

Wise Ways of Working

Suggestive Ideas for Those Anxious to Forward the King's Business

Getting Illustrations.

A correspondent suggests that missionary committees make more use of the missionary books in the Sunday-school library, and advises each member of the committee to take out a book and study it with special reference to the prayer meeting topics for the coming month. Every life of a great missionary is full of suggestions that will prove useful in our Christian Endeavor meetings. During these meetings, then, let each member of the committee take pains to speak of his book, and to give illustrations from it. This will be an excellent way of popularizing the missionary books that are accessible to the Endeavorers.

Some Stimulating Union Meetings.

Recipe for a good union meeting: Find out along what line the societies want help, and then frame the meeting to meet that need.

Hear from the Endeavorers themselves in every meeting, by an open parliament, a question-box, an answer-box, a set of one-minute papers, one from each society, or in other ways.

Never get a speaker merely because he is eloquent or famous or entertaining, but because in some way he will help the societies.

Try a patriotic meeting with one strong address. Get some practical Christian politician to stand up and answer questions regarding Christian citizenship. Have a symposium from society presidents: What we young people may do to train ourselves for citizenship.

Try a missionary mass meeting. Choose from the union five or six societies, and let each have a quarter of an hour in which to present, as effectively as possible, some missionary theme, such as the good of medical missions, or the heroism of native Christians.

Try a committee evening. Begin with a short address, by a strong speaker, on faithfulness in committee work. Get some Endeavorer strong along the line of each committee—a different person for each committee—and have him stand up for a few minutes to be questioned on its work. Prepare suggestive questions beforehand.

Try a city missions' meeting, to be addressed by representatives of as many different city missions as you can bring together.

Try a Christian Endeavor history meeting, to be made up entirely of historical accounts and reminiscences and stories of the great Endeavor conventions in all corners of the earth, etc.

Try a musical evening, the entire evening given up to Christian music as exemplified by instruments and singers, with appropriate addresses. Add an open parliament on the duties of the Music Committee.

Try a biblical meeting, introduced by a talk on methods of Bible study by your brightest

Bible student, and followed with a series of open parliaments on such points as "The best time for Bible study," "The parts of the Bible that have helped me most," etc., the whole concluded by a question-box on the Bible.—*Amos R. Wells.*

Committee Mottoes.

The following bright mottoes for Christian Endeavor officers and committees are sent us by Rev. A. F. Newell, of Lincoln, Neb. He prepared them for an installation service, in which he inducted into office the new officials of his Christian Endeavor society. They will be of use in many another society, we are sure.

President—Your President Shall Counsel Earnestly.

Lookout Committee—You Pacify Some Cranky Endeavorers.

Prayer Meeting Committee—You Pray Silently Concerning Endeavorers.

Missionary Committee—You Put Some Christianity Everywhere.

Flower Committee—Your Plants Surely Cheer Everybody.

Sunday School Committee—You Pay Some Calls Evenings.

Social Committee—You Prepare Several Clever Entertainments.

Y. P. S. C. E.—Young People, Serve Christ Enthusiastically.

What a President May Do.

He may greatly increase the zeal of every committee by noticing all its good work and praising it publicly before the society.

He may keep all the committees at work by seeing that the Executive Committee meetings are bright and regular, and by requiring full, written, monthly reports from each committee.

He may plan some novel and helpful feature for each business meeting.

He may shrewdly supply the deficiencies of awkward leaders by calling for bright features in the meetings.

He may preside so gracefully and graciously over the socials, in conjunction with the chairman of the Social Committee, that they will be regular schools of good manners.

He may form the connecting-link between the society and the church, learning what the church would like to have the society do, and seeing that it is done.

If any committee is deficient in its work, it is his business to prod that committee. He should never do himself the work that belongs to a committee. Let him make the committee do it.

It is the president's duty to form the broad plans for the society, to take a wide view of its work.