

Course of Home Reading for Young People.

It will be remembered that the last General Conference gave directions for the preparation of a Course of Home Reading for the Young People of our Church. Such a course was laid down, and a considerable number of young people entered upon it, although it was not announced till near February. It has been thought best not to make much change in that course this year, but to urge as many young people as possible to take it up early and follow it up regularly. Even very young people, from 12 to 14, who have not the time to take up the fuller Chautauqua course, can manage this, and will find it much shorter and less expensive. We hope that Sunday-school superintendents and teachers will organize reading unions among the young people and induce as many of them as possible to take it up. It will be found, we think, both interesting and instructive. It will make them more familiar with the Word of God and with the evidences of our holy religion, with the evils of the drink habit and with a rational foundation for total abstinence, and with the romantic history of their own country. It will give them a taste for good reading and a disgust for the trashy reading on which many waste, and worse than waste, their time. There are no fees nor expenses of any sort except the price of the books.

The resolution of the General Conference says, among other things:—

Whereas there is good reason to believe that thousands of young people in connection with the various churches might be induced to undertake such a course of home study, if laid down under the auspices of their Church, who would not otherwise be benefited by any similar educational agent, therefore be it resolved: That it is expedient to prepare a course to be known as "The Course of Home Reading for Young People."

A large and representative committee was appointed to carry out that purpose. That committee, after full deliberation, reports the following organization:

1. Name of organization: "Canadian Home Reading Circle."

2. Objects: To promote habits of home reading in approved courses of religious and secular literature.

3. Methods: It proposes to encourage individual study in lines and by text-books which shall be indicated, and by local circles for mutual help and encouragement in such studies.

4. The Course of Study shall consist of a series of compendious and inexpensive text-books, to be selected year by year by a committee appointed for that purpose by the General Conference.

5. Course for 1887-8: The following books are recommended by said committee for home reading during the year 1887-8:—

- (a) Assembly Bible Outlines, J. H. Vincent, D.D. 12c.
- (b) Richardson Temperance Lessons . . . 25c.
- (c) Canadian History and Literature, Withrow and Adams 50c.
- (d) Christian Evidences, J. H. Vincent, D.D. 12c.
- (e) What is Education? By Prof. Phelps and Socrates. By Prof. Phelps . . . 12c.

The complete list will be supplied for \$1.15 net.

NOTE.—These books can be procured at the prices marked, from William Briggs, Methodist Publishing House, Toronto; C. W. Coates, 3 Bleury Street, Montreal; and S. F. Huestis, Methodist Book Room, Halifax.

Supplementary illustrative readings will appear in successive numbers of *Home and School*.

The following is the recommended Order of Study for the year 1887-8:—

NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER.

Canadian History, Literature, and Assembly Bible Outlines.

JANUARY AND FEBRUARY.

History continued, and Richardson's Temperance Lessons.

MARCH AND APRIL.

History continued, and What is Education? By Prof. Phelps.

MAY AND JUNE.

History, etc., concluded. Christian Evidences, by J. H. Vincent, D.D.

LOCAL CIRCLES.

In order to carry out as efficiently as possible the directions of the General Conference, the Committee urgently solicit the hearty co-operation of all our ministers and Sunday-school superintendents and teachers in organizing, in connection with all our congregations and Sunday-schools, of local Home Reading Circles.