

PLAYMATE, prepared specially for children of the Junior age. This paper we are also to produce cooperatively, as in the case of KING'S OWN and PLEASANT HOURS. The PLAYMATE, like the other two papers, will begin with January 1921. We trust that they will receive a warm welcome in our Sunday Schools and homes from the very first number.

We would ask Superintendents and teachers and officers of the Sunday School kindly to read what is said about the "business end" of these three papers on page 662 of this issue under the heading, "A WORD FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER."

### The November Campaign

Sunday, October 31st, is the day set by the Forward Movement Committee of the General Board when the subject of Home Religion will be brought before all the congregations of the Church.

This will be the inauguration of a campaign to be carried on during the month of November for the promotion of religion in the home.

It is hoped that, during this month, all the families in every congregation of the Church will be visited under the direction of ministers and sessions with the aim of securing that family worship shall be established in every home in which it is not already practised.

A small collection of brief and simple prayers for use in family worship has been prepared by the Committee for distribution. It can be obtained by writing to Rev. Dr. W. G. Wallace, Confederation Life Building, Toronto, Secretary, Forward Movement Committee.

Every Sunday School worker is vitally interested in this November campaign. The scholars coming from homes in which religion has a recognized place are those with whom the work of the Sunday School achieves the best results.

### The Home in the Nation

Wide publicity has been given to the weighty utterances of Sir Auckland Geddes, British Ambassador to the United States, in which he attributes the prevalent social and industrial unrest to the lack of proper conditions for home-making, as its chief producing cause. In the judgment of this high authority, the return of peace and contentment can be looked for, only when the opportunity of founding and maintaining a respectable home in which children may be reared in decent comfort is within reach of all the world's workers.

The judgment of a statesman of the first rank thus reinforces that of all competent educators, that the home holds a fundamental place in the life of the nation. The character of any nation is determined by that of the homes of its people.

It should be remembered, however, that no amount of improvement in the material conditions of home-making, urgently needed as this is, can of itself accomplish the result so earnestly sought after by all interested in public welfare. It is only when homes are governed by the highest moral and religious ideals, that they will guarantee the cessation of social and industrial strife.

The duty of the Church and the Sunday School in respect of the home is obvious. It is to see that the home, in all its relationships and activities, is permeated and controlled by the principles found in the teaching of Jesus Christ.

### Religion in the Public Schools

There is much significance in the marked interest shown by educational authorities in the matter of religious teaching in our public schools. It is being recognized that an education which does not include specific training in morals—and morality apart from the sanctions of religion has no sure and certain foundation—does not produce the type of citizens which the highest welfare of the nation demands.

Not long ago, in the city of Toronto, a resolution was introduced into the School Board for discussion, suggesting that a definite and regular period of time should be set apart in the