

The Committee recommend the following form of constitution for Local Circles:—

1. *Name.*—The ——— Home Reading Circle.
2. *Membership.*—All young people who will agree to faithfully pursue the course of reading laid down by the Central Committee are eligible for membership.

3. *Officers.*—The officers of the Local Circles shall be:—

(a) A President, who shall preside over the meetings, and shall have the general oversight of the work of the Circle, and shall give such aid and instruction in the course of reading as he may deem necessary.

(b) A Vice President, who, in the absence of the President, shall perform his duties.

(c) A Secretary, or Secretary-Treasurer, who shall keep a record of membership and business of the Circle.

4. The officers shall be elected at the first meeting of each "Circle" year.

5. Where practicable, regular meetings may be held as frequently as may be agreed upon, for review and for instruction in the course of reading.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Opening with devotional exercises.
2. Reading of minutes of previous meeting.
3. Proposals for membership, and admission of new members.
4. Conversation on specified subjects of reading, and, where necessary and practicable, instruction therein.
5. Questions and answers.
6. Miscellaneous business.

N.B.—The Secretary of each Local Circle is requested to report to the General Secretary, the Rev. W. H. Withrow, Toronto, the organization and membership of said Circle, in order that the said General Secretary may be able to communicate with the Local Circles on all subjects in which their interests are concerned.

WE congratulate the editor and publishers of the Montreal *Christian Advocate* on the success which has attended it. It is now to be published every fortnight under the time-honored name of "The Methodist." The first number contains an interesting sketch of "a Primitive Methodist Worthy," by the Rev. Dr. Antliff, vigorous editorials by our old friend Rev. A. Campbell, and choice selections. We have admired the sturdy Protestant ring and Methodist zeal of the *Advocate*. We anticipate for it, under its new name, increased usefulness and success. Price 75c. a year; to ministers and teachers, 50c.

Loyalty to our Methodist Sabbath-school Publications.

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[THE accompanying paper was read at the Strathroy District Sunday-school Convention, and unanimously resolved to be sent to the Editor of the Sunday-school periodicals. We have pleasure in publishing it in abridged form. We hope our schools will send for specimens of our S. S. papers for personal examination before purchasing elsewhere.—ED.]

Methodist Sabbath-schools exist because Methodism cannot ignore the little ones; and the Spirit of Christ, dwelling richly in human hearts, begets tender solicitude for the child's well-being. They aim at development of similar character in children. To bring souls to Christ and to build them up in Christ is their purpose. In a word, to render them "wholly the Lord's," is the aim of Methodist Sabbath-schools.

Methodist Sabbath-school publications must coincide in aim with the motto of Methodism, as wrought out in Sabbath-schools, and as it may be translated into child life. Crested and water marked with "Holiness unto the Lord" must every sheet of paper under such caption be. Our business, therefore, is to consider the loyalty of our Methodist Sabbath-school publications to the Methodist ideal, questioning whether any competitors in the field out-do us in our own work. We will not be loyal to traitors. We will have no King but Christ. Such considerations as, the retention of children in the Methodist communion; connexional benefits arising from profits on the sale of publications; maximum reading matter at minimum price, may seem weighty in argument, but, really, can but occupy a secondary place. We must confine ourselves to a review of Sabbath-school papers at this time.

This subject premises disloyalty. This disloyalty may be manifested in two ways. 1. We may not use our Sabbath school publications, nor any other. 2. We may occupy their place with others. You do not ask me to demonstrate the need of Sabbath-school papers, nor, as a consequence, to demand that our publications be used, I fancy. But you assume that some kind of papers are used. You deprecate the use of others instead of, or with our own—of others instead of our own, because ours are the best, for our purpose, published within reach; of others with our own, because ours are quite sufficient for their purpose. You do not claim perfection on either score. You only assert that ours are more perfect than all competitors in every way, and ample enough for their place. I am in agreement in this principle and in the fact assumed.

The most formidable competitor in common opinion is *D. C. Cook's Publishing House*. Let us compare his Sunday-school papers with our own. He publishes fourteen,—we have four—of his fourteen, eight are monthlies, and the