

chosen to lead the song services. Then the minister made an appeal from the pulpit for men who would assist in the public worship by the use of their voices to meet the chorister and himself on a certain night, when they would talk the matter over.

Once together, the minister very earnestly spoke of the great help it would be to him and to the cause of the master if the men of the School and congregation could be brought to support this part of the service. He laid it upon them as a duty to give of this great endowment for the glory of God. Quite a number took the matter to heart; and a further canvass brought out more who were willing to go up into the choir loft and lead in the service of song at the opening of the Sunday School.

That was the beginning of great things in this church and Sunday School. To-day there are few men who do not sing, and it is a most inspiring thing to stand and listen to that great body of men raising their voices in song to the glory of God and the upbuilding of His cause in the world. What sounds more noble than a great volume of song rising from the hearts and the lips of men!

One of the best things about this is, that when the men of a church lead the way in such a service, it is not long before all unite with them, young and old. Still more: almost before we know it, other men in other churches and Sunday Schools have organized for the praise of God, and so His cause in the world is advanced.

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Concentric Circles

That well-known and aggressive English churchman, Dr. Samuel Bickersteth, Vicar of Leeds, relates this experience in the *International Review of Missions* for January:

"During five years spent in a parish close to Woolwich Dockyard, and subsequently during fourteen years in Lewisham, the largest parish in the metropolitan area, lying between Woolwich and London Bridge, I allowed no child to join a Bible Class without receiving a card with its device of concentric circles, the inner of which was the parish, round about being described an area to be

filled in by a parochial object, a larger circle for a diocesan object, and a still larger circle for some object beyond the seas. 'I have since been able to look to Canada, Australia, Madagascar, India and China, and trace the fruits of such early teaching in men and women at work in these parts, who I know received their first impulse to missionary enthusiasm when they were of tender years.'"

A Country Young Men's Club

By A Cape Breton Pastor

I had spent two years as pastor in my first charge, a scattered country one with two churches. In the district where I resided were over a dozen young men in, or just emerging from, their teens. I had failed to get near them. I was much concerned about this, and prayed that I might be used for these young men, who would soon be beyond my reach, for the lure of the West, and other parts, was on them.

Coming into possession of Harold Begbie's *Twice Born Men*, I thought it would be a good thing to read with the boys and discuss the principles touched in the book with them. I invited them to meet me in the schoolhouse on an evening about the middle of September. Nearly all of them responded. I told them my plan. They agreed to work with me. That night I read the first chapter and showed what I thought we could learn from it, at the time telling them to ask any question, or make any comment they choose. I offered to discuss with them any and all subjects they might suggest.

Meeting every Monday evening, we finished the ten chapters of the book early in the winter. The boys enjoyed the meetings so much that they wished them continued, and left with me to choose any course of subjects. We began with the study of Old Testament characters, I preparing a guiding set of questions on each character, and distributing the same the meeting previous to discussion. Jacob and Esau gave us some interesting times for several meetings of two hours, or more, each. Esau was the favorite of the young fellows at first. The story of David, with other problems, brought up polygamy, the judgment of the Bible on it, and its present