

This was done. A charter was obtained and the class teacher, a Y.M.C.A. Secretary, accepted the position of Mentor of the new group. Officers were elected and meetings planned as suggested in the C.S.E.T. handbook. The most perplexing question brought up was the securing of men, qualified and willing to give their time, to speak to the group on the various subjects necessary in the carrying out of the course. To the surprise of the boys this proved scarcely a difficulty at all, as men who had once had the programme outlined to them, seemed perfectly willing even to cancel previous engagements in order to help along the work. A programme was drawn up for the winter and spring and speakers booked for each talk, the social evenings in conjunction with the girls of the adjoining class not being forgotten.

Now came the working out of the Tests which followed the practical talk at each meeting. The chief difficulty was the public speaking test which appalled many of us. Through several debates and numerous one-minute speeches confidence was, however, gained and freedom from nervousness acquired. For this reason alone, the boys agreed that the C.S.E.T. was very much worth while. During the winter and spring, also, every member of the group of his own accord became a member of the church.

When the class reorganized in the fall of 1917, another obstacle had to be faced. Our Mentor had left the city and no amount of search could produce a man, who, in the opinion of the boys, was equal to the position except the new teacher of the class, who, although full of interest in the boys' plans, was able to take very little active part in the mid-week meetings. As there was nothing else to do, the group decided that, rather than drop the C.S.E.T., they would put it through by themselves. In this way the season of 1917-18 was to prove a practical working out of the knowledge and experience gained during the previous year. The Boys' Work Conference held at Knowlton and Montreal during the autumn were a great help in solving the problems facing the group.

The programme was carried out in every particular as though a Mentor were present, the officers and committees taking full charge

of the meetings. The gymnasium of a neighboring Y.M.C.A. was procured for two hours every Saturday afternoon, and the physical standard of the group was raised. The fact that their work was not unnoticed was made evident to the boys by some of their members receiving invitations from other groups of the city and surrounding places to come to speak to them on the working out of the course.

Once more, although the boys were busier than before, the social side of the all-round development was given its full place.

At the beginning of the year it was decided to introduce the younger boys of the Sunday School into the C.S.E.T. work. A junior group was formed of all the boys over thirteen and under sixteen, having as its Mentor one of the older fellows, assisted by the whole senior group, and what they lacked in experience was certainly made up in enthusiasm.

Since the formation of the C.S.E.T. group, the class has given up three members as Sunday School officers, two as teachers and three have enlisted in various branches of the army. This made necessary recently a re-election of officers, but the class still continues and hopes to do so, until, when the boys come home, they will find that "Class 17" still upholds the good name which it possessed when they left it.

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Club and Class

[From Mr. George W. Wands, Chatham, Ont., we have received the following interesting account of a Club connected with a Sunday School class.—Editors.]

The Club and class are composed of the same boys, the attendance running from 22 to 25 on Monday night, at the meeting of the Club, and from 14 to 22 at Sunday School class. A rule of the Club is that no one can belong to the Club unless he is a member of the class. Members are, however, granted the privilege of bringing any other boys from 14 to 16, for the purpose of entertainment and social evenings.

The object is to increase the membership of the class by social intercourse at the Club meeting. At each meeting of the Club indoor basketball and other approved games are played, under the direction of the teacher or assistant. Pictures are also shown, illus-