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for
TEACHERS
AND
YOUNG PEOPLE.

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Life.

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Our lives seem filled with things of little worth,

A thousand petty cares arise each day
Which bring our soaring thoughts from
heaven to earth,

Reminding us that we have feet of clay;
Yet we will not from path of duty stray
If we amidst them all cleave to the right;
Nor great nor small are actions in his
sight;

Through lowly vale he shows our feet
the way.

Our early dreams may not be realized;
The roseate sky now proves quite com-
monplace;

The constellations we so highly prized
Have vanished all—nor left the slight-
est trace

Of former glory in its azure face,
But high o'er all beams out the polar star
To guide us safe through rock and sandy
bar:

Life is complete and its cap-stone is
grace.

Newburgh, Ont.

Seven Hundred Daily Bible Readers.

Seven hundred members of a single Sunday-school regularly following daily home readings in the Bible, is a record that speaks for itself. The Bushwick Avenue Methodist Episcopal school, of Brooklyn, has succeeded in accomplishing this. No pledge to read is required, the scholars simply taking the blanks for the quarter, and returning them to the secretary at the close of the quarter. If

for four quarters the readings are faithfully followed and marked, the scholar is given a handsome book-mark, specially designed, and worth treasuring for years. Mr. Frank L. Brown, the superintendent, says: "We are hearing constantly of the interest of our scholars and their homes in it. A great majority of the homes of our scholars are un-Christian, and we believe the results will be very beneficial. An instance . . . will illustrate what this means. Two of our school young ladies, who had not manifested much interest heretofore in Bible matters, and whose parents were only nominal Christians, have been faithfully following the home readings, and, where the Bible has been neglected, there are now two Bibles that are constantly in evidence, and are read each night before retiring by the young ladies, and their interest in the school has also been intensified. The results, too, in the bringing of Bibles by the scholars to the school are very marked. On last Sunday (January 28) five hundred and forty were brought in this way, which means that about five out of seven of the scholars in the classes above the primary had brought them, and there seems to be a greatly increased interest in the lesson itself in the session as one of the results." The form filled out by the scholars consists of a single sheet of paper, five by eight inches, bearing the name of the school and "Home Reading Bible Circle." The directions are to "please mark an X in square for each day that you read the home reading selection." Small squares are ruled sufficient to allow one for each day of the week for three months. The scholar's name, teacher's name, and class number, are filled in.—S. S. Times.