

the city. This Advisory Committee elected an Executive Committee of five, to take an active interest in promoting and keeping alive the community interest. This we have done by holding joint socials, banquets, etc., during the winter months, at which we have had special addresses and talks by outside speakers, also by local men and by the boys themselves.

We had a specially fine banquet and special addresses to fathers and sons on Fathers' and Sons' Week, and special services in all the churches the following Sunday, which was greatly appreciated and has improved and deepened the interest of the people of the city in boys' work and enthused the boys themselves.

In addition to these socials, etc., we have had athletic contests between the different groups, such as basket ball, volley ball, baseball, etc. These group games and sports, "gym" classes, etc., strongly appeal to all the boys and make it easy to link up the boy outside the Sunday School with them.

Lately we have had a group of about 50 boys organized by a returned officer who has a real interest in boys. He has secured the use of the Armory building and once a week puts them through the Swedish exercises and military drill. They are planning to buy racing canoes and put on a programme of water sports, racing, swimming, etc., for the summer months. This appeals strongly to the boys and he has a very enthusiastic group of fellows and is doing an excellent piece of work. There are a number of returned soldiers who are experts in physical culture and

are good moral fellows, whom I think would be willing volunteers for this class of work if it were properly brought to their attention.

By having these groups conveniently located in all the different localities of the city, there would be no difficulty in getting every boy "hooked up" to some organization that would keep him under supervision and so busy and interested that he would not have time to become delinquent and degenerate. Then by having mass meetings, socials, banquets, etc., at which strong, gripping addresses are given, and where the boys are given an opportunity to express themselves and take responsibility for the success of their organization and activities, it is bound to have an uplifting influence to a higher and better life and create a real interest in his Sunday School, church and religious life.

The great difficulty is not in getting the boy, but in getting the men to take an active interest in the boy, to assist in organizing and promoting his games, supervising his activities, arranging the programmes of his classes, socials, etc.

I think every community should have a man specially trained for this work, devoting all his time supervising play grounds, organizing groups, promoting inter-group games, securing leaders for groups, arranging for speakers to give talks to groups on religious, vocational, educational and social subjects.

We are looking forward to securing such a man for our city in the near future. I think he is greatly needed in every community.

St. Catharines, Ont.

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Summer Time and Extension Work

As a result of the eight Synod Committee Conferences held in May, plans have been made for additional extension work throughout Canada. In almost, if not quite, every congregation, there are boys and girls not yet reached by the Sunday School. In almost every Presbytery there are places where one or more new Schools should be organized. In some places these may be reached by motor by local workers from well organized congregation. At some points Schools are weak and inefficient. A visit from a worker

in a neighboring School may be all that is necessary to give heart to the people and make the School more efficient.

Rev. John W. Little, Field worker for Saskatchewan, reports on a recent trip the organization of four new Schools,—revival of two, new life for four others, in addition to helpful meetings at many other points where Schools are in operation.

Rev. E. J. Rattee, who is doing some extension work in New Brunswick, writes: "The need is great for some one to go as a Sunday School missionary into the needy