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CHURCH AND HOME is commending itself to the congregations of our Presbytery. Last week over 100 new subscribers were added to our list.

It is a question in Church work to-day, "How can we interest our young people in the service of the Church?" Many plans have been tried, but with indifferent results.

We believe that if the parents would show a deeper interest in the work of the Church that the children would partake of its spirit. We believe in the power of example, and where parents are careless in their attendance at Church, and show no sympathy with what directly concerns the children, is it likely that our boys and girls will have any respect for what is openly neglected by those whose duty it is to direct them in the way of truth?

Why cannot the parents accompany their children to the Sunday School?

So long as the children are directly under the parents' control, there is no difficulty in urging attendance, but when they are made to feel that the S. School is only for children can you wonder that they are ready to forsake it, when they begin to feel the responsibilities of life? Just at the time when good influences are

most necessary they withdraw from the school, and are left to spend the Sunday afternoon in a manner that is not calculated to inspire them with reverence for what is sacred. Young blood is warm, and while we do not advocate a strictness and severity that often has the opposite effect from what is desired, we are of the opinion that the influence of the parents' presence in the S. School would encourage our youths and maidens—our young men and women—to attend in greater numbers and to more advanced years than is now customary.

It is in youth that impressions are most easily made, and if the parents show themselves active and zealous in all the services of the Church, the children will follow in their footsteps. But if they are careless and indifferent, the evil example will be followed and the good advice spurned. If the power of the home training were carried into the work of the Church what a blessing it would prove to old and young!

It would appear that some of the members of various Churches are complaining about the large number of intimations other than those bearing on congregational matters which are being made from the pulpits