

TO THE INTERMEDIATE SCHOLARS.

When you put on a new suit of clothes, and remove from one place to another, you are still the same boys and girls. So with your QUARTERLY. Though it comes to you in a new dress and from a new home, it is the same helper that you welcomed last year, for Mr. Fotheringham has prepared for you these Lesson Notes and Questions.

You are a year older, and I hope wiser and better, than you were last year. Your QUARTERLY is also older and will try to be wiser and better, to please and help you all it can.

You are "Intermediate" Scholars. Have you ever thought what "Intermediate" means? It means that you are in a middle place. You are neither little boys and girls, nor are you young men and women. You are between the two, and have something of both. May it be the best of both, without the worst of either. The innocence and purity and happiness of childhood and the thoughtfulness of young manhood and womanhood make a very beautiful character; childlike but not childish; just the kind of character that "Intermediate" scholars should have.

There are some things in which you should never be "Intermediates." In obedience to parents and to God; in frithfulness; in cleanness and kindness of thought and speech and action; in right of every kind; do not be "Intermedate." There is no need for you to be such. Be advanced, be thorough, in all that is good.

There are other things in which "Intermediate" is a good place to pass through but not good to stay in. In all manner of knowledge and work, in all that you learn and do, ever push forward to higher and better things.

And now your QUARTERLY would like a word with you as to the way in which you should use it. It does not wish to go to Sabbath School, so please do not take it. That is a good place for Intermediate scholars to go, but not for INTERMEDIATE QUARTERLIES. It wants to be used at home, and to help you study the Sunday School Lesson there, but it wishes you to leave it there and to take your Bible to Sabbath School, so that you may get better acquainted with that Book which our Heavenly Father has given us.

Further, when it is helping you with your Sabbath School Lesson at home, it wishes you to use your Bibles also, turning up all the passages of which your QUARTERLY tells; so that you may get acquainted with the Bible itself and learn all these wonderful things that Bible contains. It comes to you only as a guide book to the Bible; and if it leads you to do without the Bible, it will be sorry it has come to you, for it will be more harm than good.

Dear young Intermediate learners your lessons this quarter are of Christ. He was once at an Intermediate age as you are, and He grew in wisdom and stature, in knowledge

and size, and in favor with God and man, as all Intermediates should do. He was subject to those who had the place of earthly parents, as good Intermediates always are. He knows how to sympathize with the troubles that Intermediates sometimes have, for,

"Though now ascended up on high,
He bends on earth a brother's eye."

and He does not forget His own Intermediate years.

That as you learn of Him in these lessons, and see more clearly how good and kind He was, you may grow more and more like Him, is the best wish that for the New Year that can come with your QUARTERLY from your friend;—

E. SCOTT.

TO THE TEACHERS.

Perhaps you would prefer, as some do, the helps without the Scripture Lesson, so that the children may learn to use their Bibles more.

But two complete series of Helps, one with the Scripture Lesson and one without it, involves more work and expense, both in management and in the printing office, than does one. Our own Church Lesson Helps are not yet self supporting and it is necessary to economize in all ways that will not injure their usefulness.

Can you not do this. Try and train the scholars to leave their Lesson Helps at home and to take their Bibles to school, and in this way reach the end desired.

There are other considerations. Sometimes a Lesson Help may be picked up when a Bible is not at hand, and some Scripture be read that otherwise would not be. Further, sad to say, in some homes Bibles are not so plentiful as they should be, and the Scripture Lesson, if in the Helps, may be read by young or old, where otherwise it would not be. A verse from the Scripture Lesson printed in the Helps may thus prove a word of Life to some one who meets it there and who otherwise would perhaps never meet it.

In view of all these considerations, kindly bear for a time, with the effort to make our Lesson Helps self supporting.

For reasons of simplicity and consequent economy the different forms of Leaflets have been merged into one, and we would ask those who prefer them in folded monthly form to kindly bear with those cut into weekly issues, as the larger number wish them that way.

The more we see and know of any person or character that is truly good or beautiful, the more we admire it, the better we love it, the more we grow like it. What an uplift there must be to the world in the multitudes of teachers and scholars looking at Christ, His character, and work, during the months of this Quarter. Let it be the aim to "see no man save Jesus only."