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Papers for Boys and Girls and Juniors

We have been for a long time hoping that instead of a single Illustrated Paper for the boys and girls, we might have an Illustrated Paper for boys, and an Illustrated Paper for girls. The way was made clear by the action of the General Assembly of June last, which approved of our cooperating, so far as possible, with the Publishing Boards of other Canadian Churches in producing Sunday School periodicals in common.

Following this line arrangements are now completed with the Canadian Methodist House (in which we hope that other Canadian Churches may also eventually participate) by which our KING'S OWN will become the Boys' Paper for the two Churches, and the Methodist PLEASANT HOURS, the Girls' Paper, the two Publishing Houses uniting in the editing of each of the two papers. The papers will include new and attractive features and will begin under the new auspices at the approaching New Year.

The advantages are obvious.

In the first place, the papers will have behind them the combined resources of the two Publishing Houses, as to editors, writers, illustrators and facilities for producing.

In the second place, what our Sunday Schools and Sunday School field workers have been long asking for will be provided, namely, a paper wholly for boys, and a paper wholly for girls. This is something which the boys and girls, who, after all, are the chief persons to be considered, will thoroughly appreciate. There will be special features in each of the papers attractive to their respective readers. The boys' paper will be out and out a boys' paper, and the girl's paper out and out a girls' paper.

In the third place, we shall find ourselves, for the first time, in a position to supply a *Canadian* out and out boys' paper and a *Canadian* out and out girls' paper. Hitherto our Schools have had to look to the United States for these. They will no longer need to do so.

We make it an invariable rule never to decry the publications of other Houses. There is no need to do so in this case. It is surely elemental that we Canadians should take pains to surround our boys and girls with the Canadian atmosphere. We have our own cherished traditions, our own heroes, our own ways of living, our own missions and missionaries, our own loyalties to Canada and to the Empire. The reading put into the hands of our boys and girls at the plastic age should represent and reflect all those. No papers from any other source can do this. It is possible that sometimes they may do the opposite.

Another word. We have always recognized that our KING'S OWN has been too mature for the Juniors, and that there has been too long a gap between it and JEWELS, which is our paper for the "little ones." This gap is now to be bridged over by an attractive paper THE