed. It is easier to get money than to get love. God wants the latter. The former alone is but dross. Give Him the love of the heart, and the money of the pocket will follow. We believe in reaching a man's pocket through his heart; we do not think many men's hearts are reached through their pockets. This may not be popular with some; but it is in our judgment logical. Leagues have died because they they have given God nothing but money. Start at the right end and money isn't it.

the other hand, don't put up with fre-quent or habitual mumbling.

"In a country League where the meetings are held in the Church, what would you do to have everybody sit in the centre seats, and to get the young men from the corners of the Church?

A practical problem indeed! If they would not lister to a reasonable appeal and accede to a kind request based there-on, I would rope off the seats that were not to be used. Do this quietly and un-ostentatiously befor: the hour of meeting, and the probability is that your members will good-naturedly file in and take the places you desire. Don't scold. practical problem indeed! If they

" Do you think the President should take each meeting all through? Or do you think it best to have different chairmen take the meetings?"

No! Yes! The President is the chief executive officer of the League; but unless he wants to kill the League, he will have more wisdom and tact than to even appear to want to dominate every meeting. If I were President, I would try to aevelop as many young persons as I could in the qualities of leadership, but would hardly expect to do this by taking every meet-ing myself. The Epworth League was never intended to be a one-man's affair; still less was it ever intended to be a onewoman's concern. Give both boys and girls a chance.

"Do you think it right for League members or Church members who are not Leaguers, to neglect League or prayer meetings to attend sporting meets such as baseball, hockey, football, or even lawn-tennis?"

It depends on what you mean by "ne-lect." I can conceive of a special case glect." that would justify their choice for the



MISSIONARIES SELLING LITERATURE AT A JAPANESE FESTIVAL.

"Should Leaguers be allowed to get up and mumble off something which cannot be heard?"

Not often! But deal gently with them. Not often! But deal gently with them. Encourage vocal expression by encour-aging them to speak up, not by critici-zing them because they don't. The League should be a school of practice in puble speaking. The most timid member should have a chance, and feel free to express himself. Physical causes combine sometimes to make it hard for beginners to speak; but even they should speak, not "mumble." A personal word in private will help overcome the nervous feeling that often weakens the voice and parches the throat when an inexperienced young person gets up to speak, or read, or sing. Do not be hard on the novices; but on

evening; but ordinarily, no! It might be possible to attend both. I have played baseball with boys before League meeting, and have skated with my young folk after prayer-meeting to their profit and for my own benefit. Why not? "Do all for the glory of God," but "let all things be done decently and in order." Certainly these are not observed when sport of any kind usurps the hour of prayer.

"Can you expect a good League if the pastor never goes, and seemingly takes no interest in the matter beyond paying his dues to the funds of the Society?"

Certainly not! There are two extremes to avoid in this matter, 1. Do not expect your pastor to dominate your League.