

## Second, Denomination Wide Rally

There are two things which encourage us to attempt another Rally this May. Or should we say, compel us to announce a Rally for May 11th, Mother's Day. First the excellent response and co-operation we received from our churches last year. Secondly, the crying need which confronts us in the spreading of the Gospel to neglected areas. If the Rally is the success it was last year, and we believe it can be and more, it will do much to set the wheels in motion toward bringing the Gospel to many needy hearts and planting new churches that will blaze out the message of holiness to hungry souls.

### MOTHER'S DAY

Since the Rally is planned for Mother's Day, perhaps you feel like we do: just to pause a moment and bow our heads in respect to the mothers we know, and have known, who stand like pillars in the church. In many cases unseen and un-recognized, yet tirelessly they have labored and prayed until the world watered with their tears have sprouted young lives who have chosen to walk the path of our Saviour.

### SUNDAY SCHOOLS

If we would run well in the race and please those spectators on both sides of Jordan, as well as hear the "Well done" from our Lord at the finish line, we cannot put too much emphasis on the Sunday School. The importance of the Sunday School makes every Sunday a "big day." However to keep out of what could become a meaningless routine, we need special days. May 11th can be a "high day".

We shall not attempt to outline any method of procedure as the varying conditions in the different churches may demand your own personal planning for real success. Never-the-less, programs in keeping with the day; pins; rally, or Mother's Day ribbons; contests for attendance with offered awards, along with much prayer, assists generally for a measure of success. Shall we put our all into it for a GREAT DAY!

### EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE

Perhaps in some localities the prospects for an increase in attendance is quite limited; or all the work involved in a Rally Day lacks for a spiritual objective. Remember that in a great many areas, boys and girls, and older ones too, never have heard the story of Salvation like we have. Wouldn't it be a wonderful thing to know, that as a result of the spiritual uplift you are going to have in your church on Rally Sunday, many others will, this year, rejoice with you because they too have heard of Jesus and His power to deliver from sin? This can be true.

Offerings will be taken, perhaps in all services on that day, for the Evangelistic Crusade. Why not make it a "special offering" that will exceed even last years. We suggest:

1. That each church plan to raise their Home Mission allotment on May 11th.
2. If your Home Mission allotment has been raised, and you feel it necessary, place

## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY

By the Superintendent

On Sunday, May 11th, Mother's Day, we shall have our second annual denomination-wide Sunday School Rally.

The first Rally, held last year, was a great success. Record attendances were registered in many schools, some of them nearly 100% above average, while most schools had strong gains. Every Sunday School in the denomination should aim to set a new attendance record on this second annual Rally Day. And it can be done if we plan well and work hard.

The Sunday School is one of the most important branches of our church work, if not the most important. Sunday School Rallies are highly profitable in the making of new contacts, gaining regular scholars from the special day visitors, and stimulating enthusiasm in the continued advance of this department of the work.

Pastors, S. S. superintendents, officers and teachers, people of our churches, young and old, let's co-operate in a whole-hearted effort to make this denomination-wide Rally a great success.

## THE ABSENTEE

**"Someone is absent," the Shepherd said,**

**As over my classbook He bent His head;**

**"For several Sundays absent, too,**

**So tell me, teacher, what did you do?"**

**"I didn't call as perhaps I should,**

**I wrote some cards but they did no good.**

**I've never heard and she never came,**

**So I decided to drop her name."**

**He answered gravely, "A flock was mine,**

**A hundred—no, there were ninety and nine,**

**For one was lost in the dark and cold,**

**So I sought that sheep who had left the fold.**

**The path was stony and edged with thorns,**

**But I kept on seeking, nor counted the cost,**

**And, Oh the joy when I found the lost."**

**Thus spoke the Shepherd in tender tone.**

**I looked, and lo—I was all alone;**

**But God a vision had sent to me,**

**To show His will toward the absentee.**

—Selected

your Rally Day Offering on some other item in your Church budget.

3. If you feel your church is capable of raising your church budget without the help of the Rally Day Offering then send your offering to swell the Home Mission Fund which will make possible the functioning of the Evangelistic Crusade.

May the Lord help us to do our best.

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President of the Home Mission Board.

## Sunday Schools Grow if They Want to

By Rev. Paul F. Elliott

Behind every great achievement or project in life is a desire—a want to. The things we want to do, we generally do. When the desire is sufficiently strong, it is then that we are willing and ready to pay the price to obtain the things we desire. This is true with the great plan of salvation provided for mankind. Many would like to receive the benefits of salvation, but few have the desire, or the want to, until it is so strong that they are willing to give up all to obtain it. Many times in the home a family will sacrifice many necessities to buy a radio, electric refrigerator, or some other household appliance. Why will they do this? Because of the strong desire for that particular article.

Why do some Sunday schools grow and others lose? It is this urge, or desire, or lack of desire on the part of the Sunday school officials and scholars that determines success or failure. Sunday schools do not grow of themselves. The church members must possess a strong desire to see the Sunday school grow and be willing to sacrifice time, energy, and comfort to make it grow. Vision is indispensable to success. Where there is no desire, no want to, there will be no Sunday school growth. In Luke 11:8 we read, "Because of his importunity he will rise and give him."

Only as our desires become enkindled are they potent. It is when we ask that it shall be given us; it is when we seek that we shall find; and it is when we knock that it shall be opened unto us.

If your rally day is a success it will take more than a mere announcement or the placing of the rally day poster on the bulletin board. Rally day in your Sunday school can and will pay big dividends to your Sunday school growth if properly planned and followed through. But there must be a burning desire motivating the officers and teachers, and the scholars as well. When this desire takes hold, prayer, sacrifice, work, and effort will be forthcoming to reach the unreached while the harvest is ripe. "Say not ye, there are yet four months, and then cometh harvest. Behold I say unto you, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." (John 4:35). May God give to us a vision of the harvest field—37,000,000 unreached, untouched, unsaved children and young people in America waiting the reapers. If we do not harvest them now most of them will be lost; for 85% of all Christians were converted before they reached the age of twenty-five. Your Sunday school can grow if it wants to. But there is a price to pay. May each one of us pay that price in prayer, sacrifice, toil, and co-operation. No Sunday school should be satisfied with the number it now has. There are always others within reach of the school. Work your field for greater yield.

—Pilgrim Holiness Advocate.

# Let Us Pray, Plan and Pay for Rally Day