

music and at which refreshments may be served.

Immediately after this meeting make arrangements for a meeting of your executive and at this junction map out in detail your season's programme and have it printed.

Literary evenings, social evenings, debates, etc., should enter into the season's work, and the religious aspect and training for future life and service should always be kept prominently in the foreground. The success of the weekly meetings will depend upon how many actually take part and the amount of preparation given.

If each committee of the Bible Class does its work thoroughly the members will all become intimately acquainted. The sick will be visited, flowers will be distributed, bashful members encouraged, and strangers

will be welcomed and assisted by counsel and advice.

The class should adopt a motto and select a class pin and should endeavor to concentrate their energies to finance some worthy object,—the support of a missionary, the relief of some child or community,—anything that is definite and necessary.

In the Bible study hour the exercises of the day should be so divided that if possible every member takes part in these during the season's work. The opening prayer, the scripture reading, the special missionary study, the closing exercises,—all give an opportunity for individual participation. Thus a spirit of life and unity and service grows up and becomes a vital, living, dynamic force in the Bible Class.

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For Happier and Better Homes

This is one—indeed the central—slogan in the Forward Movement Continuation Policy of the Church this autumn. Sunday, October 31st, has been set apart as a special day for the inauguration of plans in every congregation looking to giving the home its proper place of importance and value, not only in the lives of adults, but especially in the lives of the children and young people.

Parents, under the impulse given by this movement, will be re-examining themselves and the home life in the light of the facts and principles revealed in the discussion of this subject from pulpit and platform and in the press and other literature.

The Church is going forward in this movement, confident that, while the outer conditions of home life have been greatly changed, the heart of the people, nevertheless, is sound and that many parents are anxiously awaiting any word of help that can be given to assist them to meet the new and more difficult conditions of to-day for the preservation of home and family life.

There must be a new and systematic effort, on the part of every good agency and force making for the moral welfare of the nation, to emphasize the sanctity of marriage and to maintain the permanency of the home and

family as the unit of the nation and the fundamental institution for the building of a Christian civilization.

The Forward Movement Committee and the Sunday School Board have prepared various pamphlets bearing on this question. These are now available free for the use of parents, teachers, Sunday Schools and congregations in connection with this movement for home betterment. There are also a growing number of suitable books dealing with all such vital questions as Family Worship, Home Reading, both for parents and children, Home Conversation, Music, Songs, Prayers, Use of leisure time, Amusement and Recreation, etc. These ought to be widely distributed and read. The pamphlets are as follows:

1. *The Home, The Parent, The Child.*
2. *The Campaign of the Congregation for Christian Homes.*
3. *The Home and Sunday School Series.*
 - No. 1, Our Babies (ages up to 4).
 - No. 2, Beginners and Primaries (ages 5 to 8).
 - No. 3, Juniors (ages 9-11).
 - No. 4, Older Boys and Girls (ages 12-17).
 - No. 5, Young People (ages 18-24).
 - No. 6, Men and Women (for all adults).