

miles in the country, and when we met at his home, an invitation was extended to two classes of larger girls in the school and a jolly sleigh ride added to the pleasure of the evening.

We had in our Sabbath School a large room about twenty-one feet square, with raised seats, which had always been used for the Primary Class, but which was altogether too large for that purpose, and was situated so far from the furnaces that it was cold for the little ones in the winter. I easily obtained from the teachers and officers of the School, and the Session, the privilege of using this as the F. C. B. C. Class Room. The boys spent several evenings tearing out the old seats and floor and putting down a new floor. One of our elders sent lumber and a man to put down our floor, another man to tint and decorate the walls, and when it came to furnishing our gymnasium, he had made for us, at no expense to our club, nearly all the apparatus required.

We have a horizontal bar, parallel bars, vaulting horse, clubs, dumb-bells, mattresses and boxing gloves. This room is used as our class room on Sunday, and during the week it is open to the boys on evenings on which there is no other meeting in the church. A schedule is drawn up for the winter, the boys in turn keeping the room tidy.

In winter, we have our hockey team, and in the summer we play baseball and lacrosse. This year we had a team entered in the Juvenile series of the Canadian Lacrosse Association. In short, I enter into all manly sports with the boys, and endeavor, by example as well as by teaching, to lead the boys to be "sports" in the truest and best sense.

Although our field from which to draw is limited, our class now numbers twenty-four, eighteen of whom have united with the church. The average attendance is splendid, some members never missing a Sunday. Several of the boys are singing in the choir and taking an active interest in all departments of the church work, and moreover, the class has undertaken for two years now, the support of a Knox College student in one of the Home Mission fields.

These results have far exceeded my largest expectation, and have richly repaid me for

the time and energy expended in keeping the boys together.

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### The Officers of the School

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#### VII. THE SABBATH SCHOOL MISSION

##### SECRETARY

A new officer, unheard of as yet in many Schools, and on duty in comparatively few. An officer, however, that is sure to be much in evidence from this time on. The sphere of service is wide, and ever widening, and its opportunities are well-nigh illimitable. One of the outstanding developments of recent years in all Christian work is the quickening of missionary enterprise. The experts are quick to see that in order to have the best results, they must enlist the cooperation of all, and they begin at the beginning and interest the children.

Every School will, in the near future, have a mission secretary, the consecrated, alert, tactful enthusiast, who will hold the balance evenly, as between the various mission enterprises of the church. One thinks of a woman holding the position, but that is owing to the fact that men have been slow in realizing their duty and opportunity,—but there is an awakening,—and they are more and more coming into their own. The best person available, man or woman, will be chosen.

The first care of our secretary will be to provide information. To this end Mission Bands will be organized. There will be a Mission Band for the little children, boys and girls, with meetings more or less frequent. Information will be imparted, work will be done, and systematic giving will be practised. The power of "many littles" will be demonstrated.

Every School, will have, some day, its young ladies' Mission Band organized for definite work. The fact that young men's or boys' Mission Bands are almost unheard of, only shows how "much land there is yet to be possessed". There are Boys' Clubs and Men's Clubs for other ends in the church, let us have them here. There will be Mission Study Classes to gain the fullest knowledge of fields and their needs. Teachers will be interested by our secretary in the needs and