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LEAGUE ECHOINGS.

"To think means to thank. The thoughtful man is the thankful man."—*F. C. Hartley.*

"The more we put into a thing, the more we get out of it."—*C. T. Phillips.*
"Before I was a member of the League I was helped by its influence."—*M. L. Gregg.*

"Service to God is service to our fellow-men."—*G. F. Bolster.*

"If it means you and I are to go, to a large measure in poverty, we are not worthy the name of Christians if we are not ready to do so, for Christ's sake."—*J. B. Daggett.*

"A Christian ought to have his Christianity with him when he goes shopping."—*Prof. Anthony.*

"Pay the 10% by all means, but don't forget to sanctify the 90%."—*Prof. Anthony.*

"Take hold of the young people's work with your whole weight; you can't carry a weight with the tips of your fingers."—*C. T. Phillips.*

"It is wrong to have means of grace and not use them; wrong to have talents and not use them; wrong to be Christ's representative and not represent Him."—*E. S. Parker.*

"No great enterprise was ever without its seeming insurmountable difficulties."—*S. J. Case.*

"We have a right to expect success for God has promised it to those who trust him."—*S. J. Case.*

"This year we weave a web that will be examined by the Divine eye."—*A. A. Rideout.*

"Men are sorely needed at home, we can see the need here,—we cannot see it beyond."—*A. W. Anthony.*

"Our motto shows the Christian Endeavor to be primarily a religious body."—*A. D. Paul.*

TO EVERY WORKER.

After the appeal to the Societies, by various representative speakers at the League, for an increase of interest in our Young People's Column, we are hoping for a very successful year. As has been said repeatedly before, the Press Committee is dependent upon all our workers in its effort to keep every one in intelligent touch with the work. To this end it is necessary some one, in each society, be either expressly appointed, or take it upon herself, to keep the Press Committee informed of the state of her society, its plans, hopes, failures, successes. It is often said

"nothing of any importance has come to us, so there was nothing to write. Our Christian as well as our daily life is 'made up of trifles,' and most of the 'trifles' are common experiences in all Y. P. Societies; so let us talk them over in friendly council, through the medium of our column."

As a starter it has been suggested that we ask all those who are interested in our work to give us their opinion on the following question:

"How may we increase the membership of our Society?"

This subject was touched only, at League, because of lack of time, but is of vital importance to all. In the next few weeks can we not have the opinion of every officer of the League, and every worker who is concerned in the welfare of our Societies.

Address all answers to

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P. S.—We should be particularly glad to hear some of the Nova Scotia friends on this subject. G.H.

READ THIS.

The following brief narrative carries its own moral with it.

"My dear boy," said a father to his son, "you are in bad company; the lads with whom you associate indulge in bad habits. They drink, smoke, swear and play cards. They are not safe company for you. I beg you to quit their society."

"You needn't be afraid of me, father," replied the boy laughing; "I know how far to go and when to stop."

The lad left his father's house twirling his cane and laughing at the old man's notions.

A few years later, the lad, grown to manhood, stood at the bar of a court, before a jury which had just brought a verdict of guilty for some crime in which he had been concerned. Before he was sentenced he addressed the court, and said, among other things: "My downward course began in disobedience to my parents. I thought I knew as much of the world as my father did, and I spurned his advice; but as soon as I turned my back on my home, temptations came upon me like a drove of hyenas and hurried me to ruin."

Mark that confession, you boys who are beginning to be wiser than your parents! Mark it, and learn that disobedience is the first step on the road to ruin. Don't take it!

USE WHAT YOU HAVE.

"What is in thine hand, Abel?"

"Nothing but one wee lamb, O God, taken from the flock. I purpose offering it to thee, a willing sacrifice."

And so he did. And the sweet smell of the burning has been filling the air ever since, and constantly going up to God as a perpetual sacrifice of praise.

"What is it thou hast in thine hand, Moses?"

"Nothing but a staff, O God, with which I tend my flocks."

"Take it and use it for me."

And he did; and with it wrought more wondrous things than Egypt and her proud king had seen before.

"Mary, what is that thou hast in thine hand?"

"Nothing but a pot of sweet-smelling ointment, O God, wherewith I would anoint thine only One, called Jesus."

And so she did; and not only did the perfume fill all the house in which they were, but the Bible-reading world has been fragrant with the memory of this

blessed act of love, which has, ever since, been spoken of "for a memorial of her."

"Poor woman, what is it that thou hast in thine hand?"

"Only two mites, Lord. It is very little; but then it is all I have, and I would put it into thy treasury."

And so she did; and the story of her generous giving has ever since wrought like a charm, prompting others to give to the Lord.

"What is it that thou hast in thine hand, Dorcas?"

"Only a needle, Lord."

"Take it and use it for me."

And so she did; and not only were the suffering poor of Joppa warmly clad, but, inspired by her loving life, "Dorcas Societies" even now continue their benign mission to the poor throughout the earth.—*Christian Budget.*

DO THY BEST.

An aged artist found himself one day too infirm to finish a painting upon which he had spent considerable labor. He turned to a modest pupil and requested him to complete the outline. But the latter shrank from touching a canvas which had felt the touch of his great master. Said the old man: "Do thy best, do thy best." Tremblingly the youth took the brush, after asking Divine aid. Gradually he gained confidence. Slumbering genius awoke, and in process of time the picture was completed. The aged artist was delighted with the truly wonderful work of his pupil and gave him heartiest congratulations. From that day to this the art world has lavished praise upon that youth, who was none other than the renowned Leonardo da Vinci. "Do thy best," is the word that comes to all whom God calls. Whether it be ours to herald great truths as God's prophet, to make the canvas glow with life, or to fill the humblest place in the divine plan, we may always rest assured that "God's goodness flows around our incompleteness," and when our work is completed it will satisfy us. But, best of all, it will satisfy Him. To please God is the largest reward of right doing. God's calls are always to success—success in the truest sense. He can make eternal music in any soul that will be ever sensitively responsive to his call.

"The soul alone, like a neglected harp,
Grows out of tune, and needs that
Hand Divine.

Dwell Thou within it; touch and tune
The chords,

Till every note and string shall answer
Thine." —*Selected.*

WIN ONE.

If there was but one Christian in the world, and he, by twelve months of earnest work, could win another to Christ, and each of those could win another during the next year, and so on, it would require but thirty-two years, or less than a single generation, to win all the earth's billion and a half of population to the Lord. There are said to be 120,000,000 Protestants in the world. At that rate, if each was consecrated to His Master's service, how long would it take to save the world? As it is, the average is one soul to each person in twenty years. The average age of conversion is a little less than fourteen. The average age of man is thirty-three. So you see the majority die the year before their job is finished, and souls are born in sin faster than they are born to righteousness.—*Showers of Blessing.*

ONE STEP MORE

Will be fatal to the sleep-walker. Will he draw back or will he take the final, fatal step? A great many people are in peril like the sleep-walker. They are diseased. The disease is progressing day by day. The time comes when one more step away from health is fatal. The man who has suffered from indigestion or gastric trouble goes some night to a dinner and returns home to find he has taken that last step from health which can never be taken back.



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