

in which we all should have some part, yet the homeland needs and is calling for teachers and leaders with ideals firm and true, ready with joy and gladness to take up the work with our boys and girls.

"In March after I was twelve years of age we moved to Cottage Grove and there I finished the seventh grade, graduated from the eighth grade and took up my high school work. The fall that I entered high school Mother and Father moved to the farm at Star twelve miles from Cottage Grove. After moving into town in March 1910, I was constantly with the juniors but did not take any leadership of them until after the district convention in February, 1912. It was at this convention that I met G. Evert Baker, then state president and at present honorary president of Oregon Christian Endeavor. It was at a sunrise prayer meeting at this convention that I resolved to consecrate a part of each day to Christian Endeavor work principally among the juniors, and that consecration made that morning has and always will be a source of inspiration to me and a daily joy which is growing greater each day. It was in the spring of 1912 that I first began to use things of Nature for object talks to the juniors and during that spring I used a number of different flowers to illustrate the lessons I wanted the juniors to carry home with them.

"I know now, as I look back to the days when I was a junior, that having been a junior from childhood has better fitted me for my work as junior superintendent now. It is by having been a child with the children that I have learned to understand all that the junior society means to the child's life, both in the bringing out of the best and the noblest in it and in the development of latent talents.

"I have found and am now daily finding much joy and inspiration in my junior work, for the work I love best in all this great, wide world is the work of teaching, of leading a little child; teaching to find for itself that the truest, noblest and most worth while things of life are found in the work of making others happy and in thus making this world better by their having lived in it.

"And now to those who are interested in child life and the work with the children I will say that I have found that the only way to reach the child heart is to love the child, and I mean when I say this to love the child not with a selfish love but with a Christlike love; the love that seeks for the best in every human being and seeks to find something worth while, something worth developing in the life of every child. The love that is patient will always find something worth while. One thing we all must do who love children, and I am sure we are many, is to let our love for them show forth in our faces, in a tender smile and a kindly word. Don't wait until they are older and have passed the childhood age to let them know that you love them and expect them to achieve noble and worth while things. Though I am very busy I always take time to smile and speak to every little child I meet, no matter where it may be. I know it is worth while because I remember the joy a smile and a kindly word brought me in my own childhood.