

Class, or an emblem chosen by the Class means distinction. The Charter-Certificate, with the names of the charter members thereon, will be an interesting adornment on the wall of the room where the Class meets, if fortunate enough to have a separate room, although a room is not essential to organization and effective work.

The following standard of work has been approved as one towards which every Organized Class should strive :

1. An annual increase in membership, either within the Class or by organizing a new class.
2. Bibles used in the Class.
3. A definite contribution to Missions.
4. Personal evangelism.
5. Other definite Christian work.
6. Representation in Teacher Training, Study Class, or Reading Class with a view to larger service.

There are not a few Classes in remote mission fields that maintain religious services when the missionary is withdrawn. The Class becomes the nucleus around which the community gathers, and in this way worship is maintained.

There is a great opportunity for a forward movement through the Organized Class in nine-tenths of our Schools. Shall the members of our Sabbath Schools press in at this open door ?

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How We Manage the Home Department

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Knox Church congregation, Walkerton, includes about eighty families in the country. For many years, during the summer, in order to reach the country children, a special session of the Sabbath School was held in the morning, before the church service. This was found to be so unsatisfactory that it was dropped.

Then we decided to change the hour of meeting of the Sabbath School from three in the afternoon to ten o'clock in the morning, so that the country children might meet with the town children in the regular School. This was also a failure.

Some four years ago "literature" came to

me from our Presbyterian Publications house, Toronto, drawing attention to the Home Department. After a very careful study of the information sent, I saw that it was the solution of the problem of reaching the families in the country ; and one Sabbath morning made the whole matter a subject of discourse, referring to the difficulty above stated, and the need of reaching the country children.

My plan was to have each elder become the superintendent of his district, and to go to each family in his district at the end of each quarter, taking with him the supplies, such as the HOME STUDY QUARTERLY, and the Home Department Envelope, in which would be entered each Sabbath the number who studied the Lesson in that home, the offering taken, and the number in the home who were at church service. He would also collect the report for the past quarter.

At the close of the service the session met to consider the plan. With one voice the session said, "This is just what we want, and we will do our part." At that meeting I arranged that each elder should take me with him over his district and the matter would be fully explained in each family and some member of the family appointed secretary, to fill in the report for each Sabbath during the quarter. To the credit of my session, let it be said that during these years not one has failed in his duty.

On our Home Department Roll we have 180 members.

The advantages of having this work done by the session are :

First. It gives each elder a definite work to do in his district, and the elders have an excellent opportunity of speaking of spiritual things.

Second. It gives permanency to the work. In some congregations the work is done by the minister or some good women. But the minister moves away or the women have other church work that interferes with this, whereas the session is as permanent as the congregation.

Third. It gives regularity to the work. As a rule, country Sabbath Schools are held only part of the year. Bad roads and stormy weather often close the School. But the Home Department can laugh at the fiercest