

The president should see that the committees make use of the books and pamphlets that would be helpful to them, and if they do not themselves discover them, he should point them out.

The president is placed in so conspicuous a position that his example is of the greatest importance, and he should be a model to the society in all respects—attendance, participation, church work, giving, etc.

A wise president will refuse under most circumstances to serve longer than one term, remembering that the society is a training-school, and he will see to it during his term that some one is prepared to take up his work after he lays it down.

Whoever is honored with the position of president of a Christian Endeavor society should accept it as a great trust from God, and fulfil his duties in humble dependence on the Holy Spirit.  
—*Daily Companion*.

### For Missionary Committees.

By all odds the best plan I have ever seen for the carrying on of missionary study in a society is that of missionary groups. The society is divided into as many companies as there are great mission lands they wish to study. Of course special preference will be given to those countries in which the society's denomination is at work. Each group will have a chairman who will direct its reading and study; and each group will be responsible for one meeting on its specialty during the year.

For instance, the China group will aim to learn all they can about China—its history, geography, resources, customs, religions, missions, biographies of its great missionaries, and the like. They will gather Chinese curios, pictures relating to China, make maps of the country—indeed, they will get ready to run just the most lively meeting on China that ever was known, when it comes their turn. Here is a sample programme:

A home-made outline map of China. Several members come forward, each pinning by the side of the map a map of some other nation drawn to the same scale, so as to show the comparative size. Another shows a diagram in which squares drawn to scale exhibit the populations of China and of other countries. Eight Endeavorers, rising one after the other, give eight facts about the Chinese language. Twelve Endeavorers, sitting together, rise and give, one after another, accounts of twelve of the queer customs of China. Three members, going forward and beginning, "I am Morrison," "I am Gilmour," "I am Hudson Taylor," give in the first person some account of the work of those great missionaries. Three five-minute papers on Chinese education, resources, and religions. Review.—*C. E. World*.

### Sensible Socials.

A color social would be pretty. Decorate the room with all colors. Place before the members samples of all kinds of colors for them to name. Announce which young man did the best, and

which young woman. Recitations based on color. Exhibition of the spectroscope. Talks about the rainbow and similar displays of color in nature.

A tree social, to which each member brings a leaf of some tree pinned upon coat or dress. Each is given a number, and a contest follows to see who can name the most trees accurately. Sing songs about trees, have essays on trees, show curiosities connected with them. Have a humorous recitation about some one "up a tree."

A show of all the old-fashioned things you can gather. A comic lecture on the same. Reminiscences of the "good old days" by some veteran. Old-time songs. Old-time refreshments.

An amateur photographers' exhibit. There are so many "camera fiends" everywhere that this is sure to be successful. Let each show his best along various lines. Decorate with blue and red ribbons the best portraits, the best landscapes, the funniest "freaks," the best interiors, etc. Talks on photography. Exhibition of old-time photographs. A guess at baby-photos.

A vacation social held in the early fall, occupied with accounts of vacations and exhibition of vacation trophies of all kinds. Announce this at the beginning of the summer.

### Taking Part in the Meetings.

Many that now do little or nothing but read verses in the meetings would take part in ways more original and helpful, if they knew how to "get something to say."

The trouble usually is procrastination. Ideas are not "on tap" in most people's brains. Keep a topic note-book, and jot down thoughts on the topic far ahead. You will often come across suitable anecdotes, illustrations, and comments, if you know what the subjects of the meetings are to be, and keep on the lookout for helpful material.

Read the Daily Readings. One of them will surely give you a hint.

Ask yourself some question on the topic, and then answer it. That answer will be your speech.

Consider whether you have ever had any experience bearing on the subject of the meeting. If so, give it by all means.

Keep a collection of scraps in envelopes; label them with general topics, such as "temperance," "faith," "courage," "missions," "the Bible," "prayer." This will be a rich reservoir, yielding a continual flow of ideas.

Talk with your Christian friends about the topic. Every such conversation will set your brain to work.

Pray to God, and ask Him to give you a message. He will.

Read the comments published in the denominational and Christian Endeavor papers. Expand some idea you find there.

Try to put in practice the truth of the lesson, and tell the society the result.—*The Endeavorer's Daily Companion*.