

Class themselves. The Class is theirs. The responsibility for its success is theirs, not the teacher's.

Such a class may be at once established in any School by *organizing* some existing class or classes, or it may be made up entirely from those who are at present outside of the School, or it may have a beginning in a few from existing classes who will plan to add to their numbers from outside. There may be several Organized Classes in the same School, following one or other of these methods of securing their membership.

When it has been decided to organize an Adult Bible Class, as many as possible of the prospective members should be got together at the most convenient time and place. It will usually be better to hold this first meeting on a week-night, in order to secure the necessary time and freedom for full discussion of the plans that may be proposed. It may be a good thing for the first part of this meeting to take the form of a social gathering. This will give an opportunity for the members to get well acquainted with one another.

The standard of organization adopted by the International Sunday School Association will prove helpful in preparing a Constitution:

"The Class should be definitely connected with some Sunday School.

"The Class should have the following officers: Teacher, President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. It shall also have at least three Standing Committees, as follows: Membership, Devotional, and Social.

"The Class shall consist of members who are sixteen years of age or over."

The "Order of Business" for the organization meeting will therefore be somewhat as follows:

1. Approval of the proposal to form an Organized Bible Class.
2. Adoption of a Constitution (such as outlined above, or any modified form of this, as may be decided).
3. Election of Officers.
4. Selection of a course of study, and time and place of meeting. (Generally the regular Sunday School Lessons will be chosen, and the Class will meet in connection with the Sunday School.)
5. Consideration of plans for definite work,

and appointment of Committees, or Class Groups, to carry out the plans agreed upon.

It will be well not to attempt too much at this first meeting; but provision should be made by which the members of the Class shall take full responsibility for looking up absent members, and also for increasing the membership. Business meetings can then be arranged for at stated periods, generally once a month, at which additional plans and work may be considered for the promotion in any practicable way of the interests of the Class, the Sabbath School, and the church.

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Bible Strong Men

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Moses' successor, Joshua, was one of the strong, true men of the Bible. His strength was manifest in two directions,—in character and in service, in what he was, and in what he did. Seven powerful tribes, with their thirty-one chiefs must be conquered, the Land of Promise divided among the tribes of Israel, and the surrounding kingdoms subdued. This was the work that God assigned Joshua; and he accomplished it.

Let us try to learn the secret of his twofold strength. It was not the product of a day, but the outcome of life's work. When we meet him first, he is at the head of Israel's forces which conquered Amalek, only about two months after they had left Egypt. But it is when we meet him again, that we learn the secret of his power: he was in the Mount with Moses and with God. He next appears as the young man, who "departed not out of the tabernacle". Moses, that magnificent man of God, was his companion and chief, and by his aid Joshua learned to commune with God in nature's retreats and in the sanctuary.

In this fellowship, he did valiant service. Nor did he ever grow so strong as to feel independent of God; for, after forty years' training, when, as Moses' successor, he entered on his life's great work, of taking possession of the land of Canaan, he took God's law as his chart, and God's will as his standard. By these he was inspired with faith and courage, so that nothing daunted him: