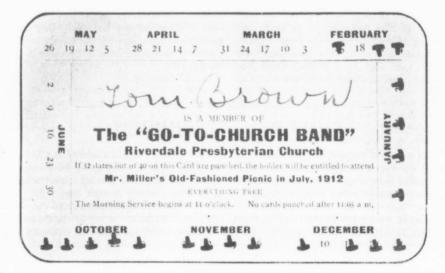
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lobby of the church every Sunday morning, and as the bearer of a card enters, punches out the date of that Sunday. children not with their parents are seated near the pulpit, where they join heartily in the service of praise. Just preceding the



The service is at eleven o'clock, and to encourage punctuality the rule is made that no card will be punched after 11.05. Out of an average of 225 children of between five and twelve in the Sabbath School, there is an average of about 80 present at this church service. Some are always on hand. The children's hymn, a story is told or a sermonette is given. In too many cases the parents are non-churchgoers, which emphasizes the need of giving the children every chance to look upon the church as an essential part of the round of life.

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## ONE HOME DEPARTMENT METHOD

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Our method was suggested by the local conditions. I have always felt that a minister's place in the Sunday School was with the adolescents in preference to the adults, with whom one is dealing more especially in the regular services. We have a young man and a young woman handling the Young Men's and Young Women's Classes, respectively, which compose the Senior Department, but there was no one to carry on successfully a class for those older, say from 27 or 28 up. It was to supply the lack of this Senior Adult Class, but more particularly to foster in the homes of the whole

congregation a systematic study of the Bible, that I decided to try out the method.

I arranged to take up a course on Romans —nothing like tackling something stiff; and selected Garvie's Commentary, in the Century Bible, as the textbook to be placed in the homes. I visited all the families, showed them the book and took the names of those who wished to have one to assist in their study. I had cards distributed indicating the passages to be dealt with each Sunday. Upon this passage I preach an expository sermon dealing with the leading thoughts. The people have thus the aid

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