

centres it ought to be possible to organize branches in the small towns and villages. If the officers of each local centre would resolve to form at least one such branch, there is little doubt that it could be accomplished.

The question has been put to me several times : What is the particular function of the Local Branch at the present time? My reply is, it must be Educational. The following suggestions may be useful :

(1) Each Branch should, where practicable, arrange for a special Church Unity Sunday. In some places this might be Whitsunday, but in the larger towns the summer exodus has already begun and in such places I would suggest an earlier date.

(2) Small conferences with members of other denominations might be organized. It is surprising how much unity of spirit and very often of ideas is revealed at such gatherings, which can scarcely fail to be instrumental for good.

(3) Thirdly, and in my judgment this is the most important⁺ undertaking, each branch should try and organize a series of meetings with addresses or lectures on some phases of the problem of unity. I think there must be a dozen of us who are willing to prepare one or two lectures and deliver them wherever they may be invited. The material at our disposal is abundant, but the later phases of the doctrines which are the chief stumbling-blocks to unity are known to but few. The time has come when in simple fashion it is quite possible to make the newer knowledge with reference to the foundation and organization of the Church familiar to intelligent people. I believe a series of lectures given in all our local centres, and carefully reported in the local press would be productive of real and lasting good.