

the older members in your Band!" We answer, the Band is theirs, it was started for them and with them; the responsibility and honor of it have always been thrown upon them. From among them we choose our officers (except the ushers, who may be younger); of them are our committees composed, to them chiefly we look for our programmes, and we seek to make our exercises of such a character that the oldest will feel the dignity of participating in them. Again, we are asked, "Do you not find it hard to interest the older members in Missions?" Of course, if we failed to interest them, we would fail to retain them as members; but surely, with such varied and exhaustless mines from which to draw our information, the blame would be ours did we fail to interest them. What Christian Society has at its command such resources? History, geography, travel, adventure, biography, Scripture, all are at the disposal of our workers, and what boy would fail to be captivated by some of these subjects!

To return now to "*How we did it.*" We began with this two-fold object—the conversion of our own members and their training in Christian service for others.

Christ wants them first, then theirs. No service can be really acceptable to Him that is not prompted by love. So while all the members are encouraged to take some part in the meetings, none but Christians are asked to lead in prayer, or appointed to office. The Superintendent and Treasurer must be members of the church.

On the last Thursday of each quarter our officers and committees are changed the boys and girls acting alternately. Our pastor trained the Band to elect their officers after the Parliamentary fashion; the candidates names are written on the blackboard, and afterwards voted on in order. As the retiring officers step down from the platform they each make a little speech; it may be only a sentence; it may be a carefully prepared little address, giving a resumé of the past quarter's work, and hopes for the ensuing one. Then amid the cheers of the Band, the newly-elected officer steps up to the vacated chair, but before sitting down he or she acknowledges the favor of the election, and promises to faithfully perform the duties of the office.

Our *Executive, Visiting and Look-out Committees* are each composed of four members; two girls to represent the girls and two boys to act for the boys.

The *Look-out Committee* try to get recruits from the Sunday school, for, strange to say, in many cases Band members come from outside the school altogether, and, while we welcome these, we are especially anxious that our own scholars should benefit by the teachings of the Band, and much can be accomplished by a good, wide-awake Look-out Committee.

The *Visiting Committee* report any case of sickness among the members, then, if it is thought advisable, they are requested either to visit or write a letter of sympathy to the sufferer.

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