

from the Gospel or Bible, rather than from the printed Lesson Help, while the answering of the questions in writing gave him some definite hand-work such as he was capable of performing.

The receiving of the envelope through the mail was a weekly pleasure to the child, and was found also to arouse an interest in the parents regarding the preparation of the Bible lesson. Coming late in the week, and enclosed in an envelope, the "lesson-letter" was not so likely to be lost or forgotten as if given out on the previous Sunday. Best of all, it created a bond of sympathy, and a mid week point of contact between teacher and pupil which more than compensated for the small outlay of time and money.

The plan proved useful, too, in keeping up the course of lessons with a pupil, who had been obliged through sickness or other

causes to be absent, in many cases the lessons missed having been made up at the pupil's own request.

It was found also to stimulate what may be termed, "original research" on the part of the pupil, for, as his interest and capability increased, he was encouraged to write his own questions, bringing them to be answered by other members of the class during the lesson hour. Sometimes also personal letters were written on the back of the sheet requesting certain pupils to make or bring illustrative material for the lesson under discussion. In this way a fine paste-board model of an Eastern home was made by one boy, a map by another, and so on.

Altogether the success of the plan fully justified any effort involved.

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Working Out the Teen Age Programme

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The Comrades Club of Cooke's Church, Kingston, Ont., was organized in September 1916, for all teen age boys of our church. After organization we decided to adopt the Canadian Standard Efficiency Tests as our programme. We saw that these Tests were designed as a wholesome and practical endeavor to promote and exemplify the ideals of complete living in the Jesus' way among Canadian boys. Those ideals which give the fourfold or fully developed man, the ideal of whom is found in Jesus who, according to Luke 2:52: "increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man."

We meet regularly every Thursday evening at 6.30 for supper in the Sunday School room. These suppers alone have been one of the essential factors in making our club a success. Through the cooperation of the ladies of the congregation who supervised the serving, we have been able to give a fairly good supper for a fee of ten cents. This supper has served both as an attraction and as a means for having every one on time.

After the supper we carry out the usual Efficiency Tests programme. First we take twenty minutes of Bible study, with Men who Dared as our topic, conducted by one of the Mentors. This is followed by a twenty minute practical talk, after which some tests are given. From that time, usually about eight o'clock, until eight thirty, we have games in the school room. Thus by personal contact with our leading business or professional men and other qualified leaders and by participation in practical tests, the boys are assisted in developing as Jesus did in his adolescent period.

We have 43 on the roll with an average attendance of 27. As a result of the first year's work, 48 medals and 15 diplomas were awarded. Fifteen boys tried an examination in Bible study, obtaining an average percentage of seventy.

This first year of pioneer work was filled with many difficulties, the chief one being the programme. This difficulty, however, was solved in our second year, which began in September, 1917. We adopted in its entirety the programme as prescribed by the Presbyterian Sunday School Board. Another obstacle in the first year was the physical standard which was overcome this year by obtaining the use of the local Y.M.C.A. gymnasium. As a result we have this year covered the entire programme.

This year has been one of pronounced advancement, due to a large extent to the formation of a Society in our church known as the Mothers' Council, which took full charge of our suppers. Even when the coal situation was at its worst, we were able to have supper every two weeks, holding the meetings the other weeks in different homes, after which the Mothers' Council served refreshments.

During this last year most of the club attended a Boys' Conference held here and gave a demonstration of our club work as part of the programme. We also had a Father and Son Banquet supervised by the Mothers' Council, which was certainly a great feature of our programme.

It would be very difficult to state exactly upon what the success of the club depended. Undoubtedly the biggest factor was that we