

ORDER OF BAND SERVICES.

The following suggestions and recommendations for Band services have for some time been in circulation among us in the West. The object has been to secure some degree of uniformity in our services. An *absolute* adherence to this order in every case is perhaps undesirable, and in some cases impracticable. But the arrangement as a whole has, we believe, met with very general acceptance and adoption:

1. Let the Band kneel together in silent prayer before singing the opening hymn.

2. Repeat the last verse or chorus of the opening hymn, during which let the Band and congregation kneel.

3. Let several prayers be offered in succession, all of them brief, closing with the Lord's Prayer, all joining.

4. Singing.

5. Scripture Lesson and Address, not to exceed fifteen minutes.

6. Singing—all seated—during which the collection may be taken up.

7. Testimonies from "Band" Workers and others, brief, prompt, earnest.

8. Invitation to Seekers — Prayer-meeting.

9. Let testimonies and prayers be interspersed with singing — lively and varied.

10. The Workers, in passing through the congregation—which should not be done indiscriminately—must be prayerful in spirit, serious in deportment, quiet in their tone of voice, avoiding discussion and whatever else would tend to confusion.

11. Let it be always arranged to have a sufficiency of Workers to deal with penitents. Let the Workers be careful not to interfere with one another while so engaged, and, above all, let them look to God for guidance, that the service they thus seek to render may be always helpful and never harmful to seekers.

12. In prayer or testimony let the speakers face the congregation.

13. Let there be a careful record kept of all conversions, and at the close or during the progress of special services, let the roll be called and the converts urged to join some Christian church.

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