

It may be premised that the committee in the Synod of British Columbia having the matter in charge are using our HOME STUDY QUARTERLY, as well adapted to this sort of work. It includes a sheet for record of attendance and study, and for answers in writing to the questions of Review Sunday, which can be readily detached.

OBJECT OF THE HOME DEPARTMENT

The object of the Home Class is to reach and interest in systematic Bible study any who, for various reasons, are unable to attend the regular weekly sessions of the Sabbath-school. There are invalids, aged people, mothers with small children, and others, with such cares and duties as make it impracticable for them to attend, but who do have the time for the study of the weekly lesson, and who may thus be brought into the membership, and into the fellowship and work of the Sabbath School.

ORGANIZATION OF THE HOME DEPARTMENT

The Home Class is to be regarded as a part of the Sabbath School, as much as the Bible Class or the Infant Class, and is to be under the same superintendency; but to secure the systematic and orderly prosecution of the work, a special superintendent is appointed, whose duty it is to record the membership and the work of the Home Department, to supply its members with the lesson helps and all appliances necessary for the study of the lesson, to appoint visitors, whose duty it is to visit the members of the Home Class, to distribute the lesson literature, to receive their class reports, and, as teachers, to extend to them any aid they can in the study of the lesson. A class is made up of one or more persons, who are pledged to study the regular Sabbath-school lessons at home in connection with the Sabbath-school at least half-hour each week, the class being under the charge of a visitor or teacher. A Home Department is made up of all the Home Classes in any given Sabbath School, the whole being under the charge of the Home Department superintendent.

DUTIES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE HOME CLASS

Each member of a Home Class undertakes the regular study of the lesson, giving to it at least one-half hour each week; he agrees to report, at the end of each quarter, the fact of such study, through the visitor or the superintendent, sending

at the same time such offering as he may be inclined to give toward the work of the school.

PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERS OF THE HOME CLASS

Such members will be regarded and reckoned as full members of the regular Sabbath School, entitled to the use of its literature and its library, and recognized as having a place in all its entertainments and public gatherings, and a share in all its interests.

ADVANTAGES OF THE HOME DEPARTMENT

1. It increases Bible study, and brings many into the membership of the Sabbath School who could not otherwise be found in it.
2. It tends to bring many into the main school who would not otherwise be brought in, as it involves a systematic visitation of the families of a community, and as a result the gathering of many into the Sabbath Schools.
3. It interests parents in the study of the lessons, and secures their help in the work of their children, and so makes systematic Bible study a part of their home life.
4. It will give a far wider range to the work of any Sabbath School, increasing its membership, and enlarging its efficiency and power.

No Sabbath School is so small that it may not have at least one Home Class, and there are few schools that will not find it necessary, if the work be energetically prosecuted, to have a Home Class Department.

APPLIANCES FOR THE HOME DEPARTMENT.

1. Membership cards, for the use of those joining classes and agreeing to study the lessons.
2. Membership certificates, to be signed by the Superintendent of the Sabbath School entitling the member to all the privileges of the Sabbath School.
3. Quarterly report envelopes upon which is blank for a complete record and report of lesson study and offerings.
4. Visitors' books, corresponding to and somewhat similar to the ordinary Sabbath School class book, containing instructions for canvassing and for the successful conduct of Home classes.
5. Blanks for quarterly reports, to be sent by visitors to their Superintendents.

HOW TO ORGANIZE THE HOME DEPARTMENT

1. Let the Sabbath School Superintendent select and appoint the most suitable man (or woman)