

home training. So far from this, I would urge it by every possible argument that could be brought to bear on the subject. Not only is it strictly enjoined in the Word of God, but every feeling of parental love will lead you to be loyal to your children in this particular.

I do desire, however, to show that the Sunday School is absolutely necessary as being *supplemental* to all teaching which a child may receive at home.

My *first* reason, therefore, for advocating the Sunday School is: *Because its teaching is regular and systematic.*

We all know, as a matter of fact, that there are very few families in which the teaching of the children is either regular or systematic. The fathers, perhaps wearied with the routine of a whole week of business, or too often from the most supreme indifference to the subject, throw the whole work on the mothers, and the mothers, having thus to plod along alone, do so with the painful consciousness that the work is one of extreme listlessness both to themselves and their children. Then comes a time of sickness or of prolonged absence, during which the unfortunate children are left absolutely to themselves, losing both the benefits of Sunday School and home training alike.

In addition to this, the teaching of the Sunday School is *systematic*. Through the enlightened arrangement of a regular scheme of lessons, a very large portion of Scripture is annually traversed by the scholars; they are made familiar with all the striking points of Biblical narrative, and are thus led on from one degree of knowledge to another. Thus a child in constant attendance at the Sunday School is regularly and systematically trained, receiving all the while fresh accessions of Divine knowledge, the advantage of which it is impossible to calculate too highly.

My *Second* reason for advocating the Sunday School is: *Because it is of necessity more attractive than home teaching can possibly be.*

In the Sunday School there is all the charm which numbers, vivid pictures, and happy, joyous songs com-