

responsibility; in a word, giving a class home-rule, in the sense that Canada has it in relation to England.

The old way was a one-man, or woman, way, a one-teacher way, with perhaps a secretary to keep a sort of roll; and nothing more in the line of organization.

The new way is an every-one way, with such a modern, up-to-date organization of the class as a whole, that all are interested, all have a share in its doings; it becomes, "OUR Class", instead of, "Mr. or Mrs.—'s class".

The plan, briefly, is to have the class members elect, by ballot, and upon its own nomination, its president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and other officers, as well as committees; to form the class executive or council, which shall meet regularly to discuss and devise ways of working.

Such a council can help the teacher in many ways: by looking after absentees or sick members; by increasing the membership through the "legion plan," namely, by placing a captain over every seven members, each such group to make its number ten, within a given period, and then "hiving off" again to repeat the operation.

Such a council, really representative and alert, can inaugurate many definite lines of Christian service, such as training substitute teachers for emergency calls in the main school, carrying on a Christmas basket distribution among the needy, supporting a native helper in a mission field, or looking after some sick or crippled inmate of a hospital or home.

The same council can also arrange pleasant social, musical, or literary evenings, country tramps and picnics, historical pilgrimages, and the like. There is, indeed, no end to the things a class may do to justify its existence.

Such is the twentieth century plan of Organized Bible Classes—a plan that is revolutionizing hundreds of classes and that is bringing back to the Sabbath School thousands of young men and women who had dropped out, mistakenly thinking their graduating time had come.

Nor need this plan of organization be confined to the classes of grown-ups. There is no reason why it should not be applied to

Junior Bible Classes, where the ages are in the neighborhood of sixteen to eighteen.

The Organized Bible Class is the biggest thing that has happened for many a long year in the Sabbath School world.

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## Two Against Ten

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The camp at Kadesh-barnea was all astir. Some forty days before, twelve of their chief men had gone to explore the new home and bring back a report. And now the first contingent of spies was returning. Two of them bore on a staff a huge cluster of luscious grapes. At their head walked the leader, the shrewd, observant, honest Caleb. The chief men of Israel gathered eagerly about them. Yes, truly, the spies reported, Canaan was a land flowing with milk and honey; but,—and then what a dismal story followed! Savage tribes on all sides, enemies in great walled cities, and giants that made the most stalwart Israelites seem as grasshoppers in their own sight! Little wonder the whole congregation of Israel "lifted up their voices and wept." But suddenly the leader, Caleb, stepped forth with a fearless challenge that stilled the tumult. "Let us go up at once", he cried boldly, "for we are well able to overcome all our enemies!" But Caleb stood alone against all his companions. "We be not able to go up against the people," they clamored, "for they are stronger than we."

Fierce murmurings and rebellion broke forth in the camp. The people were for choosing a new leader and returning to Egypt. But suddenly the tumult was quelled. Another group of men was approaching the camp from the Canaanite hills. Here was the great warrior, Joshua, just returning with his band of explorers. Israel turned eagerly to them. But Joshua's men showed the same craven spirit as Caleb's. Their leader stood by Caleb, declaring that there was nothing to fear. But they were two against ten, and Israel followed the majority. The rebellious clamor broke forth anew, and the fierce multitude were ready to stone the two who dared to urge them forward into such danger.