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JEWELS is the name of the new paper for the little ones, which is to begin with the first of January, 1900.

OUR JEWELS these darling children are ; no possession more precious or more prized. How beautiful they are and what radiance they shed all around them. Where the little children come, there is light and laughter ; it is summer all the year.

"MY JEWELS" the Father in heaven calls those who love Him ; and did not His own Son say of the babes brought by their mothers to Him for His blessing, "Of such is the kingdom of heaven" ?

OUR JEWELS AND GOD'S ! Shall it not be our care, as it surely is His, that they shall be "kept for the Master's use," kept pure and stainless in this sin-defiled world and polished to the highest lustre. Let us do diligently and joyfully all that a holy example and loving nurture can do, to preserve them from evil now and to fit them for shining like stars in the Redeemer's crown of glory by-and-by.

The Little Ones dearly love what is pretty and bright. God made them so. We shall try not to forget it in arranging the matter for the little paper. We shall seek to make it week by week a jewel casket. It will have the Golden Text—the brightest jewel of all, because it is straight from God's hand—and a story on the Golden Text, and all the dainty bits we can find, and pictures in plenty. And we shall hope to help the parents and the teachers to instil into the hearts of the little ones the beautiful Christ-spirit, so that their lives, even from tender years, may shine with the beauty of Christ-likeness.

When you have finished using this num-

ber, the old year will be almost ended. It has been a prosperous year for the PRIMARY QUARTERLY, which goes now to more than twice as many readers as when the year began. We want to see it or THE PRIMARY LEAFLET, which has the same lesson material, in every home where there are very young children. For eighteen months, beginning with the New Year, we are to study the life of our Lord Jesus. We shall seek to make the study profitable.

To have the details of that matchless life imbedded in the minds of the children, and the very image of the perfect Son of God stamped upon their hearts is the aim.

Our part will be so to reproduce the story of the Gospels that the youngest can understand. We may confidently look to the great Spirit of light and life to apply the truth.

Step by step with the lessons in the life of Jesus, our Church will go forward in the great task to which she has set herself of raising a *million dollars* for Christ's work in our own and other lands.

This is to be over and above all her ordinary givings, and the children will be eager to have their share in it.

Already, on Children's Day, they have made their first offering.

But they will now begin to plan greater things for next Children's Day. When children make up their minds to get money together, they generally show themselves great financiers.

We love when we give, and the New Century Fund affords a means ready to the hand of all who are anxious to kindle a flame of enthusiasm in the hearts of the little ones for the Heavenly Master and for the work which He expects our Church to do for Him.