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IMPROVEMENT is our watchword, and we trust never to become satisfied that the very best has been attained. Progress is the law of life. Two distinct improvements have been decided upon for THE HOME STUDY QUARTERLY for 1902. It will be increased in size, so as to have a larger and freer page, and all the lessons will be illustrated by cuts. The matter will be kept up to the standard, and bettered where possible. The HOME STUDY LEAFLETS will also be illustrated in like manner.

The greatest pains are taken to give really helpful matter in the Quarterly and Leaflet. The "Explanation" is made very ample, and at the same time is put in plain words, so that the younger scholars, as well as the older, can understand. It is not, for this purpose, *diluted*, but, if we may so say, it is *clarified*, by the dropping of technical terms and the use of simple, straight words. The Questions are arranged in two groups, the first being for the junior scholars. These are easier and more on the surface. The second group is for senior scholars and the Home Department. They aim to do a little subsoiling, ploughing deeper. Some of the juniors enjoy them too. The Practical Points are brief, and written with an earnest desire to fasten the lesson on heart and conscience, as well as in the memory. The Questions for Written Answers give opportunity for a wholesome test of the scholars' study of the lesson. The Sabbath School and Church Record on the last page will be found workable and useful.

The writers of the "Explanation" in the HOME STUDY QUARTERLY and HOME STUDY

LEAFLET for the year now closing have been : for the first two quarters, Rev. G. B. McLeod, M.A., Westville, Nova Scotia ; for the remaining two quarters, Rev. W. G. Hanna, B.A., Mount Forest, Ont. The questions have been prepared since the beginning of 1899, by Miss Sara E. Moorcraft, Bowmanville, Ont., a teacher of long experience and marked success. The editor has, in addition to a careful revision of the work of the various writers, been responsible for the Practical Points and the remainder of the matter.

One hundred and sixty Home Departments reported to the General Assembly in 3,049 Sabbath Schools, showing that our Church has hardly begun to awaken to the possibilities of this method of Bible Study. It is an increase, however, of about one-fourth upon the numbers of the previous year.

Measuring Up

The boys and girls are always anxious to measure up to the older members of the family, and the marks on the door post, when every now and then a fresh measurement is taken, show that they are making gradual progress. How would it do to take Joseph as a standard and seek to grow to his stature? He is given full-length in the book of Genesis and in the lessons of this quarter. Here are the various notches which he reached, as noted by one who studied his life closely :

1. Honor to his father. (His mother died when he was very young.)
2. Absolute honesty.
3. Unselfishness.
4. Humility. It was always God first, not Joseph.