

assist you in the successful conduct of the campaign, after you and your pastor together have agreed to inaugurate and press it.

3. The Officers

October is the busy month for your executive deliberations; but this year I trust it will be exceptionally so. The fall campaign is on. How can we make a success? It will carry the fall of largest results unless you all work unitedly. Your pastor may have the very highest ambitions for you, your President may have wise and practical suggestions to lay before you; but it will take the whole of you to carry them out successfully. The experience of every league that has really done things worthily would substantiate my statement.

You cannot do the real and full work of your society without frequent council. If you are an Epworth League you should regularly meet in Executive Committee. And when you come together it should be for business. Not only the President, but every Vice, should have reports to make of work actually done in the various departments, and should suggest for meetings ahead. The pastor cannot plan for the President, neither can the President do all the thinking or you. Each Vice-President must have the interests of his or her ally in mind and heart, and continuing and to all together make agreeable arrangements for the successive meetings during the months of the term.

In this, be a unit. Remember that an Epworth League is a young people's prayer and testimony meeting, and *more*; it is a missionary meeting and *more*; it is a social and literary meeting, and *more*; it is a citizenship meeting, and *more*. If the first Vice-President seeks to conduct it for prayer meetings alone it can be but a partial success; if the second sees nothing in the league but raising missionary money it will soon become narrow and mercenary; if the third would run it just for sociability it will be a failure; if the fourth gives over-emphasis to political problems it will engender strife; if the fifth bounds her ideas by the possibilities of the children only, it will become juvenile, and so on. You will need all, and not one of you is supreme any more than one of you is superfluous. An Epworth League stands for the all-round culture and training of young Methodists in all that pertains to personal character and Christian service. The separate departments are intimately related to one another, and all are required if your young people are to receive the training we believe they should receive.

This is why the Topics are arranged after the present order. They give each department its due place and proportionate attention, and if each of you, as Vice-President, will follow the plan outlined, you will surely cover a lot of valuable ground in each line of study through the year. Don't reject these topics because they are too hard, nor materially change them just to suit someone's local fancy for something else. Use them, and so plan for completeness in your own programmes. This is general advice that will fit your work always.

But how about our present problem? I presume that your pastor and President will agree on the principle of the fall campaign. But you must work it out. How shall it be immediately begun? I would suggest that, together, you prepare a full list of the young people of your community who are not in membership with you. Young men and women there are in every neighborhood who are not connected with your society or any other of simi-

lar character. Boys and girls are numerous everywhere without special attention being paid to them by the Church. You want them. Go after them! Divide the list up proportionately among yourselves or others of your members. Give each one some personal canvassing to do. There is nothing like it. The notices are not much noticed after all, printed bills attract but a few, even written invitations are for the most part laid aside and forgotten; but the personal touch is not often ineffective. Never mind if you have invited these persons before—do it again. It will do no harm if several go after the same person if they go in the right spirit and tactfully. When you go, don't invite them as if you were going to a funeral. Be bright and cheery. And, again, don't ask them under false impressions, as if they were coming to nothing but fun. The league is neither a funeral nor a frolic. It is the best place between Sundays for your young people to go to, and affords them the most substantial bill of fare, appetizingly served, that they can find anywhere. If it is not all this you should make it such, and if you do your young people will come, will continue coming, and, better still, will help make it even better for others to come to also.

Get to canvassing early. Never mind your contests by sides. Enter into prom-

For the Third Vice-President

SUGGESTIONS FOR WINTER STUDY

Why not form a class from among your members to take up the Canadian First Standard Teacher-Training Course during the next six months? You will find it superior to any Reading Circle you ever had, and every hour you spend on the study will not only add to your own store of knowledge, but will be the better fit you for successful work in the Sunday School. The Course is easily within the possibilities of any of you, and the total cost to each student is but the price of the combined Text-book, 25 cents. Write for full particulars to the Editor. They will be cheerfully sent to any address.

eful, friendly, personal rivalry to win the largest number possible by individual contact and invitation, and you will gain recruits who will stay with you. Spend the whole month in your canvass. And if that is not long enough take more. Keep it up until every young person has either joined you for a splendid winter's enjoyment and profit, or has positively and repeatedly refused. Do not take any "No" as final. Loving, prayerful, repeated invitation will win almost anybody.

Report often. Tabulate results. Redesignate your six members with becoming ceremony. Make your league stand for the best, the very best, and the young people will come all right.

Use the Special Rally Day programme for the last night in October as given in outline in this number. If you cannot use it all, take such suggestions as you prefer, adapting the model programme to your own constituency; but remember that if you want a good programme at any time you must put yourselves into it, and make it verily your own.

You will add to the permanency of your work if you freely circulate this paper among your members. If you have no EPWORTH ERA agent, appoint one. Send his or her name and address to me, and I will do my best to serve you. Do not forget the offering for the

General Fund. While you are raising money freely for other worthy causes, do not forget that your own General Board has first claim on you. Make a more liberal offering than usual, and remit to me. I shall send due receipt and forward your offering to the General Treasurer.

Let each officer work hard, and let all work together, and success is sure to come.

4. The Members

Did it ever occur to you, fellow-leaguer, that whether your society is strong or weak depends largely on you? You may have the best possible officers; but the officers cannot do it all. They make a mistake when they try to. Their prerogative is to direct the policies and formulate the plans; but unless you assist their best efforts will be sadly handicapped and hindered. That is why we have committees in number. The whole league organization is a co-operative society and cannot be successfully run if a part of the forces hold back. That means disunion before long, and factions rise, or stagnation sets in, or all prosperity. It was wise policy which prompted the equitable appointment "to every man his work." It is so still. If you do nothing for the good of your society you will soon lose all concern for its welfare and it will cease to have any attractions for you. But if you work for it, the value of it will increase proportionately to your devotion to its interests.

That is why, in the last analysis of league success, the main responsibility rests with the individual members—the rank and file. If they are indifferent or idle the purposes for which the league really exists cannot be accomplished.

My appeal to you, therefore, is direct and personal. Get into the working forces of your league, club, brotherhood, or whatever organization you belong to. Don't be a barnacle—simply clinging tight in nominal external unity, and in reality impeding progress. Get to work right away. If you do not know that you are on any committee, go and see. If you are on one and do not know when it meets, again ask and find out. If it exists only on paper, as I have known some committees to do, and is actually inoperative, object to such inactivity. Some committee chairman need to be awakened, and it may be that you can do the job. Object to being merely an ornament. Be of use. Don't be a critic of others, or condemn their lack of zeal, but pass honest judgment on yourself. When you want to find fault, do so in your own room, before the mirror. Then give the other fellow a piece of your mind. He deserves it, and your "dressing down" will doubtless do him good.

Yes, I am persuaded that after all you are the one for whom all this organization, its machinery, its planning, etc., really exists. If you think so you will not let it operate in vain, but will turn in and help it reach and benefit somebody else, until there shall not be a young person of your acquaintance unbenefited or unblest by its existence and influence.

You are a very inconspicuous person, I know, your ability is small, your talents limited, your opportunities few, and all that; but there are thousands like you, and actually do what little they really can. They would soon rejoice in the fact that the league exists not simply to do something for them, but to give them the means of doing something for somebody else, and all concerned would be the better off. So, I say to you and sundry, *Get to work*, and by your application prove conclusively the incalculable benefits of honest industry and earnest toil.