

## Practical Plans.

### The President and his Duties.

1. Very much of the work, the interest, and the enthusiasm of the League depends upon this officer.
2. He should study the League and familiarize himself thoroughly with the work which the League undertakes to do, and with different methods of doing the work. He must be a constant reader of our League paper.
3. He should keep each department actively at work and see that all departments are in harmony.
4. If an officer does not attend to his duties after patient conference with him and with the pastor, it is better to ask for his resignation than to allow the interests of the League to suffer.
5. The President must bear in mind that the ultimate purpose of the League is the salvation of souls and the various kinds of work are to be used only as means to the accomplishment of this one grand object. He must do all he can through his officers and their committees to secure growth in grace and purity of heart, and train our young people in works of mercy and help. His own life, his prayers and his own earnest effort will largely determine the character of the work.
6. He should familiarize himself with the more frequently used rules for the government of deliberative bodies so that he may preside at public and business meetings with credit to himself and the League. A copy of some good manual of parliamentary law should be at hand for reference.
7. Some presidents prepare lists of questions bearing on the work of each department and submit these to the officers some little time before the cabinet meeting. The officers are to work out answers from their own experience, observation and study, and to report at the next meeting. If entered into with enthusiasm, much good may result.
8. The President can greatly aid the pastor in his work and should study out ways to help him.
9. He can co-operate with the Sunday School Superintendent and have the League work successfully conducted in that fertile field.
10. He should submit all vital questions to the Cabinet and then to the approval of the League.
11. He should keep out of "ruts."
12. The President should see that the Secretary provides each officer with a scrap book, in which clippings, plans, "new ideas," etc., relating to the work of his department may be preserved and used for reference. These scrap-books will become very valuable.
13. He should exercise care in making up committees, and see that they are not made up wholly of the best workers. One or more of the inexperienced members should be placed on each, so as to train the inefficient ones. Many times most excellent workers are thus discovered.

14. If officers and committees to report have no report, let them write out reasons why they have none.

15. The President should "work hardest to get others to work hard."

16. He should plan to reach the young men of the community and to interest them in the League work.

17. He should keep his attention fixed upon the devotional meeting and see that all the work of all the departments centres in that—the strong fortress, "the Gibraltar of the League."—*How to make the Wheel Go.*

**Open Air Meetings.**—Whenever the weather is suitable, open-air meetings should be held. Our Leagues should take up this work with determination. It will require grace, but it will make stalwart Christians. Wesley and the early Methodists spoke in the open air with the greatest success. In these latter days the Salvation Army speaks to millions of people who never go inside of the church; and if these people ever hear "the sweet story" it must be told to them on the streets, in the open air. Many of our Leagues sing in front of the church before the League service begins, and thus attract many into their meetings. Let us take hold of this work, go out into the highways where the people congregate, and witness for Jesus. If only a thousand Leagues would do this

tary's book, and a copy of the League Manual for each officer; that a regular canvass of all members be made for the Epworth Era, and separate recording and corresponding secretaries be elected.

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**Sharpshooting.**—The Epworth Leaguers in Trinity Church, Los Angeles, are wide awake. At a recent missionary meeting the practice of "sharpshooting" was indulged. The reporter tells about it thus: "The leader distributes among the leaguers slips of paper numbered consecutively, on which are written concise statements of missionary facts; then the leader calls for these facts by number, and the persons reading them are called sharpshooters. By this means variety is introduced into the programme, and much interesting information can be given thereby."

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**A Training Class.**—The *Christian Endeavorer* recently asked a number of ministers for their suggestions as to the best work the societies could do. Rev. R. A. Torrey answered, "I would have in every Christian Endeavor Society a training class for learning how to use the Bible in bringing men to Christ."

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**Adorn the Church-Yards.**—We want to commend to our Young People's Societies the following from the *Epworth Herald*: "Too many of our church-yards, in town and country, present a careless and untidy appearance. There is little or no excuse for it. The church-lawn should be one of the neatest and most attractive in the neighborhood. No church can make a better investment of time or money than that which it expends in making clean and bright the outer courts of the Lord's house. This is a good time to begin."

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**A Photograph Social.**—Let every one that comes to the social be requested to bring a photograph of himself, one taken so long ago, or at a time when he was so different in appearance, that the photograph will not be likely to be recognized. As he enters, he will give the photograph to an attendant, passing on to deposit hat and wraps. Returning to the room where the social is held, on entering he selects at random another photograph, whose owner he must discover in the course of the evening, seeking also to identify as many other photographs as possible.

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**After-Sermon Greeting.**—Perhaps the most characteristic feature of the Cavalry Baptist Church, Washington, is the informal reception always held after the morning sermon. The church has a membership of 1,300, and literally hundreds of the congregation go to the vestry as soon as the morning service is completed. In the centre of the crowded room stands the pastor, with a smile and a word for everyone. There is no stiffness whatever, but the church members are eagerly talking with one another, greeting the strangers, and taking them up to meet their pastor. From these meetings all visitors go away with a glow in their hearts, too often lacking after attending many otherwise fine churches.