

If there should be no missionary society for young people in connection with the church, a lady interested in the subject might send special invitations to her young friends to meet socially at her own home on a certain day. It would not be a very difficult matter then, after explaining the object of the meeting, to secure their sympathy and consent to the plan of organizing a society of their own.

Start out by making them co-workers, giving them all the offices except that of superintendent or leader. Suppose they don't know how to do the work; train them. It may be more trouble at first, but you will be repaid when you see them gradually assuming the responsibilities of the work.

It is a mistake to attempt to interest a society consisting of all ages. Form the juniors into a band, having the important offices filled by the seniors. A united meeting might be held occasionally.

Now comes the practical question, "What shall we do to arouse an interest?" We must remember that people have different tastes; some are attracted through the eye, others through the ear, others by sympathy, or reason, or social intercourse, or by some of many other ways.

Let us first consider the junior branch. The meetings should be bright, varied, and short, with a programme something like the following: Opening missionary hymn, prayer, and a short talk on a missionary text by the leader; a blackboard talk illustrated by colored crayon; a short military drill for a change of position; recitations and music by the children. A missionary story might be told the children, but it is not advisable to read it, if you want their attention. The use of a bright map would make a short geography exercise possible. Pictures and curios from heathen countries will secure the attention of the most indifferent.

A special entertainment, to which the parents are invited, might prove a means by which the interest of the parents could be reached, for the latter always take a deep interest in anything that Mary or Johnnie is going to recite, if it is only "Jack and Jill went up the hill."

The programmes need not always be of a literary character; the manufacturing of bright picture scrap books to gladden the sad lives of some of the little widows in India, or the making of some articles to deck a Christmas tree in Japan, or some such handiwork would be found a pleasant change.

As a most important part of the work, train the children to give. They are not too young to understand the love that Christ has for children and the debt they owe Him. They are not too young to give themselves to Him; so that what they give in money, or work, or time is a happy privilege. They should have their

mite boxes or some such opportunity of giving for this work.

It is not difficult to interest the older girls, but the secret of sustaining the interest is enthusiasm on the part of the leader.

This enthusiasm is best shown by being always present at the opening hour of each meeting, and having a well prepared programme. The success of a society depends almost entirely upon the leader; as Scott says, "As the leader is so will his followers be."

Before discussing the character of the programme a word about the organization of the society. Have as few rules as possible, and do not break them. Make each officer feel that she is responsible for the work she has undertaken; the secretary for her minutes and report; the treasurer for her financial statement, quarterly or otherwise; and the chairmen of the different committees should be prepared to give reports of their work when called upon.

Create as much work as possible for these committees, such as visiting committee, literature committee, reading committee, programme committee, question-box committee, etc. Something should be found for each one to do, that each may feel herself necessary to the success of the society.

If things are not done orderly, there will be confusion, and if confusion, time will be wasted. For this reason the study of "parliamentary usage" is both useful and enjoyable. It ensures courtesy towards a speaker, attention on the part of the audience, and saves much time. Besides, the young ladies feel that they are learning something of practical benefit.

There are so many ways of making a meeting interesting that it would be impossible to mention all in this short paper, but a few may be suggestive.

The chief cause of indifference and thoughtlessness is ignorance of a subject, a lack of knowledge of the true facts. Now turn the light on heathen lands. Describe the condition of the girls and women in the East, how the girls are married at six years of age to anyone, no matter how old he may be, in order that the father of the child may be certain to ascend to the highest heaven. If his daughter be not married before seven, the father will reach the second heaven only. If not married until the age of ten, the father can but attain the lowest place assigned the blest.

The climax of cruelty is reached in the requirements concerning the widow. She may have food but once a day, and she must go without food and water for forty-eight hours twice in the month.

The Shasters teach that if a widow burns herself alive on the funeral pile of her husband she expiates his sins.