

THREE MINUTE PAPER ON BAND WORK

WHEN one begins to think of Methods of Work among the young, it seems natural to notice, first, organized work. While this is of course the most economical way of working, it is not the only way. Our field is a very large one, and there will always be young people who cannot belong to any of our societies. To those who feel that they have not the time nor talents for organized work, I would say, "Begin just where you are, and do what the Master suggests." Perhaps you know of some child, or family of young people, who is "out in the cold," apparently. There is your work. Be sure that Christ will own and bless it as certainly as He will that which finds mention in the report of some society.

But we are to consider especially the work done by organizations. In starting out I suggest that you "take stock." Write out a list of the members of your League, Band, or Society, and opposite each one's name write down his or her characteristics. Then as you arrange for meetings or outside work, you will give the restless boys your errands to do. To the talkative girls you will give a subject worth talking about. The timid ones will probably help you to plan, as they are likely to be the most thoughtful members.

Perhaps I should have noticed first the character of the worker, for it is that, I am convinced, that tells. A young girl said, not long ago, that her father, though not a Christian, was ever so much more ready to help people than her mother, who professes to follow Christ. I am sure that mother has no idea that her life has been a hindrance to the Christian life of her daughter. Those who lead in work for Christ are criticised even more severely than parents. We are dealing with very sensitive, delicate material, that receives an impression from what we *are* as decidedly as from what we *do*. I want to emphasize strongly the need of having a *definite aim*. In these busy days I do not think it is right to take even an hour a week from young people unless we are sure we can make good use of it. Is it the development of Christian character, the spreading of missionary information, the raising of money for church purposes? Till you have a definite object, you are not prepared to work.

In closing, let me remind you of the promise, "*In due season ye shall reap.*" One needs so much patience in working among young people. I was told, not long ago, by a young man, that for weeks, when people thought he was drifting away from Christ, he was studying his Bible to see if he might find Him. The seeds we sow will grow as surely as God is true. Let us scatter them then, with generous hands, "for the reaping by-and-bye."

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THE MODEL TREASURER.

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THE "Model Treasurer" should be a consecrated Christian, devoted to her work, and keenly alive to all responsibilities of the office which she holds. She should be in her place at the commencement of the meeting, and remain during the entire session—always ready with pen or pencil to enter the members' dues, at the appointed time.

The "Model Treasurer" should take to the meeting a note-book, headed with the month and year, in which the Treasurer enters the members' fees, with their names, as they pay. By so entering the name with the amount, it cannot be credited to the wrong person; then later she would enter in the "Treasurer's Book," which could be done at home.

The "Model Treasurer" will be willing to take the dues quarterly, half-yearly or yearly, the last-mentioned being the best plan, for the member is pleased to think that she has paid her indebtedness to the Society for the year. The "Model Treasurer" will be very much pleased when the dues are paid during the first part of the year, for the sensitive Treasurer does not like to ask for them when the close of the year draws near; but she must do it when the time comes, though in a gentle, quiet way.

The "Model Treasurer" should bring to the meeting the quarterly receipt received from the Branch Treasurer, and read it, thereby showing what has been done in the quarter just past, and putting in remembrance those who have not paid, that their dues would be very acceptable. The "Model Treasurer" would consider it an honor to pay for the transmittal of the moneys from her hands to the Branch Treasurer's, and it would save the trouble of deducting it from the amount to be sent by Express Order. The "last but not least" of the duties of the "Model Treasurer" is to see that her report is carefully made out—the one she sends to the Branch Treasurer to agree exactly with the one she retains. If she fails in this she is a *Failure*.

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"An infant's faith can reach the Arm
That keeps the world in motion;
A word may start some grand reform
Which spreads o'er land and ocean.
The down upon an insect's wing,
The dew upon the flower,
In their exquisite fashioning
Proclaim Almighty power.
The humblest use of wealth or worth
Is often the completest,
And of the beauteous things of earth
The simplest are the sweetest."