

But Jesus Christ came into the world to lift men out of their selfishness. Like some powerful helper who might have carried the canoe down to the water and set it afloat on the waves, so the Saviour brings men to the Father and sets them living according to the Father's will. Into all who trust this mighty deliverer a new life enters, and they go joyfully on, like a boat with its sails spread to a favoring breeze, to become daily more worthy of being called children of God.

Is Your Class Organized?

By Rev. R. Douglas Fraser, D.D.

That is, is it just a class with a teacher, and depending altogether on the teacher to hold it together; or, is it a class with its own officers and committees, and which can keep agoing, even if it should lose its teacher for a while?

It used to be, that only the Adult Bible Classes organized. Now, all classes of the 'teen age are encouraged to organize and are open to receive the CHARTER CERTIFICATE, which is the recognition our church gives to organized classes. A letter to Rev. J. C. Robertson, Toronto, our General Secretary of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies, will bring all necessary information about the Charter Certificate, which is furnished without charge to all classes that qualify.

To qualify is simple. The class, having made up its mind that it is desirable to organize, elects five officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Teacher, and as many committees as are necessary to carry on its work. Then it applies for the Charter Certificate, which should be framed and hung up in the classroom or on the wall in the main schoolroom near to where the class sits.

But why organize?

There are at least these four good and sufficient reasons:

(1) Organization holds the class together. It makes a strong bond amongst the members.

(2) It is fine training to be an officer or a member of an active committee. This is one way—and perhaps the best way—of getting ready for the bigger responsibilities of life

and of Christian work that will come by and by.

(3) An organized class is in the best shape not only for its Sunday Lesson study, but is a full-fledged Club, prepared to arrange for all sorts of good times through the week, or to take up any of the almost innumerable forms of Christian service suitable for boys and girls of the 'teen age. A little Leaflet lately issued names some 500 such activities. A letter to the Editors of the HOME STUDY QUARTERLY will bring the Leaflet.

(4) A fourth, and very strong, reason for organizing, is, that the class will thus be splendidly prepared for merging into the Adult Classes, when the proper age has been reached. It will thus become the most natural thing possible to stay on in the School. The Boys' or Girls' organized class will join with other classes of the same sort in the School, with the result of a strong, already trained Adult Class,—which is the crown and glory of any Sunday School.

Is your class organized? If not, talk over these four reasons amongst yourselves and with your teacher. If your class is not organized, *why not?* And, *why not right away?*

One of Christ's Athletes

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There are in Knox College Library, Toronto, printed copies of a letter written 1,758 years ago to tell of the death of Polycarp, at Smyrna, near Ephesus, in the province of Asia.

It was the season of the worship of the Roman emperor. As if a sinful man could be at the same time a god! Part of the festivities was sports at the arena, which was a sandy space surrounded like our football grounds by a vast grandstand,—tier upon tier of stone seats. From beneath these, athletes would come out to enter into contests for prizes, for that is the meaning of the word athletics; or gladiators would come out to fight and kill one another with the sword; or, again, famished lions would be let loose to devour prisoners for the amusement of the pitiless crowd.