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"CHURCH AND HOME," writes a correspondent, "kindly send along about thirty copies, &c., &c., we mean to give a copy to each family in the congregation." ALL *do likewise.*"

In a late issue of the *Christian World* we notice that the Elders in Belfast, Ireland, have formed an "Elders' Union," which meets once a month in one of the city churches. The purposes and objects of the meeting are mutual encouragement and conference as to the more efficient discharge of the duties of their office. Would it not be well to hold conferences of a similar kind in connection with our Churches? If the plan could be adopted how much good would result to the cause of Presbyterianism. More friendly feelings would be engendered between congregations, and the mutual exchange of counsel and advice between intelligent laymen would materially help the ministers in their work, and aid the upbuilding of Christ's cause in our midst.

In connection with the agitation now going on for the establishment of a Church Building Fund for New Brunswick, it is interesting to note that the Churches in the old country are engaged in the consideration of

the same problem. The Presbyterian Church in England is engaged in floating an extensive Church building scheme. They tell how in many places they have lost their hold of the people for want of a church building, and are now trying to raise £50,000 that they may be able to build at once and partly recover the ground they have lost. The Free Church Presbytery of Glasgow, Scotland, is also engaged in maturing an elaborate church extension movement. The Church of Scotland has done much through the Baird Trust and kindred endowments to occupy waste places. All combine in stating that no real progress can be made without a church building. We have now a chance to occupy the ground at small expense. If we allow the opportunity to slip it may cost us thousands, like the English Church, to repair the breach made through our errors of judgment. We commend the Church Building Fund to the generosity of our readers.

THE principle of Systematic Giving is an important element in the work of the Church. Contributions are an evidence of our interest in its welfare, and where nothing is given, or small sums are given carelessly, it may be safely stated that we have not fully realized the obligations of