

Practical Methods of Work

A Large Society

A society need not be a large one to be a good one; but, to be the best possible one, it must be as large as possible.

Numbers are to be sought, not to swell statistics and make a show, but for the greater good that can be done with larger numbers. Numbers mean enthusiasm. Numbers multiply the influence of these meetings and the pledge. Numbers increase the power of the society to accomplish much for Christ.

Sometimes a society is small simply because of inertia. The lookout committee grows lax, and the older members become satisfied with the society as it is.

Sometimes a society is small because its activities run along a narrow channel, and are not broad and varied enough to interest more than a few. The remedy is to branch out in many directions, reaching out for new sets of young people, with new interests.

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stand up, and if the man upon the picture, he is it, and then relate to him. This will create people will be wrong in name or in deed. opportunity for disputation or ignorance.

Furnishing a

The old game of keeps in his Refrigerator lose its fun-making power. one starts in and says: keeps in his refrigerator next repeats this and a thing that begins can think of. The next of these, and adds with "c." So it goes whole alphabet, each article and repeating

asm of the leader as a failure on the part of the society to respond to the request for voluntary exercises. Meetings ought to be bright, there should be no ingesting, but each one should try to contribute something to help the leader along. Promptness must be shown and all should

The Social Department

The Ideal Social Department is composed of Officers and Members

SO CIALISTIC themselves and endeavor to promote sociability in others; who are **O** P T I M I S T I C enough to see the silver lining of every discouraging cloud; who are **C** O U R T E O U S to all regardless of their occupation or dress; who are **I** N G E N I O U S in devising interesting programmes and new methods of work; who are **A** T T E N T I V E in the carrying out of these programmes and methods; and who are **L** O Y A L to their Church, their Society and their Saviour.

The Time and Talents of each Leaguer should be fully

D E D I C A T E D to the Master's use, then having done this, let each one be **E** A R N E S T in the use of time and talents for Christ. To avoid confusion be **P** U N C T U A L in opening and closing services. Never rest upon your oars, always be **A** G G R E S S I V E in pushing the work of your department. As your supreme aim is God's glory, be **R** E V E R E N T in all things. That you may be wise as serpents and harmless as doves, be **T** A C T I F U L in dealing with others. Good singing makes a bright meeting, so be **M** E L O D I O U S. As the salvation of souls is the object of the League's existence, be **E** V A N G E L I S T I C. It will foster a spirit of Christian fellowship if you are **N** E I G H B O R L Y in entertaining other societies. Remember you are fighting a skillful adversary, therefore be **T** A C T I C A L, make the best use of your forces and plan things.

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no systematic effort is made after new members. In that case, institute a regular canvass by streets and houses, and keep at it till every young person has received an invitation to join.—Our Young Folks.

Identification Social

Clip a number of pictures of celebrated people from papers and magazines. Place them in a hat, with faces downward. At a given signal have each one of the company take out one of these pictures. All then get quiet for five minutes, while each person endeavors to think up facts about his prominent person to relate to the company when the time is called. It is difficult for many people to recognize a face and fix a name to it. It might be well to print the name under each face. Number all of the pictures, and mix them up so that they do not come in order. At the end of the designated period Number "1" must

before. It may come something like this: "My grandfather keeps in his refrigerator apples, bats, candles, darkies, eggs, fairies, goats, hearts, ice, jugs, knowers," etc. The game may be made to teach something about eatables and the "fun" part be cut out. Then a real list of things must be given that are kept in an ice-box in summer.

Bright Meetings

The reason why some Epworth League meetings are lacking in interest is that they do not lift a voice to break it, and then they complain of uninteresting meetings. There is nothing which so effectually destroys the life of a prayer meeting or dampens so completely the enthusi-

asm shown, nearly every member being present. The officers for the next six months were elected and other business transacted. An urgent appeal was made by the president for the quiet hour and 11:15's mark.

The social evening that followed was enjoyed the more because of the feeling that some definite work had been accomplished in the Master's service.—C. E. World.

Our Associates

Let the members of the lookout committee divide the associates among them, each looking out for one or more, and seeking to bring him to active membership and to Christ.

At least once a year choose from the uniform topics some appropriate one, and hold an associate members' meeting, mainly devoted to showing them why they should openly confess Christ.

The members of the lookout committee should see to it that some word for the associate members is spoken at every prayer meeting.

Give the associates definite work to do in every meeting, though, of course, they should not be asked to lead the meetings. Give them some committee work to do, though they should not be placed on the great spiritual committees.—Selected.

Local Plans Contest

The local Young People's Society can have a Social Department contest. Let each member read and plan until he has worked out a game, a social or a literary programme that has not been used locally. Have them handed to a committee, who will remove names and hand them over to judges, who may select the best plan, following a set of rules agreed on beforehand. This will put everyone to work, and will give a number of new plans, which will likely fit the surrounding conditions. This plan may also uncover material for a future social "Chairman," or at least discover valuable members of Committee.