

Department, the Superintendent having charge, the teachers acting as Visitors, and the scholars as members. All the arrangements, down to details, ought to be made before the school is closed. It will be helpful to observe the following suggestions:

1. During such times of closing, the Visitors (formerly teachers) ought to be especially careful that the Lesson Helps and Report Envelopes are regularly furnished to every member.

2. Each Visitor should faithfully encourage the members by writing them letters urging them to persevere in their Bible study.

3. The Visitor ought not to fail to secure regular reports from each member.

#### WHAT CAN THE HOME DEPARTMENT DO FOR COMMUNITIES IN WHICH THERE IS NO SABBATH-SCHOOL?

Where from any cause it is impracticable to organize and conduct a Sabbath-school, a Christian man or woman can organize a Home Department. Bible study, with all its attendant blessings, may thus be brought to isolated homes and lonely hearts. In course of time a Sabbath-school may be established as the result of this work.

#### How can a Home Department be Started in any Sabbath-School?

The pastor and session, being convinced of the desirability of having this work organized in their Sabbath-school, adopt it and authorize the organization of a Home Department.

The next step is the appointment of a Superintendent of the Home Department. The person so appointed should be an earnest and intelligent believer in the work, one who can be relied upon to start it and carry it on to success.

This Superintendent can make a list by territorial districts of the names and addresses of all the members of the church and congregation who do not attend Sabbath-school. (If possible a sketch map of the congregation can be made, marking the residences of the members.) Subdivide this into districts, each containing twenty-five families or less.

Then secure the Visitors. This is the most important part of the work of organization. Hold a meeting of the Visitors appointed for prayer and conference. Fully explain at this meeting the Home Department and the duties of Visitors,

The pastor can then present the nature, methods, and advantage of this work from the pulpit on the Sabbath. It will be very helpful on the same Sabbath to have placed in every pew a copy of this leaflet.

On the week following the Visitors can be sent out to canvass for members, reporting within two weeks at a similar meeting their success in securing members of the Home Department.

#### HOW IS THE CANVASS FOR MEMBERS OF A HOME DEPARTMENT TO BE MADE?

By the Visitors appointed by the Department prayerfully and carefully visiting in the entire congregation all who will not or cannot attend Sabbath-school, and cordially inviting them to join the Home Department. An accurate record should be kept of this canvass. After this canvass has been made the entire congregation can be divided into small districts, composed of not over twenty-five families, to each of which districts a permanent Visitor can be assigned.

#### HOME DEPARTMENT SUPPLIES.

Our new Quarterly will be found just the thing to meet the needs of the Home Department. Indeed, it was specially to meet those needs, as well as those of the senior classes in the schools, that it was prepared. We have arranged for a complete supply of the membership cards, forms of application, visitors list, and the like. The list and prices are as follows:

Membership Cards .....	\$0 50 per 100 net
Quarterly Report Envelopes...	0 40 " " "
Canvassers Report .....	1 00 " " "
Descriptive Leaflet .....	0 50 " " "
Class Record .....	0 02 " " "
Senior Lesson Quarterly .....	0 05 per quarter

#### The New Catechism.

Under provisions made by the last General Conference the new Catechism has been completed, and will be ready for use in our Sabbath-schools by the New Year. The church feels the need of revival in catechetical study; and to supply this need the General Conference took measures to obtain a comprehensive, brief and logical statement of the vital doctrines of the Methodist Church in the form of question and answer, to be memorized by our Sabbath-school scholars of from, say, ten to fifteen years