

# The Primary Quarterly

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This is the last number of the PRIMARY QUARTERLY which some of the little ones will use. They have grown older and are making headway with their studies, and are therefore outgrowing this Quarterly. They will be just in time for *the new Quarterly*, which begins its career on the 1st of January, 1907. Formerly, the scholars took a long step, namely, from the PRIMARY QUARTERLY to the HOME STUDY QUARTERLY. The step was a little too long, we thought; and so we are issuing an INTERMEDIATE QUARTERLY, to come between. The INTERMEDIATE QUARTERLY means a little harder work than the PRIMARY. But that is just what eager boys and girls like. We expect to hear that they are delighted with it. Sample copies of the INTERMEDIATE QUARTERLY and the corresponding INTERMEDIATE LEAFLET will be sent to any address. Send a Post Card to R. Douglas Fraser, Confederation Life Building, Toronto.

## Sunday Employment for the Little Ones

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Some years ago Sunday was in many homes a day to be dreaded by the children, to be kept as strictly and decorously as though they were old and sedate. It was a toyless day, when mirth was checked by the horrified exclamation, "It is the Sabbath!"

But the study child-life has been receiving these last years has developed the idea that the Lord who said, "Suffer the little children, and forbid them not," would not want His day to be a bugbear to them; that He does not expect from them a service they cannot render. But with greater latitude, comes the temptation to make Sunday a mere

holiday, not a holy day; and children must be taught the difference. What Sunday means to the parents it is likely to mean to the children, and they take their attitude to this day and its services from their elders. The church habit is an important one and one to be formed when young. It is a matter for gratitude that our services are becoming more and more interesting to the children.

But after church and Sunday School—what? That Satan finds some mischief still for idle hands (or minds) to do, is quite as true on Sunday as on Monday. There are some Sunday games to be bought, and there are some practical ideas—"A sail with Paul" and, "Through the desert with Moses": trips to be taken with Bibles and Geographies, are both interesting and instructive to old and young. There is a game, so called, in which the players by turn tell Bible stories, leaving out or altering the proper names, which, when finished, the others have to fill in. Perhaps more simple is the game adapted from the old, "Animal, Vegetable or Mineral." Someone begins by saying, "I am thinking of a person whose name commences with C." The others may ask any questions which can be answered by yes or no, such as "Is it a man?" "Is he mentioned in the Old Testament?" "Was he good?" etc., until some one guesses this name, the successful one then taking the leader's place, and the game may go on indefinitely.

There are many of us who cherish a sacred memory of the hour before bedtime, when the grown-ups were at church. It has brought us strength and comfort when both were needed. We can look back over the years, and see a mother with her children gathered around the table, reading from the old