

*Social Department.*

1. To promote sociality among members of Church and congregation.
2. To see that none are left to feel themselves neglected.
3. To call upon strangers moving into the Church district, invite them to services and report to pastor when necessary.
4. To greet strangers at Church services.

*Beneficence Department.*

1. To distribute information about the great departments of our work.
2. To stand ready to act as solicitors.

*Personal Work Department.*

1. To seek opportunity to press the claims of the Saviour upon the unsaved.
2. To carry the Gospel to those who do not put themselves in reach of the means of grace.
3. To assist the pastor in dealing with inquirers.
4. To seek the restoration of those who have made themselves liable to discipline.
5. To warn and help the young who are in danger through appetite, etc.

In presenting this plan the Committee desires to add some reasons why our pastors should give it their favorable attention.

The work outlined in the plan is of great importance and needs to be done. Were it undertaken in all our churches, in loving dependence upon God, very many of their members would be kept from inconsistent lives, dishonoring to Christ, and injurious to His work. Moral earnestness and spiritual power would be greatly enlarged, and multitudes who neglect the means of grace would be reached with more strongly enforced Gospel truth.

In most of our churches the greater part of this work is left undone. How little is done to reach the unchurched masses. How many of our church members are left without Christian watch care and only receive attention when by inconsistency they need to be disciplined. How little is done to train up the converts in habits of fidelity in the first few fateful months of the new life. How few there are who do direct personal work with the unsaved. In most churches, how little of real work is attempted beyond that of the Sunday school.

In the larger number of our churches this work is not left undone because there are none who might do it. In most churches, the burden bearers form but a small proportion of the membership. The greater part of the working power is unemployed.

For want of just such work as this plan outlines the graces of very many of our church members are at a low ebb, and their lives instead of helping on the Lord's work often hinder it, by a listlessness which, in those who are pressed by such unspeakable motives of love to God and men, is the most glaring inconsistency, and often by a life given over to worldliness, if not of positive sin.

We believe that those who neglect this work, when they might do it with such profit to themselves and others, are inactive not so much because they were below the average in consecration at the beginning of their Christian life, as because the churches have not had large enough ideas of their work, and have not pressed it upon the young members until active Christian habits have been formed and confirmed. When a Church does not embody its ideal of what it should attempt in a broad plan of work to which it is constantly striving to attain, the actual work attempted is soon regarded as the measure of what should be done.