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Membership
A Dramatic Decision

The recent survey gave members of the League a lot to think about. The results invited action. A special membership committee was appointed by the League Council to evaluate the Program Survey. Here is their report—a challenging call to new directions.

Without in any way detracting from the many favorable factors which were found by the surveys to exist in the League organization and program, but looking to the material with a critical rather than a complimentary eye, the Committee concludes that the following statements represent justifiable criticisms and problems for which solutions must be found:

- Chapters of the League and active men's groups exist in too few churches and fellowships in the denomination as a whole.
- Men's groups are only regionally successful; they are almost unknown in vast geographic areas.
- There is a great reluctance on the part of many of our ministers and lay leaders to support organizations which tend to divide the family or husband and wife.
- Formerly successful organizations affiliated with the continental League have "faded away," to be succeeded by other auxiliary groups without affiliation.
- The "young men" of the churches and fellowships are not being reached by the League and are not wholeheartedly in favor of separation into groups by sex alone.
- Many churches and fellowships are too small to support a number of auxiliary groups and turn only to that which offers interest for broader participation of families, couples and unattached members of both the sexes.

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Where is it? No, this isn't a new type of quiz for readers of Lamplighter. *It's the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston, a palace in the Italian renaissance style, filled with art treasures, and on Sunday, May 23rd at 8:30 p.m. it will be aglow with Japanese lanterns for the Laymen's League reception for delegates to the Annual Meeting. More inside.*