

# The Home Study Quarterly

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## Two New Features

Two new features will appear in the HOME STUDY QUARTERLY and LEAFLET for 1914.

The first is, A Prayer, which takes the place of, A Lesson for Life, in the materials for each week's study. It is hoped that those who use the QUARTERLY and LEAFLET will indeed study the Prayer week by week, so as to get its meaning into mind and heart. It will be most helpful, not employed as a mere form, but if it suggests to each reader words in which his own needs and desires may find expression. Members of the Home Department, especially, who cannot attend the Sunday School Service, will be glad of the Prayer. It will be to them like hearing the voice of the leader in public prayer, and will be an additional link uniting them with the other Departments of the School.

The second new feature is a place below For Written Answers for each scholar to sign his or her name. This will prevent mistakes from being made in giving the scholars credit for their answers. The scholar should keep the QUARTERLY or LEAFLET, with the marks placed opposite the signature, as a record of work done.

## The Call of the Year

Quit you like men, be strong ;  
There's a burden to bear,  
There's a grief to share,  
There's a heart that breaks 'neath a load  
of care—  
But fare ye forth with a song.

Quit you like men, be strong ;  
There's a battle to fight,  
There's a wrong to right,

There's a God who blesses the good with  
might—  
So fare ye forth with a song.

Quit you like men, be strong ;  
There's a work to do,  
There's a world to make new,  
There's a call for men who are brave and  
true—  
On ! on with a song !

Quit you like men, be strong ;  
There's a year of grace,  
{ There's a God to face,  
{ There's another heat in the great world  
race—  
Speed ! speed with a song !

—William Herbert Hudnut

## Robinson Crusoe's Canoe

By Rev. J. M. Duncan, D.D.

After Robinson Crusoe had been on his desert island for some time, he undertook the building of a canoe. With immense labor the task was completed, and the canoe lay before his eyes. It was of the right shape, and was in every way fitted for floating on the water. But it had been made too large for its builder to carry it down to the sea, from which it lay a hundred feet away. So it lay on the shore like a log.

Now God has made men to live in the world as His children. They are intended to love Him, serve Him and to grow constantly more like Him. But the selfishness that is in men holds them back from doing and being what God meant them to do and be. They are like Crusoe's canoe, which could not move a foot toward the sea for which it was built.