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The Home Need.

I shall apply this subject to the Society, the Church and the Country we live in. For the church is influenced by the Society, and the Country by the Church.

What the Society needs is not a new constitution, but realization of the principles which govern and underlie the Society, and carrying out of these principles. We are frequently told that it is better to have no law, than to have a law that is not in force. I suppose the same is true of an organization better to have no principles or constitution than to have them if they are a dead letter.

Now the Society stands for four things; Worship, Bible Study, Christian Development, and Work. When we meet together in the Society, it is to worship God, not to be entertained, and this thought should be impressed upon the members of our Society, that the organization is distinctly religious, the meetings are religious meetings, and while there is a social element in them, they are not social gatherings. It has been said by some great writers, that men have lost the fear of God, and reverence for Him in this age. The Endeavor Society may do much to restore reverence and the true idea of worship.

The second thing for which the Society stands, is Bible study, not the study of poets and of literature, but the study of the greatest book in the world, without a knowledge of which it is impossible to understand the best literature and poetry of the age; for the writings of the greatest authors abound in quotations from, and reference to the Scriptures. And while there were never so many Bibles published in any age as in this one, it is a question if we know as much of Bible truth as our fathers did. There are an innumerable multitude of papers, magazines, periodicals, books and literature of all kinds, that the Bible is, to a large extent being crowded out, and yet every Christian should be more familiar with the Bible than with any other book as it is impossible to grow in grace, and in the knowledge of the Lord without getting a grasp of the great truths contained in the Word of God. The Christian Endeavor Society has done much to revive Bible Study, yet there remains much to be done along this line.

The third thing which the Society stands for, is the development of young Christians; This is accomplished, not only by fellowship with God, and the study of His Word, but also by the exercising of our gifts. In the Society, the members are supposed to take some part in every meeting, by reading portions of Scripture, by speaking and leading in prayer. In this way they are so trained, that they can communicate to others the thoughts which have helped themselves. It is a most interesting thing to watch the development of young Christians in a live Christian Endeavor Society. At first, with great difficulty, they may send a verse, or speak a few words, but before many years pass, they can lead a meeting, and give an address both interesting and profitable to the Society.

The fourth thing which the Society stands for, is Work. One must of course be developed themselves, before they can enter upon this work, and yet, in the doing of it, they are becoming strengthened. The work of the Society is to help in every way possible the Church, of which it is a part; to help in every department of the Church's work, and to reclaim the lost.

If a Christian Endeavor Society lives up to the constitution, and carries out the principles in the spirit of Christ, it is impossible for the Society to fail but if a Society tramples under foot those vital principles, and over look the purpose for which it was formed, it is impossible for that Society to live and prosper.

The need of the Church to day is a realization of her mission in the world, which is the building up of Christians in the faith, and the

knowledge of Christ and the seeking and saving of the lost.

The need of the nation is righteousness, sin is the degradation of any people but by righteousness a nation is exalted. We need men, who will not only carry their religion into their business, but who will also take it into the affairs of their Country. If we could get men to realize that the ballot is a sacred trust for which they will have to give an account, we would have less buying and selling of votes, less corruption among the political parties, and more of that patriotism which is essential to the well being of the Country.

Shall She Leave?

We have just received a very interesting letter which we answer in public, because it raises a point of general interest. We have spoken often on the subject before, but constant repetition is necessary in order that our position may be understood.

The letter inquires "whether a middle-aged woman should cease to be a member of the Christian Endeavor Society. I read in a copy of Forward," the writer goes on to say, "that it is becoming a hindrance to the younger members for the older ones to stay in the society, and that the young folks should have the running of the work. The article discouraged me, as I had enjoyed helping in the work, and had tried to do so by persuading those that were new to the society work to lead the meetings, take part, and the like. I want to do right in the matter, and would rather stay away if I am hindering instead of helping."

That is a beautiful letter, and it doubtless represents the feelings of a large number of our older Endeavorers.

In answer to it several things need to be said.

In the first place, not all the older workers, by any means, are of this sort. Some of them have got so used to leadership that it is hard for them to put the guiding reins into younger hands. They fear everything will go to the dogs. They forget that the society is a means to an end, and that end is largely the training of inexperienced young folks to do just such work as they themselves have become proficient in doing. There is no way to train except by putting responsibility upon these younger workers and letting them do their best under it. The constant aim of our older members should be to do as little as they can themselves, and get as much as possible done by the beginners. It may not be done so well; doubtless it will not be done so well. Never mind. It will be better in the end.

In the second place, even if you do not talk too long in the meetings, and even if you do not assume too much of the management of the society, it is possible that your very presence—especially if there are many of you—may overawe the younger element and keep them from doing and being their best. What you say will sound so much better than what they can say. You speak so easily. Your prayers are so fluent and so inspiring. Your plans are always so bright and wise. They do not feel that they are needed, or that they can really contribute anything to the value of the society, and that feeling is one of the heaviest possible checks on growth.

In the third place, you may be more needed in the church prayer meeting than in the Christian Endeavor one. There may be long pauses there. Or the time may be taken up with long speeches, and the meeting may need to enliven it just the brief testimony you know so well how to give.

And in the last place, it is possible for you to keep a connection with the society and yet to graduate into other church work. Have you read Dr. Clark's recent articles on the honorary membership? You know, then, that he proposes a pledge for honorary members, and would exalt that class of membership into a practical, definite meaning that heretofore it has not held. Does not that define the relation you can almost helpfully hold to the Endeavor Society?

We should say, therefore, to the writer of the letter referred to: You may not be meant at all by the article in Forward, or by the recent discussion in our paper. It would be a great calamity for our Endeavor Societies if they were left entirely without older members. Some of them are needed for experience, for guidance, for inspiration. Exercise Christian common sense, and make up your mind for yourself. Make up your mind unselfishly, as you certainly will. Do not consider your own preferences, but solely the needs of the Christian Endeavor Society and the church. And whether you decide, on the whole, to remain an active member or become a pledged honorary one, may God's rich, peaceful blessing attend your consecrated labors.—C. E. World.

Is This Your Society?

From certain quarters comes the rumor that the young people's society in D—, W—, B—, and elsewhere is seeking to do what no kind of a society governed by the spirit of Christ would ever allow itself to think of doing. If this thing really exists anywhere, though to the least degree, every true Christian ought to stamp upon it so heavily as to kill it without hesitation or mercy. The evil thing is this: B—, has an A C F. society, the church at B— is seeking a pastor, an excellent man is found, but because it is discovered the brother is an enthusiastic C. E. the young people's society opposes his being called. W— has a C. E. Society, this church also seeks a pastor, the man whom all prefer is an A. C. F., the young people's society opposes his being called because he is not a C. E. D— has no society at all, the parish has no pastor, all have agreed upon the man until some one finds out he is a most earnest C. E. or A. C. F.; this ends the matter. Some one else must be sought because this man is a whole-hearted advocate of a young people's organization. Is B— or W— or D— your church? If so, be sure there is a great lack of genuine, deep rooted, strong, spiritual life in all who take the stand indicated. No such matter ought to be given one moment's thought in calling a pastor. It is not one whit better than to demand the pastor should be a Free Mason or Odd Fellow. In these days no honest, faithful, conscientious, Holy Spirit led pastor will even think of changing a well organized, strong, useful society into one of another name. He who seeks to do this is ignorant, narrow, or self-led however conscientious in what he seeks to do. Whether the pastor is C. E., A. C. F., or something else, any true man will at once enter heart and soul into the work of the society, with his young people, whatever its name; and with them, as they are, seek to advance the kingdom of Jesus Christ. The time has been when thoroughly honest men believed this or that name essential (the writer speaks from experience, for he was one of the number) to success. That time has, it is to be hoped, passed forever. As a young people's society, do not allow this matter a moment's thought in your choice for pastor, S. S. superintendent, speaker, or any other position. Seek men or women for every place who are practically, not theoretically, filled with the Holy Spirit, workers who have had a vision of God, men and women who are Christ's and his alone. Do not permit any evil thing to disturb the harmony of your church, the peace of your society, or the love of the brethren.—The Star.

The first native Filipino Christian Endeavor society has been organized in Manila. The exercises were in Spanish and Tagalog. It is predicted by those best fitted to judge that as soon as the society is understood it will become very popular with the Filipinos, as they have an inherent talent for organization. There is prospect of another society soon at Iloilo, and a pledge is being prepared in the Visayan language.

Caught.

A worthy old gentleman who lived in the mountains had one weakness—a habit of absenting himself from church on a very slight pretext. One Sunday, which was a little cloudy, but by no means inclement, he was not found in his place. The next morning, at an early hour, as the pastor was standing on his doorstep, who should come along but this old man, perched on a load of wood, his hat and overcoat, his hair and beard, all white with the thickly falling and fiercely blowing snow! Seeing the pastor, he halted to pay his respects and exchange a friendly word.

Good morning, said the old man. All well? All well, thank you. Sorry I could not be at church yesterday. Yes; I missed you. Well, the fact is, it was such a bad day, and the weather threatened so much, that I thought it was too bad to venture out, and— Yes, it is fine, pleasant weather to-day, said the pastor. If we should have as fine a day as this next Sunday, I shall look for you at church.

The old man blushed, and manifested a desire to break off the conversation—during all of which it seemed as if he were inwardly saying, Caught this time.—Selected.

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Yes, that is sharing half your load with her, said the other, quietly; but has Mary no loads of her own to carry? Then, as if she feared the question might sound intrusive or unkind, she added: I have learned to think of that of late years, because I had a brother who was to me what your sister is to you. He was one of those on whom others naturally lean—wise, strong, tender, and patient—and I carried my griefs and worries to him, always sure of sympathy.

Not until his brave life ended did I realize how many heavy burdens of his own he had been bearing. Business cares and reverses, grave family anxieties, increasing physical disability, and the knowledge that disease was surely eating his life away—all this had been pressing sorely upon him, I know that many a weary day, which possibly I might have brightened a little, I had made his burden heavier, by the weight of my own. I never think of his dear, kind face without wishing I had carried him my sunshine instead of my shadows.—Forward.

Odd Minutes of Waiting.

While you are arranging the parlor, just have a thought for the visitors who must sometimes wait to see you, and carefully refrain from putting every object of interest beyond their reach. Of course, as a careful hostess, you never mean to keep callers waiting; but if they come when the baby is on the eve of dropping to sleep, or you are in the midst of planning dinner with the cook, you must delay a little; while they are reduced to staring out of the window, or to an involuntary effort to penetrate some insignificant household secret. The family photograph album is usually regarded as a sufficient resource in moments like these; but there is not something akin to indelicacy in allowing strangers and ordinary acquaintances to turn them with the freedom of unfamiliarity or the unsympathy natural to a lack of personal appreciation?

The late magazines, a book of good engravings, a household volume of poetry, photographs of foreign scenes, and a dozen other things, are all good aids to the occupation of stray minutes. Moreover, they often suggest to the visitor and the host topics of conversation more profitable and interesting than the state of the weather, or the history of the kitchen.—Selected.

Boy Character.

It is the greatest delusion in the world for a boy to get the idea that his life is of no consequence, and that the character of it will not be noticed. A manly, truthful boy will shine like a star in any community. A boy may possess as much of noble character as a man. He may so speak and live the truth that there shall be no discount on his word. And there are such noble Christian boys, and wider and deeper than they are apt to think is their influence. They are the king-boys among their fellows, having an immense influence for good, and loved and respected because of the simple fact of living the truth.

Dear boys, do be truthful. Keep your word as absolutely sacred. Be known for your fidelity to church and Sunday-school. Be true in every friendship. Help others to be and do good.

There are no persons more solicitous about the preservation of rank than those who have no rank at all.—Shenstone.

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The report of the Italian government, describing a great ship wreck, said: 'A large ship was seen coming to shore last night; we endeavored to give every assistance through the speaking trumpet, nevertheless 401 bodies were washed ashore this morning. That shows the futility of attempting to save men by speech. It is not the whole truth, but it is a part of the truth. In saving men it is very often a life for a life; you have to give your life to the men whom you are trying to better. About the least Christian act a man can do for his brother man is to talk about Christianity; the case is of a man laying down his life as Christ laid down his life.—Henry Drummond.

The highest manhood resides in disposition, not in mere intellect.—H. W. Beecher.

The biggest lump of gold ever found east of the Rockies was used for years in a hovel to keep the door ajar. The only reason why a great many people use the Bible as an ornament is because they have never dreamed that it had a better use.



GLUTTONY

Is more common than we may think, if we define gluttony as eating beyond the body's need of sustenance and beyond the stomach's capacity for digestion and assimilation of food. That is a fair definition, and it fastens the name glutton on many a person who would resent the term as an insult. The fact of this gluttony is marked by its consequences. The overloaded stomach becomes diseased. The popular term for the condition is "weak" stomach. The "weak" stomach fails in furnishing adequate nutrition for the body, and soon the "weakness" spreads from the stomach to other organs.

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