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This QUARTERLY is for help in studying the S. S. lesson at home, not for taking to school. Use your Bible both at home and in Sabbath school, that you may become better acquainted with that best guide book of life.

DEAR YOUNG PEOPLE,

This is the last QUARTERLY for the year. On your behalf, and my own as well, I wish to thank all those who have kindly assisted in preparing your Lesson Helps for 1898.

For a year our paths have run together. Have we all tried to give and get all the good that was possible? My opportunity is past, for this QUARTERLY is finished. You have yet a quarter of the year to profit by. Ask God to make the lessons of this Quarter helpful to you, for when it is ended it will never come again.

Our weeks and years are passing. God puts a great deal of real good into them. May we seek to get much real good out of them and into ourselves; so that when our weeks and years are ended, and God looks over the use we have made of them, he may be so well pleased that for Christ's sake he will say to each one of us, "Well done."

Beginning with the first Quarter of next year our S.S. Lesson Helps will be published in Toronto. On the outside back cover you will see the notice of it.

That all our S. S. scholars and their S.S. Helps may have a very pleasant and profitable 1899 together, is the earnest wish of

Your Friend,
E. SCOTT.

OUR LESSONS, PAST AND FUTURE.

Our lessons for this Quarter are of the same kind as those of last Quarter, the study of the life of a nation,—not the same nation as last Quarter, but a sister nation, or rather the other half of the same nation.

The people of Israel divided into two nations at the death of Solomon, about 937 B.C. Last Quarter we studied the history of the ten tribes, called the Kingdom of Israel, until they were taken captive, 722, B. C., never to return, and their country filled by the King of Assyria with heathen people.

This Quarter we study the history of the other part of the nation, the Kingdom of Judah, until they were taken captive, 606-586 B.C., by the King of Babylon.

As the lessons are of the same kind as those of last Quarter, please remember what was said in last Quarterly about the study of Scripture History.

You study history in schools, but this is the study of history from another standpoint. In your schools you study the sayings and doings of men only, in their dealings with one another. Here you have history, with God's part in it as well as man's part, showing his sayings and doings as well as those of men.

Studying history during the week is like looking at a clock; you simply see the hands go round. Studying history in these Sabbath school lessons is like looking inside the clock and seeing what makes the hands go round.

One thing that impresses us is the very large part that God has in history. He is the chief one in it.

In this study of history with God in it, we must remember that he is always the same. He may not do the same things at one time as at another, but he always works on the same principles. We know that what he is pleased with, and favors, at one time, he will be pleased with and will favor at another time. This it is that makes these Scripture history lessons helpful to us, showing us how to live so that God may be pleased with us.

We learn here, too, that the favor of God is more than all else. A country may have a great many other things, but if it have not the favor of God it will come to grief. If it have his favor then it will be a prosperous, happy, land.

We know from these lessons what kind of a country we should have in order to have God pleased with it; and we learn what our duty is in trying to make our country one that