

is any business, it is then transacted. Motions are made and seconded and voted on: all this, of course, by themselves, the one who has charge only making suggestions and at times helping to keep order—and his help is needed.

After the business is ended, an address is given either by the one in charge or someone from outside, who has been invited to speak. On two or three occasions last winter the boys had debates; and it would open the eyes of those who have not studied boy life, to find how much these young fellows know of what is going on in the business, political, and religious world. The meetings, which open at eight o'clock, invariably close at 9.30.

In addition to their meeting once a week in the church, last winter the club secured a rink, on which for a couple of hours a week they played hockey. During the summer, they had an athletic field, where a number of boys who could not leave the city met at certain hours and played baseball, tennis, etc.

What has been the result? The club has not been sufficiently long in existence to speak with absolute confidence, but so far as can be judged, the results have been good. The boys have formed friendships in the church. Their loyalty to the church has been developed. Quite a large number of the members of the club have made profession of their faith in Christ, and in two or three instances at least there has been a remarkable development in the spiritual life.

I do not say this is due exclusively to the Boys' Club. The home, the Sabbath School, the preaching of the gospel, have done much. But the club has been a factor.

You ask then, Is the Boys' Club a good thing? Most decidedly, Yes, if it is properly conducted. The one essential is to have a good leader, a man who understands boys and can win their respect and confidence. He must be fruitful in resources, for there must be no dead monotony. He must be firm, for boys who feel their life in every limb are not easily controlled, and you never know when there is going to be an explosion. They would not be worth much, otherwise. I would not go as far as the father, who said, that when he saw his boy quiet, he either gave him medicine or a whipping, for he was either

sick or sulky; but we know that noise, and a certain amount of insubordination, are natural, and a firm hand is necessary. The man who is simply amiable will have a hard time with boys.

Above all, the leader must aim high. The object of the club is not merely to give the boys a good time or to keep them out of mischief. Its aims must be moral and spiritual. The object is to use the social instincts to develop a spiritual manhood. This should be frankly stated to the boys from the beginning. If it is not, they will say you have brought them together under false pretences. If we take them into our confidence, they will recognize the value of the work and will respond. A Boys' Club may be used as a means to show the young, that religion is not a thing apart from the life, but that it is to color and give character to all their activities, and to be the foundation and crown of their manhood.

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The Question on Missions

The Question on Missions is a new feature in our Lesson Helps and in our Sabbath School work. It is given by instruction of the General Assembly, and it is hoped will be taken up immediately by every school. In all cases the teacher should ask the question, and the scholars will give the answer. This is the minimum. In many instances the teacher will have some interesting detail to add. Usually the Superintendent will also ask the question of the whole school together. There are some scholars in every school who would thoroughly enjoy writing a short paper on some point in the question. What is aimed at is to have the scholars thoroughly informed about and therefore thoroughly interested in, missions and mission work.

The Inevitable Presence

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God is not far from any one of us. In Him we all "live, and move, and have our being." And this is true of us, whether we be saint or sinner, Christian or Pagan. God is no respecter of persons; He makes His sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sends His rain