

**1ST VICE-PRES.**—I would suggest the gradual collection of a District Reference Library, comprised of books and literature pertaining to Bible study, Mission study, History of the Church, History of Protestantism, History of Methodism, Child Psychology, History of the Sunday School, what young people are doing in other churches and countries, and in fact I would suggest gradually enlarging this library to cover all phases of Sunday School and Epworth League work.

**LITERARY VICE-PRES.**—This idea of a library is a good one, and I am ready to give it a fair trial. I believe it can be made a success.

**5TH VICE-PRES.**—I suppose the Treasurer does not wish to exclude the study of the poets and our great essayists?

**TREASURER.**—No, not at all; but I would suggest that rather than study an individual poet like Tennyson, or an essayist like Carlyle, literary periodicals to be taken up. By so doing the reading class can get a clearer idea of the literary age and the periods in which these great writers lived and wrote.

**LITERARY VICE-PRES.**—These suggestions are splendid. We must have that library, including Bible text-books and as for the magazines and newspapers, I have not the least objection to becoming agent for them, provided we are working along the right lines.

**S. S. SECRETARY.**—Mr. President, you will pardon me for breaking in at this moment, but I think the suggestion of the library is along the right line. So far as I am concerned, shall lend every possible aid, and shall be glad to co-operate with the 3rd Vice-President in working out the idea.

**4TH VICE-PRES.**—I would be glad to say a word about the EPWORTH ERA. This is our young people's organ, and I feel sure that Mr. Bartlett, the General Secretary, would be glad to have you feel that it is your organ. You will find an abundance of things in it that are helpful and inspiring, and I feel that the Literary Vice-President ought to make a special effort this year to double its circulation in this District, which by our last report was only 55.

**LITERARY VICE-PRES.**—In my visits to the local Leagues I shall certainly endeavor to get subscriptions for this most valuable paper. Mr. President, I think that these suggestions will keep me busy until the next meeting, when I hope to bring before you a good report. I should like to give notice of motion that Show How District establish a reference library, for the use of the League and Sunday School members of this District.

**PRESIDENT.**—These outlines for the Literary Department should mean for us a great literary interest among our members. We shall now hear from the Social Vice-President.

**4TH VICE-PRES.**—Mr. Chairman, we find, on referring to the District Constitution, Article II., "Object, That in the proper and efficient organization of District work, four essentials are necessary:

- (a) Increase of spirituality.
- (b) Improvement of methods of work.
- (c) To become better acquainted, so as to be more helpful to each other.
- (d) To assist in organizing new Leagues on the District, and promoting in every possible way the efficiency of those already organized.

In our report of last year it was intimated that the Social Department had under consideration, plans of work which would be more fully outlined at some future meeting of the Executive. Since my re-election to this important office, we have not had the opportunity of meeting in conference, such as this.

Your officer nevertheless has not been altogether idle, in her own opinion, for out of the sixteen Leagues eleven have been personally visited, and the moonlight drives thoroughly enjoyed as well.

**MEMBERS.**—Hear, hear.

**TREASURER.**—The Secretary must have been alone.

In our visitations we have found that an interchange of society or inter-visitation occasionally took place between the League at Succés Point and Dilatory Harbor, with the result that the latter saw that to keep abreast of the times and to "go a move on" in regard to the arrangement of their programmes and work of their departments especially, to retain within their ranks the young men of their church, who were seeking stronger food than mush.

**Welcome Home.**—Bay we found Workers extending their helpfulness to the pastor at the Sabbath services, in the Sunday School, and other departments of church.

At Hopeful Valley they provide ushers at the regular church services, thus often lifting from the burden from the mind of some elder, who had the matter in charge. In addition, two members of the Social Committee are to be found at regular entrances of the church, welcoming strangers, or long-absent church members, giving them a cordial handshake, and seeing further that the ushers conduct them to an agreeable seat, in full view of the preacher. At the close of the service, these same young men are on the watch, and a supplementary band of young women for young women. Invitation cards are given to strangers, on the back of which is printed a list of the regular church services, name of pastor, officers, etc.

At Up-to-date Harbor the different departments are emphasizing the fact that they were all drawing members or strangers toward Christ from different positions or viewpoints, and the Social Department is making a splendid impression, drawing on the Social side. Constantly new features are being tried, and adapted to their local needs. For instance, we learned that the following had been tested successfully:

- Topic Social.
- Accommodation Social.
- Calendar Exhibition.
- L. U. B. A. Social.
- Social to Serve.
- Peanut Wrinkle.
- G-U-Ess.
- Geographical Social.
- Missionary Photo Social.
- The \$100 Social.
- D. B. F. Social.
- Business Social.
- Break Up Cliques Social, etc.

**SECRETARY.**—Do you mean to say all these things are just different ways of holding social evenings? Where do you find them?

**SOCIAL VICE-PRES.**—Oh! I thought you had a copy of Dr. Crews' little book, called "Practical Plans," from which most of these are culled by the various Leagues. It can be purchased for the small sum of thirty-five cents. Every officer in our Leagues should be in possession of this book, valuable for any department. Then our Leaguers use their own originality and think out ways and means. Might I just refer you to our League paper, THE CANADIAN EPWORTH ERA, February issue, page 39, and March issue, page 63, in which two excellent types of Socials are depicted—Bible Games and Missionary Socials.

At Christmas we visited the League at Co-Operation Point. The regular service was omitted, and instead the Leaguers assisted the Sunday School Superintendent and officers in the annual Xmas Festival and Distribution. They gladly

shared the burden so long borne by the few, and for them the Christmas bells rang out the merrier, as they told of One Who knew not to do His Own will, but Who came to bear the burdens of others.

**SECRETARY.**—I have been to social evenings where there has been novelty, pretty decorations, pretty dresses, pretty invitation cards, etc., and yet the attendance was small. Why was that?

**SOCIAL VICE-PRES.**—Because that social lacked an adequate purpose. It appealed only to the senses, and not to the soul.

**SECRETARY.**—Do you mean to say that at a Social evening the Missionary Committee, Look-out Committee, and every other committee, ought to get after the strangers and worry the life out of them?

**SOCIAL VICE-PRES.**—No, by no means. I do not know that it is wise for any committee to do such work. The Social Committee, of course, should obtain the names and addresses of all visitors, hand them to the other department, whose committees may later call upon them. But what I mean by saying that an appeal must be made to the soul is simply this:

The members of the Social Committee should be among the most unselfish and consecrated members of the League. Their plans, their welcome, their handshake, their invitations to "come again," must be sincere, always sincere.

The recipient must feel that behind the manifestation of sociability there is real good will and interest. Sham sociability fails, for it is hypocritical. Sincere sociability wins, because it is motivated by sympathy and love.

Consequently, I strongly urge on all Social Vice-Presidents the absolute necessity of having on the committee, members who naturally would be selected for the Christian Endeavor and Missionary Departments, members whose hearts are sound and true and human, filled with the Spirit of the Christ. To do this is to be social to *serve*. To do this is to put into operation a powerful force to lift up our fellow young men and women for Christ.

Mr. President, you have heard this admirable report from our 4th Vice-President. I think she has struck the right note. Let us not be *shams* in this year's work. Let us be sincere and loyal and energetic, and our District work will develop and multiply.

Shall this report be adopted?

**MEMBERS.**—Carried.

**PRESIDENT.**—What about the Junior work of the District?

**5TH VICE-PRES.**—Mr. President, I wish that I could make the whole Executive, as well as the whole District, feel as I do—that this is the most important branch of our Epworth League work.

**1ST VICE-PRES.**—How many of our Leagues have Junior Departments?

**5TH VICE-PRES.**—I am sorry to say only five. Two others have catechumen classes, which there take the place of the Junior League, but, in the remaining nine, no effort outside the Sunday School is being made to train the children.

**PRESIDENT.**—Have you organized any Leagues this year?

**5TH VICE-PRES.**—Two only. I have visited every League on the District, and where there is no Junior Department I have urged that one be organized, but there has been considerable indifference. Then it is very hard to get a person who is properly qualified to take hold of this work. However, things are more encouraging than they were last year.

**PRESIDENT.**—How about the societies that are organized—are they doing good work?