

"usher" and "assistant" to designate those who, in some meetings, would be called workers. We do not call them by this title for more than one reason, one of which is, that "in vain is the net spread in the sight of any bird." There should be selected the ablest and most consecrated full-grown men as ushers, and the most spiritual women as assistants, who should be pledged to attend all the evening meetings and as many of the afternoon meetings as possible. Do not, in any case, select boys or girls or very young men or women for these positions, but take your Sunday-school officers and teachers and people of similar calibre. The chairman of your committee on ushers need not be the chief usher, but this committee should select, with great care, men of the best executive ability to act as chief ushers and assistant chief ushers in seeing that the suggestions made to the others are carried out. It would be well for you to furnish badges with the word "usher" printed thereon, and badges of a different color with appropriate printing for the chief and assistant chief ushers and assistants. Inform these people that the ordinary service required of an usher in the performance of his usual duties at church does not afford any ground for thinking that he would make a good usher in these special meetings. Tell them that while the name remains the same it is an entirely new office from what is expected of them in ordinary church work. Regarding the number of ushers, you will want one for every forty to sixty people that can be accommodated in your building, and about as many assistants as you have ushers. The assistants are expected to do as much spiritual work as the ushers, but instead of being stationed at the rear of a section and having something to do with seating the people as they come into the building, in the first place, the assistant occupies the middle seat of a very long block of seats and is to be sort of a shepherdess for the fifteen or twenty people that can be easily reached about her. Each usher should be assigned to a section, out of which he should not be expected to go except when the people were being moved from the rear to the front of the church for the after-meeting, or from the main part of the church into an adjoining room. The following diagram will give some idea of the arrangement that I have suggested, representing a block of seats occupied by two ushers and two assistants. On this diagram "U" represents the place of the usher and "A" the place of the assistant.

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When the usher's section is filled, he takes his seat at the rear where he can overlook his section, and is supposed to have special spiritual oversight over the three or four people in the seats nearest the aisle, that he can most easily reach in his section; while the assistant is to reach two or three people each side of her and six or seven in front, and six or seven behind her. As the people go in the assistants should be in their places and the ushers should be standing in the aisles ready to receive the people, who should be passed on from one to another, thus seeing that the front seats are filled first. When a section is full and the usher takes his place in the seat assigned to him, which should be reserved by a placard put on the seat for that purpose, then the section behind him may be filled.

When you have tickets to distribute they should be divided into packages and given to the ushers before the doors are open, and when an appropriate announcement has been made, they should commence at the front of their sections and, passing from row to row, hand to the person at the end of each row a little bundle of tickets, asking him to take what he wishes for distribution and to pass on the rest. I shall assume here that you will use some sort of card to col-