

lesson, or (2) by teaching a class here and there to find out who are the home students, and (3) by giving out advance work.

2. Teachers.—(1) By taking up the readings themselves. (2) By giving the scholar credit marks for the daily home readings.

3. Parents.—By taking the home readings themselves, and using them at family worship. Be as careful to see that your children daily study the Bible as you are to see that they study other secular lessons.

II. The daily home reading by those who do not attend school.

I have talked with several superintendents who have not tried the Home Department in their schools, and their feelings I find are very similar to mine before I started this work, viz.: The work is so great, time so limited, fear lest it be a failure. It has been said that an evangelized parish is one where every person has been made to feel that both God and his people want him and are seeking him with a loving, personal persistence which does not know how to accept denial.

It takes walking as well as talking to reach the people. We find many homes, right under the shadow of the church, where the inmates never read the Scriptures or darken a church door. The Home Department gets them interested in the Word of God, and in many cases is the means of bringing them to the feet of the Master. Place a superintendent over this work and have him give full quarterly reports. The success of every Home Department depends almost entirely upon the interest and faithfulness of the visitors. It is certainly the work of the Master, going about doing good. In our work I only know of one case where the visitors were not received courteously.

It is no small gain to any church to have a band of Christian visitors start out every three months and make their round of calls. How much their calls must kindle loyalty to the church. Visitors must make their calls regularly and promptly. Never allow the Home Department to be a side issue. It is as much a department of the school as the primary or intermediate. See that your visitors attend the meetings of the Committee of Management and are thoroughly in touch with the whole school. Do not be stingy with this department; see that the homes are provided with the necessary helps. You will find it will

pay. Our Home Department was organized the beginning of this year, and shows every element of permanency. Those under each visitor are called a class, and at present we have a membership of 196. We furnish free to every home the Scholars' Quarterly.

How to start: (1) Go over the church roll and mark all who do not attend Bible class. (2) Find out how many parents of the scholars are not members of the church or school. (3) Make a complete canvass of the parish—all churches uniting—taking the names of all between the age of five and twenty-one who are not attending Sunday-school. The object is two-fold, to get the children to Sunday-school and the parents into the Home Department. (4) Call together those who are interested in the work, select your workers, explain to them the work and furnish them with cards and envelopes. The names are all entered in a book, and a proper record kept. The Home Department has not been in use very long, but it has made rapid growth and it has glorious possibilities. Thousands to-day are studying the Word regularly each week in their homes, to whom a few years ago it was an unknown book.

HOW IT WORKS IN THE UNITED STATES.

"Nothing succeeds like success," it has been said. No department of church work has had anything like the success of this home work. From The International Evangel we glean the following information:

The Home Department at Ore Hill, Pa., is said to be the largest in the world. The Sunday-school at that place has only fifty-two members, but the Home Department numbers eight hundred and twenty.

The effort at establishing a Home Department was begun only last October. The superintendent writes that they do not angle for Home Department members, but use the Gospel net with meshes so fine that they take in all the children that can learn a lesson on their mother's knee. That which makes the success of this Home Department peculiarly interesting is the fact that the community is largely Catholic, and yet in that place they have one hundred and eight members. In Mt. Riga, just adjoining, they have forty-seven; and in that district it is said that there are not half a dozen persons old or young who do not belong. In other districts the members number from twenty-five to nearly sixty. The