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By way of change, we give a new map of Palestine in the Time of Christ, which will be found by turning this page.

Again we welcome the "summer" schools into the circle of those using the HOME STUDY QUARTERLY. In an increasing number of instances the lessons are being followed up at home during the winter also, by means of the Home Department.

How would it do to begin the summer school this season with the distinct purpose of seeing how far into each winter it may be carried on? In many cases it will live right through till the season following. This has been a frequent experience.

Rev. John A. Logan, of Eburne, B.C., the Convener of the Synod's Sabbath School Committee, writes concerning the Home Department work in that synod begun last year:— "At least 250 young people studied the S.S. lessons in their homes. The work was carried on in localities where no Sabbath Schools exist. In many districts the missionary does the work of the "visitor," which often brings him into closer touch with the family than would an ordinary call or visit. In some instances hibernating schools adopted the Home Department method, the teachers acting as visitors. This has been found to work well.

"In all the reports received encouraging accounts were given of the excellence of the Home Department plan and its adaptability to our conditions, particularly so where families are isolated. There can be no doubt as to its utility. In principle it is a return to the old custom of Bible study in the home, and it is of special value in scattered districts which have not Sabbath School privileges."

The HOME STUDY QUARTERLY is the lesson help used and the work is being pressed forward, the stronger Sabbath Schools supplying the funds. Mr. Logan, repeating the testimony of every missionary in the West, adds: "There is urgent need of active and aggressive S.S. work in the West. Family training, in the very nature of things, is not what it is in long-settled localities. Temptations are more, advantages are less, grasping worldliness prevails, and if we are to retain our reputation for family religion and keep our young people in the fold, we must take advantage of every method that will assist in attaining this end."

No enterprise which our Church has ever undertaken has been received with more universal favor than the Century Fund. Ministers, congregations, Young People's Societies and Sabbath Schools are showing the greatest interest in it, and in the most practical way. It looks as if a million might be in sight by the General Assembly in June, or, at the latest, next Children's Day in September. Why not?

Have you a "Century Fund Souvenir Savings Bank"? If not, write to F. B. Allan, Esq., Old Upper Canada College, Toronto, who has the distribution of them in charge. They are appropriately decorated, and long after the Century Fund has become an accomplished fact, will be cherished as souvenirs of that great effort of our Church at the beginning of the new century, to do the Lord's work better.

"And when your goal is nearest,
The end for others sought,
Watch sloth and heathen folly
Bring all your hopes to naught."