THE ADULT CLASS MOVEMENT.

of the

BIBLE SCHOOL.

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The distinctive purpose or maia object of the Modern Adult Class Movement is

1st. To organize for Christian service. To organize the men into Men's classes. To organize the women into Women's Classes. To organize the young people into mixed classes.

2d. To direct the tremendous influence of the Bible School working unitedly, enthusiastically, and persistently to the accomplishments of a spe-

ing forcefully what has been done, what ought to be done and what can be done by all working united together.

4th. To direct the energies of the older members of our Bible Schools, those best fitted to do the work, to perform that work in the right way.

5th. To arouse an earnest Christian love for our brother and his welfare in every way, that will overcome all obstacles and make him a member of the class, win him to Christ, and send him out to win others.

Organization in any direction is the key note to success. Our Country has won its proud position among the Nations of the World by uniting the energies of the many, into one powerful compact whole.

The forces of evil cannot withstand the united effort of God's people if only we will organize for Service for The Master, Our battle cry should be "Lake County for Christ." We have the numbers as "One with the Lord is a majority," in fact, we have a host of willing workers.

We also have the power, as "Two, (with the Lord), can put ten thousand to flight." We are on the eve of a great and mighty work and Lake County should be in the Van, on the firing line, with our object and purpose clearly defined. Our organization complete, our leaders chosen, our responsibilities well and wisely distributed. A specific duty and privilege apportioned to every worker.

We should be glad we are alive to take part in this mighty work. Who knows, but what God has, for over 100 years, been gathering together almost a countless host of Sabbath School workers and equipping them for active service in winning the World for Christ.

The signs of the times clearly indicate that this battle is raging. At the the first ten minutes of the lesson

ing for civic righteousness. His ex- ecutive Committee of the class should arouse, and is arousing, thousands, and tens of thousands to join fearlessly in this warfare.

The temperance movement has now attained such a vast irresistable influence that the saloons, as well as the gambling hells, and other vices that go with the 'saloons, will ere long cease to exist.

This cleansing process is preparing our County for the coming of a mighty revival, that has already start ed in Kansas and in other parts of the Country, and we should be "Organized for Service" in Lake County.

This is the work of the Adult Bible Class movement. The Bible is our guide and text book, as the "army

Tactics and Regulations" is that of our Soldiers-we should make it our business to know its teachings, and beprepared to take whatever responsibility may be given to us.

Men, banded together, can best reach men by plans and methods that appeal to men. It is the same with women and young people.

The right persons should be selected for the Class Teacher and leader. This should be the earnest prayerful work of the Pastor, and the Superintendent. It should be their first and foremost duty to personally see to it, that the very best and ablest man and woman in their church is secured for that position.

The teacher should have a strong magnetic personality, should be a good Bible student and abreast with the times in all civic and philanthropic work. The teacher's example should coincide with the precepts

bers of the class, and arouse a similar interest in the class for others, should have the ability to draw out from the class their thoughts on the lesson, and stimulate their study of the Bible.

The Class should be efficiently organized, by the election of the best persons for the position of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer of the class. They all should co-operate with the teacher in the class work, and together should constitute an executive committee for the class.

The class should have its social and intellectual interests, as well as its philanthropic and religious duties and work. All good work for civic betterment, moral and intellectual puplift in the community, as well as in philanthropy and religion, should originate directly from the Church and the Bible School.

Nine-tenths of all of this work is now performed by Christian people inspired by love for the Master and our fellow men, why should we deliberately throw away the inspiration and reward that the performance of a strong and successful piece of work always merits and secures.

We should endeavor to change the for Service, by constituting as many separate committees as the circumstances and surroundings of the Class will permit. Appointing as chairman the person best fitted for the special work of the Committee, with power to nominate for confirmation of the Executive Committee such other persons member of the class, as will heartily co-operate with the chairman in the accomplishment of the special work of the Committee.

On the first Sabbath of each 'month,

tands an invitation and an environment of the stands and invitation of the ble warrior against evil, who is fight- Committees and class work. The example and magnetic influence should have a session every week either before or after the session of the Bible School, or before or after the weekly prayer meeting.

We should endeavor ot change the name of the school from Sunday School to Bible School to give it more power and dignity. .

The membership of the class should be Active and Sustaining members. The following committees are suggested from which at least five committees should be selected for each

1st. The Advisory Committee, composed of Pastor, Superintendant and Teacher.

2nd. The Executive Committee, the

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