

and unencumbered with rules and by-laws and formal procedures. The purpose is direct: to inform the study club members on the topics engaging their attention. The means used is the discussion method. The club does not propose, sponsor or approve, does not pass resolutions or financially obligate the members. But it does purpose to enlighten them by intelligent discussion—not by the lecture or class room method—but by the more informal, round-the-table method where each member feels free to express his opinion and the result of his reading and research upon the subject under consideration.

Such an organization is sufficiently adjustable to meet the particular needs of any group or locality and embracing enough to cover an unlimited range of topics for various groups. The effectiveness of the movement will depend in a large measure upon grouping into one class a limited number of members interested in a particular subject,

but representing different occupations, interests and professions. This and the members' willingness to work, to contribute their share to the solution of the problems discussed are the important factors making for internal success.

The external effects of such groups properly functioning cannot be estimated, for an intelligent and well-informed Catholic laity is a power for good of tremendous possibilities. It is commendable and significant that the National Council of Catholic Men have centered their activity for this year on the study club program. Clubs are being rapidly introduced into the various Catholic communities and early signs indicate much interest among the members. Study club outlines and pamphlets on how to organize and to conduct a study club have been prepared by the National Catholic Welfare Conference (1312 Massachusetts Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C.) and are now available for distribution.

FAILURE

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O Jesus, often would I sing
My love in words to Thee,
But though I try and try again,
The words come not to me!

For I who cannot put in song
The sweetness of a bird,
Nor place the greatness of the sea
Within a tiny word,

O Jesus, can I ever hope
To tell my love of Thee,
Far sweeter than a singing bird,
And greater than the sea!