

HOW TO ORGANIZE A MISSION STUDY CLASS

The greater number of study classes are organized as the result of the efforts of an enthusiastic, interested worker. This worker plans for a study class "organization meeting," and sends invitations to all who have given their names as possible members. The pastor, or someone who is deeply interested in mission study, is secured as chairman.

The meeting should be opened with prayer emphasizing the fact that the class meets to study God's work and further His Kingdom, and therefore needs His blessing and guidance. The chairman states clearly the purpose of the course and makes it plain that the class is not a gathering for a social good time, but an organization to study the greatest work in the world.

The Officers

The following officers should be elected: Leader (unless already appointed by the Study Class Committee, the League or the Sunday School), Secretary, Librarian, Artist.

The Leader shall preside at all meetings of the class, assign the studies, and try to realize its objective—the training of leaders and the deepening of the missionary life of each member.

The Secretary shall look up absent members, keep the minutes of each class session and assist the leader as he may request.

The Librarian shall have charge of the missionary reference library, visit public and private libraries and bring to the class such reference books as may be required. If the public library has few books on the country being studied, and if the Class, League or Sunday School is unable to buy the reference library issued to accompany the text book, the librarian should try to induce the town or village Public Library Committee to buy it.