

The League Executive and Committee Organization

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THE Executive Committee is like a general's staff. The pastor is a member of this committee, and should not be overlooked, nor allowed to overlook it. The general of an army and his staff do very little, if any, of the actual fighting, but theirs is to plan, and set others to work. The executive must meet often, and through the members feeling their responsibility keep pace with new work and new plans, and thereby save the League's time.

The executive must be ready with a kindly word, but firm to demand each convener to acquit himself or herself of every task and office, and in case of delinquency, to fill the gap. This committee might well hold its meetings in the homes of its members for the sake of acquaintance, and to rub the edges from formality. To get to know and love each other with the Christ love should be their aim.

The executive should deal promptly with all matters coming to its notice, and report their recommendations to the League for approval. Each vice-president must know every member of the League, and be personally in touch with the members of his or her committee. More good can be done by having the committees meet in the homes of the vice-presidents than at the church. This should be the means of drawing the members of the committee very close together.

Open all committee meetings with prayer, and make them useful in bringing forward the backward Christian. Every member of the executive must be alive and the committee itself must be a hot-bed of enthusiasm. Avoid favoritism. Pray. Now comes the individual members of executive.

THE PRESIDENT.

"Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example unto them that believe, in word, in manner of life, in love, in faith, in purity." (1 Tim. 4. 12.) You must be consecrated, live, bright.

The president is the pastor's right hand. He must specialize even at the expense of some other department of work. Realizing that he is a member of all committees it will show him that his main duty is to set ten to work, rather than to do the work of ten. He must know every one in the League, and be in Christ-like love with each; feeling a deep concern for their development. He must keep up-to-date by reading all church periodicals within reach. He must be the leader, and sometimes a timely question, as, "Have you called on So-and-so?" or "Has your committee met yet?" will keep others alive to the fact that the president is on their track. He must see that no individual is overlooked. He should train possible successors in some of his duties. He must be punctual to a fault, and be the centre of all activity.

THE FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT.

(Christian Endeavor Department.)

On the shoulders of this officer rests the spiritual advancement of the League. The convener must know how to impel others to live right and to serve the Master. Train the members of the committee in leadership, and have committee prayer.

meetings at your own home. Your meetings must be inspiring, therefore they must not be long-faced or dead. Spend much time in study and prayer, so that you may be able to overcome. Remember Jesus Christ risen from the dead.

Under the care of the 1st vice-president, there are three departments:

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

This committee should keep in close touch with the Sunday School, and be ready to supply "occasional" teachers on request. This can only be accomplished by the committee having a short weekly study of the lesson. They should know, and keep watch on the older scholars and strive to attract them into League work. This committee should be the channel connecting Sunday School and League on any question requiring concerted action.

THE PRAYER-MEETING COMMITTEE.

Should be comprised of those who most realize the power of prayer. Its work will mostly be outside the League meetings, in carrying its message into cottages and parlors, hospital and jail, with smiles and sunshine. In most districts a monthly sunrise prayer-meeting could be held during the summer, out in the open park. Earnest Bible study is essential for the members of this committee. Soul-saving by the foot-path of prayer should be their aim.

THE LOOK-OUT COMMITTEE.

The convener of the committee should possess considerable executive ability and a keen desire for precision and promptness. He must also be a soul-winner. The convener should keep the weekly record of attendance and attend personally to the marking of the roll. Be kindly in watching the growth of "desire to do good" in the associate members, and by an earnest word lead them into active membership. Watch the Sunday School and scholars. Stir up the sluggish and unpopular. Have the committee meet at home and become thoroughly harmonized in effort to build up the Kingdom. Keep in close touch with pastor, and notify him promptly of any case needing his special care. Report in writing to each vice-president all changes in membership. Your work, also, is to set ten to work rather than to do the work of ten.

Divide town or village into districts, and canvass house to house for new families and workers. Insist on reception service to new members. Get after the bad boy or fallen girl, and lift them into love, respectability and the Kingdom. Get the station men to wear your pin and advise you of new-comers.

Distribute good literature in lodging places, vice, barber shops, hotels, country stores, etc.

THE SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT.

(Missionary.)

"His dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth." Zech. 9. 10.

The convener of this committee must be a missionary fire-brand, setting all on fire by his or her intelligent enthusiasm.

"Pray, study, give," must be your

motto. As to the other committees so to you, it is essential to get acquainted by meeting your workers informally, and as often as possible, at your own home.

Appoint a vice-chairman to look after the programmes, also a treasurer who should be familiar with money matters and a good system worker.

Your aim is to enthrone for missions. Develop home material at all costs. Keep in touch with Lookout Convener for new contributors. Establish a library and appoint a librarian. Establish study classes, even if only a few join at first; by talking it up more will seek the privilege of joining. Collect your funds systematically by a corps of collectors.

THE TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE AS A PART OF MISSIONARY.

Keep a watchful eye on observance of the law. Be ready to fight all encroachments. Be kindly in dealing with smitten homes. Help to mould ideas. Fight such evils as the cigarette evil, the improper poster, and other social evils. Have established cold water tanks where men most congregate, and see that they are kept in order.

THE VISITING COMMITTEE.

"I was sick and in prison and ye visited me."

Be to the pastor an extra pair of feet, an extra tongue, an extra pair of hands in his ministrations. Don't throw charity, but offer love. A good plan for the country committee to adopt is the entertainment annually of a number of city orphans and waifs. This might easily be done, and with lasting good to yourselves. Be sure to use some of the juniors in your errand of mercy. A pleasant, happy child's face will throw more sunshine than a dozen faces of care-worn adults. Prepare an "Old People's Day" in your church, and see that every elderly person who can be moved at all is out, and that the church is properly decorated for the occasion.

THE THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT.

(Literary.)

The head of the Literary Department must be fond of good literature and must see the opportunity of showing the beauty of the Christ-life in all its phases. The greatest aid to this would be the starting of a Bible Study Class in connection with the Reading Course Class. Talk up the class until others will be eager to get the benefits of membership. Encourage good reading by helping in the choice of library books. Encourage good writing and composition by having contests. Encourage good speech by having frequent debates, and interchange of leaders in your meetings. "The entrance of thy words giveth light."

THE FOURTH VICE-PRESIDENT.

(Social.)

"Whether ye eat or drink, or whatever ye do, do all to the glory of God."

The members of this committee must forget self and remember Christ. They must be sociable to save. It would be a good plan to work hand in hand with the Lookout Committee, and send out the stranger. The convener must see one—the stranger.

The church doors and the Sunday School doors must be properly watched, and a smile and hand-shake be given to every stranger, along with an invitation to the League meeting. The members of this committee must be good conversationalists, able to draw out the bashful stranger, ready to talk to the strangers, upon other subjects than merely about the weather. Refreshments? Yes. Feel anxious about the rowdy element in your locality or town, and strive to induce them to partake of one of your socials.