# NOTEWORTHY EVENING MEETINGS OF LEAGUE

## BISHOP HENRY W. WARREN OUTLINES BEST PLANS FOR MISSIONARY WORK

### Distinguished Divine Urges United Action by Christian Workers in Aiding Common Cause in Which the Church Is Engaged, and by Which the Gospel Is to Be Spread

## CHRIST LIFE IN THE NEW CENTURY, LEADING THEME

### Subject Treated at Metropolitan Temple in Its Relation to Social Conditions of Men—Practical Benevolence Is Urged

METROPOLITAN TEMPLE was comfortably filled at the meeting last night. The exercises were opened by the singing of select hymns under the leadership of J. M. Robinson, and an opening prayer by the Rev. W. J. Smith of Toronto. The programme limited the speakers to twenty minutes each, all of which time was used in the giving of practical lessons on the duties of Christ life. Christ did not recognize our present division of society into the upper, the lower and the middle classes. In his sight every man by right belonged to the upper class. The church can profitably spend less time in looking into the grave and less time in idly gazing up into heaven, and more in looking for living men. Its problem is with life. Christ did not have as much to say about the kingdom of heaven beyond the grave as of the kingdom of heaven which is here and now. He did not speak of wings and harps and golden streets, but of forgiveness, unselfishness and love. The recognition of friends in heaven is not as important as the recognition of our brother on earth. We have shut up our religion in the church too much. It must have sunlight and exercise or it will die.

CHARACTERISTIC SCENES ILLUSTRATING THEMES EXPOUNDED BY EPWORTH LEAGUE ORATORS.

DESPITE the counter attractions at Metropolitan Temple and the Alhambra, the evening session of the Epworth League Convention in the Mechanics' Pavilion opened with an immense throng. Fully 9000 people were seated when the programme began. The session took the form of a missionary mass meeting and was presided over by Rev. Matt S. Hughes, D.D., of Kansas City, in the absence of Governor A. T. Bliss of Michigan, who was expected to preside.

The song service was led by W. C. Stacfeld, and Rev. Samuel Plantz, D. D., of Appleton, Wis., led the devotions.

### What Constitutes a Missionary.

Bishop Henry W. Warren, D.D., LL. D., of Denver, Colo., was very impressive in his address. He spoke in part:

The end for which this world was made and is upheld is its spiritual outcome. I know it has ores to be dug, handled, smelted; I know it has plains to be cleared, plowed, planted and reaped; it has powers, steam and lightning, to be handled and mastered; it has intellectual mysteries to be solved, and intellects to be made great by the solving; but the one designed outcome is human character fit to be kept forever.

There is one great marvel in the universe, and only one. That is that the Son of God came out of the infinite glory, took flesh and all the worst human conditions, death included. Why did he come? What object was worth the sacrifice, the insults, the agony, the death? Did he come to develop mines, to handle powers, to rule empires? No one, nor all these objects was worth his coming. He already had gold plenty enough to pave the streets of his capital, power enough to move the New Jerusalem adorned as a bride for her husband; he was King of kings and Lord of lords. Why come?

Livingston in the heart of Africa well expressed it: "God had but one Son, and he was a missionary." Ah, then, being a missionary is worthy of God. To leave home, heaven, angels, father, glory, to come to an accursed country, to teach the ignorant, be insulted by the proud, buffeted and killed, that is being a missionary, that is the only thing in this world worthy of God, worthy of his utmost love. But it is not sacrifice without an object.

He comes with succor speedy
To those who suffer wrong,
To help the poor and needy,
And bid the weak be strong.

Or as he himself put it far better: "The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord." Luke iv:18-19.

### Every Epworthian Can Enlist.

With that conception of a missionary, every Epworthian can enlist. Not every one of these thousands can go to Africa, India or China, but every one can be a missionary, can have the spirit of the Lord anoint him to preach the gospel to the poor, heal the broken-hearted, and live the life worthy of God.

All school teachers, all intelligent Epworthians who are embodiments of knowledge acquired and dispensed are true missionaries of Christ in this department.

Every Sunday school teacher, mother, friend, in private life or public, is a true missionary of the ideal missionary who came from heaven to earth.

### Genius Is Not Required.

Christ's idea of this world is not a place from which he could save out a few elect saints and then burn up all the rest. His idea is to establish the kingdom of heaven on earth, have God's will done in every part of it as it is in heaven, have the knowledge of God cover the earth as the waters of the vast Pacific cover the sea. Wherever that kingdom is not perfected, that will not be done as in Heaven, that knowledge of God not so prevalent, there he wants missionaries; in your city, in your church, in your home, in your heart. It does not require genius, ten talents, far travel, exclusive command of time to be one of Christ's missionaries. None of the disciples had these. It only requires an experience and fidelity. Let the ideal missionary commission every one of you to-day. Let the commission reach clear up to that of the apostles. "If ye continue in my word then are ye my disciples indeed." Oh, Andrews, Johns, Pauls who hear me, discipleship has not yet been given up. Apostleship did not belong exclusively to the early ages. Twelve was the limit for the Jews only. God called Paul to be the first of the larger college of apostles to the Gentiles. He now calls out of the heavens to you, saying, "Thou, thou art a chosen vessel unto me to bear my name unto the Gentiles." Hear, oh hear. The Moravians are said to support one missionary to every sixty members. Let it be said that Methodists support one missionary to every one member.

The Park sisters next favored the audience with a cornet solo and were encored. "The Lost Chord" and "Take Me, Oh, My Father" were their selections.

The Rev. John J. Tigert, L.L. D., of Nashville, Tenn., then delivered the following address:

Missions are the mind and might of the Master multiplied into the mass and multitude of men who measure life by the meaning of his mediations.

### The Church a Mission.

What is the scriptural sanction? In the Sermon on the Mount, immediately following the Beatitudes, which state the blessedness of the missionaries, the Master introduces in a double figure the necessity, the universability and the instruments of the work. "Ye are the light of the world; ye are the salt of the earth." The church is a mission celestial in origin and equipment, in the midst of a population foreign and estranged. Missionary means undivided and unabating enthusiasm and eagerness, unceasing and undelaying diligence, in carrying his gospel of deliverance and blessedness to his toiling brothers who likewise are our own. The apostle to the nations in the first chapter of his greatest letter to the central church of the empire states his missionary obligation, his missionary preparation for and his flawless missionary instrument. "I am debtor; I am ready; I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ."

St. Paul's doctrine is certainly that of election, but it is an election to service, an election of preparation for service and an election of adequate equipment for its accomplishment.

St. John gathers up the divine motive, initiation and sacrifice, the sublime and unique character of the missionary, the substance and requirement of his gospel and its world-wide intent and provision in a single unmatched verse of his own unequaled record: "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in him might not perish, but have everlasting life."

After a song by the North Indiana Conference quartet the Rev. James Henderson, D. D., of Toronto, Canada, delivered an interesting address, in which he said:

### Grand Work of Christianity.

The genius of the gospel comes out in that command to "Go." We should go first because it is easier for us to go than it was for those to whom the command was first given. It is easier for Bishop Taylor to reach the banks of the Congo than for Paul to reach the banks of the Tiber. It is easier to win the Fijis from the degradation of cannibalism than it was to woo the cultured Athenian from the worship of the beautiful.

Second, we ought to go, for we owe all of our civilization to Christianity. Under the old civilization three-fourths of the people were slaves, murder was made a pastime, debauchery was reduced to a science, suicide was elevated to an art, infanticide was installed as a domestic virtue. But Christianity came and waved her wand over those pagan institutions and one by one they disappeared, so that tonight, with all its defects, the British and American civilization form the high tide mark in the history of the world. No slave crouches beneath the shadow of those flags and wherever they float human life and liberty are secure.

The session closed with a song and benediction.

## YOUNG PEOPLE FROM THE EAST

### A representative gathering of young people took place yesterday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock in the art gallery of the Pavilion. It consisted of a leaguer from each State represented in the convention. Chairman Colton outlined the work he expected them to do, which is to interest and secure the attention of every delegate to the missionary exhibit. As the year to come is to be devoted to missions he desires the visitors to take as much information home as possible. Later he issued the following appeal:

ALL DELEGATES TAKE NOTICE.

Since mission is to be the chief work of the Epworth League for the coming year, it is strongly urged that as many as possible of the delegates from each State be present at the special missionary conference that is to be held in the main body of Mechanics' Pavilion at 9 o'clock Saturday morning. At least one delegate from every district, and if possible one from every chapter, should be present to note carefully the new plans that will be presented there.

In addition to the names on the printed programme, Bishop Joyce, Dr. Berry and Dr. Bashford are expected to be present to address the conference.

Will delegates who read this notice kindly see that other delegates are reminded of the importance of this meeting?

E. T. COLTON, Chairman Committee.

THE assemblage of Epworth Leaguers at the Alhambra Theater reached its climax at the evening session. Not a single seat or foot of standing room on the main floor or in the gallery was vacant. With the increase in attendance came a commensurate increase in enthusiasm and eloquence. Each of the four speakers delivered speeches that sparkled with wit and rounded periods. The only regret of the leaguers in the audience appeared to be that they could not force their entertainers to prolong their efforts.

Under a full blaze of the incandescent light the interior of the theater, decked with flowers and streamers of the league's colors, presented a splendid appearance.

The evening session, which will be memorable in league annals for the eloquence that was displayed, was well opened with a patriotic address by Rev. G. H. Cobbledick, M. A., Parkhill, Ontario. He dwelt on the topics which are exciting public interest and likened the course of the United States in the Philippines to the movements of England in South Africa. He said in part:

The ballot is not a personal asset convertible into personal interest, but it is a puolic trust of power from God, to be used for the furtherance of his kingdom. The voter is "the power ordained of God" in this country mine, for sovereignty rests with the people. Hence it is that the Union Jack and Stars and Stripes float, and we believe shall float together for the uplifting of the oppressed and the enfranchisement of the slave. In these democratic lands, men are all free and equal, on the election day at least. The need of the hour is a Christian patriotism that will show that to enter public life is not to abandon righteousness. The demand is for men of humble and reverent spirit, who like Joshua will recognize the Silent Presence and obey the heavenly vision. The Epworth League exists to raise such men. Its own future will require more attention to its altruistic efforts. The cross is calling the organized Christian youth of these lands to a more unselfish career. The evangelization of the world tarries for this forward movement and the national life of two great nations swelling into action of their high endeavor for good citizenship. The influence of the League will grow as the spectacular gives place to the utilitarian. The passing of Niagara may be lamented by some esthetic soul, but the clamor of the world's needs is as deep calling unto the deep and from serving only scenic effect Niagara is yielding its powers to bless America. The volume of Christian enthusiasm which renders possible this vast gathering must obey the law of its life and yield itself to drive the machinery of the world's higher civilization along the quivering nerves of its organic life, must run the very heart throb of God, bearing light to the dark places and motive power for the renewal of the earth in righteousness.

### The Causes of Pauperism.

Rev. J. J. N. Kenny of Modesto, Cal., made one of the most powerful addresses of the evening and the audience was reluctant to let him terminate his efforts. He said in part:

The causes of pauperism are various and many. Some of the chief are heredity, illiteracy, indolence and intemperance, which is far more potent than we dream of. These are but a few causes that bring men and women to poverty.

How can this problem be solved? It certainly cannot be done by giving, which only assists in making paupers. Social rights no less than moral rights must be recognized. Justice in the matter of wages, rent and interest would remedy the evils in regard to those people who are willing to work.

We need in this land a public opinion and social conscience that will correct injustice. Every man that is willing to work is entitled to receive fair wages. With the problem affecting the condition of the paupers the solution is exceedingly difficult. In their case we must resort to mercy, which includes every kindness and every consideration. A sense of personal dignity must be inculcated into the minds of the paupers. The desire to own property must be created in them.

No work is successful that stops short of self help or in placing a man in a position to help himself. We should go into the paupers' homes and teach them how to live. You women should take charge of the women of the destitute and show them the pleasures and dignity of life. And another thing, do not move your churches out into the outskirts and do not keep them closed six days out of the week, but maintain them open and keep them comfortable and enticing.

Rev. James M. Buckley, editor of the Christian Advocate, New York City, was given a hearty reception when he arose to speak on "The Perils of the City." His address glittered with wit as well as wisdom. He described the life of a young man in a large city and pointed out the temptations which confront him. He related many amusing personal experiences that helped to explain his subject.

### Should Be Social Outcasts.

"Kill the Saloon" was the subject of the address delivered by Rev. M. C. Hawks, the last speaker of the evening. His speech was a strong argument against intemperance and the speaker declared that the saloon-keepers should be made social outcasts. He said in part:

Why, then, should the saloon exist and be protected? Can it compensate society for its existence? It is never claimed for it that its aim is the elevation of society. On the contrary the fortunes it has wasted, the homes it has disgraced, the reputations it has ruined, the high hopes it has destroyed, the death it has engendered, the brutality it has bred and the men and women it has sent to prison and the gallows point to it as one of the world's most accursed evils. Its mouth across society from the first is marked by the increase of poverty, crime and insanity and the destruction of virtue and happiness. Its way is the way to hell going down to the chambers of death. It lives on bread that ought to feed destitute wives and little children. It sucks the best blood of honest toil. It is a plague, a curse, a blotch and a monster covered with the blood of ten thousand slain. It ought not to be licensed. I would sooner stick a Government stamp on the nose of a mad dog and turn him loose on the streets. And yet it is licensed and protected. It ought to die instantly under the heel of an aroused and unescapable public indignation. Let us do our part to kill the saloon.

### Registration of Home-Seekers.

EL RENO, O. T., July 19.—When the registration booths closed to-night 92,599 homeseekers had been given slips entitling them to a chance in the drawing. To-day's figures for El Reno were 10,339, making a total of 70,497, while 1447 persons registered at Lawton, bring the total for that place up to 22,102.

### Will Teach Parliamentary Law.

CHICAGO, July 19.—Mrs. Urquart Lee of Chicago has accepted the chair of parliamentary law, an addition to the Allied Woman's Clubs of the University of California, established by Mrs. Phebe Hearst. Her regular work will begin at the university in September.

All the eight ladies who acted as trainbearers to the Queen on her wedding day, sixty-three years ago, are still alive. All save one are married. The Lady Victoria Howard is the one exception.

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by marriage or blood of persons guilty or even only accused of crime. This is the class of papers that Dickens justly satirized under the immortal names of the "Morning Scourge" and the "Etanswill Gazette." This class of papers is in the minority, but in every denomination there are some members who are the most greedy readers of these papers and more that advertise in them.

Above these is a large class which in some particulars and on some occasions dips to their level, but aim to be and usually are far above them. These are a strange mixture of lightoned editorials, demoralizing advertisements and personal columns. The highest stratum, of which every large city contains at least one, and often several, which are not to be criticised adversely excepts by monks of the order of La Trappe or those Protestants who know nothing of the world, or believe that nothing short of absolute perfection should be tolerated.

### How It Aids the Public.

Speaking generally what the press does for the public—including the church—in the dissemination of information, in unifying public sentiment and arousing it and bringing it to bear to remedy wrongs, expose abuses and to drag into light insidious vices which perish when known abroad; in concentrating public attention on unpunished crime, and revealing the fitness or unfitness of candidates for office, cannot be overestimated.

But the church in its highest work often finds the newspaper helping it greatly with one hand and holding back or crowding it aside even more greatly with the other. Its too detailed, graphic and often almost salacious delineations of sin, vice and crime; its witticisms in treating the more solemn things of religion, life, death and the future; its flippant references to suicides; its reporting with greater fullness the sayings of pulpit buffoons and eccentrics than those of wise, well balanced and reverend pastors; its giving much more space to the doings of worldlings and scoffers than to