

twelve to fifteen, decided that with united effort they would prepare a concert.

On November 23, the first practice was held, and on December 17, notwithstanding the busy rush of the Christmas season, the concert was given. The programme consisted of choruses, dialogues, drills, recitations, etc., and it proved a grand success. The proceeds, less the expenses, amounted to sixty dollars.

Best of all, as every one must acknowledge, the success depended in no small measure upon the energy, ability and tireless efforts of the girls themselves, who devoted so faithfully their time and talent. It not only had in itself an educational value for them, but it gave them a fresh impetus in their Sabbath School work. They have helped to build the house of God, to be used for the up-building of His kingdom.

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### How Boys Can Help Along

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How can the older boy, who belongs to a country church, help in its work? Here are some things that boys have done.

They have started some form of healthy recreation in connection with the church, such as a baseball or football team, a troop of Boy Scouts, or a swimming club. When a boy takes such a task in hand, he can soon arouse interest. It generally rests with one or two to set the thing going, and the boy who does this, renders a service to "the other fellows" of the district, and helps to bring them into close touch with the church.

Splendid work has been done by boys through young people's societies. In some places boys of sixteen have aroused enough interest to start a vigorous and helpful organization. Many of the best college debaters started in such societies. There are churches, with no Sunday evening service, in which meetings, with papers and talks and debates on missionary and other religious topics, were started and conducted by young people.

In other churches such meetings have been held during the week. A boy has been able to stir up enough enthusiasm to get such societies started, and has found help from

his Sunday School teacher, minister or some interested person in the church.

Then there is the Sunday School. There is no person whom the minister and teachers wish more to see at the Sunday School than the older boy. The younger boys watch him to see whether he goes to the School, whether he enjoys it, and how he behaves. When he thinks he is too big to go, he leaves a bad influence on the younger scholars.

It is sometimes not easy to attend Sunday School with prepared lessons when all the other fellows are standing about the sheds or are "down the road" waiting till Sunday School is over. By his mere attendance the older boy renders a great service to the School, and he himself will never regret the time spent in Bible study. He can often render little services, such as distributing papers, taking collections, assisting the librarian, marking attendance, and arranging for papers to be taken to scholars who cannot be present. All such assistance is much appreciated, and is very helpful.

And there is the church service. The boy of sixteen is forming habits that will likely remain with him all his life. He forms no better habit than when he regularly attends church and listens, prays and sings with reverence to God. He is a delight to the minister, a joy to his parents and a good influence on the boys of his acquaintance. There he is laying a foundation for a life that will be good and useful not only now but in the years of manhood to come.

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### Travel in the East

Among Orientals travel means discomfort, danger and expense. It is avoided as much as possible. Their proverbs say, "All strangers are relatives to each other," "If three go on a journey, one must be elected chief," "A man in a strange place is blind though he has eyesight," "There are three states of wretchedness—sickness, fasting and travel."

The following is the Oriental recipe or statute for one setting out upon a journey: "Pay all debts, provide for dependants, give parting gifts, return all articles under trust,