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The Exercise for the Children's Day service—beautifully illustrated—will be mailed to all S.S. Superintendents so as to reach them early in September.

The General Assembly asks the Schools to contribute on Children's Day (September 29th) to aid in supplying Sabbath Schools in new and needy districts with Lesson Helps and papers; also for the Schemes of the Church. These objects will meet with a hearty response.

The steady increase of circulations and the cash balance of \$6,510 reported to the General Assembly by the Sabbath School Publications Committee are matters of good promise. The Assembly is in hearty accord with the Committee in its policy of devoting profits and surpluses to the bettering of the publications. In pursuance of this policy improvements in several lines have been resolved upon, including an enlarged size for THE TEACHERS MONTHLY, Home Study Quarterly, and Primary Quarterly. The aim of the Committee is to give our schools lesson material and illustrated papers as good as the best, and at prices that will satisfy.

A teacher informs us that she has tried Wilde's Bible pictures in a class of very lively boys, with marvellously good results. They secure attention where otherwise it would be difficult to obtain it. The teacher also profits by them through the more vivid conception they give of Bible scenes and customs. As mentioned last month, we shall be pleased to send free, catalogue on appli-

cation. The pictures measure six by eight inches, are printed on heavy polished paper and sell for a cent each; no orders received for less than ten.

The "Beginners' Course" for children of six years old and under is now promised by the International Lesson Committee to be handed to the publishers and lesson editors by the first of January, 1902. This means that the lessons will likely be ready for introduction into the Sabbath Schools by the first of April, just in time to catch the thousands of wee tots who will commence attendance on Sabbath School "when spring comes."

The Discipline of Abraham

By Prof. J. E. McFadyen, M.A., B.A. (Oxon.)

All life is a discipline: especially so are the lives of the patriarchs recorded in Genesis. For they are not there only for their own sakes, but in relation to God's great purpose to redeem the world by choosing a special people. The men whose lives are recorded in this book are not merely the fathers of their people, but also the fathers of the faith for which that people was to stand in the world. And to be that, they had to be specially prepared: for their lives are to usher in

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and they must usher it in worthily by bending themselves to the purposes of the God who has chosen and who must mould them.

Thus what we are to look at in the stories of Abraham (Gen. 12: 1 to 25: 10) is not so much a life as