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The Geography Lesson—with map, the Oriental Sidelight, and topics For Discussion, are the three new features of the HOME STUDY QUARTERLY. Besides, now that the requirements of the younger scholars are provided for in the INTERMEDIATE QUARTERLY, the Lesson Explained, the Lesson Questions, and A Lesson for Life, are shaped to meet the needs, specially, of the older scholars and the members of the Home Department. It cannot be too often repeated that the use of the QUARTERLY is to help in mastering what the Bible says, not, in any sense, nor ever, to be a substitute for that Book of books.

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## Going to the Communion

In most of our Presbyterian churches there is a call to the communion table every three months, in many of them more frequently.

It is a joy that seems to grow sweeter to God's saints the older they become; and there is not one of those lovely Christian old people,—of whom every congregation has some,—who is not eager that the young people and the children should come, too. None of themselves, who came when they were young, regret it now. Their hearts are very glad, as are the hearts of parents and teachers, and minister, when the boys and girls thus confess their faith in Christ, their willingness to obey Him, and their readiness to serve under His banner.

And why should the boys and girls not come?

*Too young?* Most of those who read this are twelve, at least. That was Jesus' own age, when He went up with His parents to the great feast at Jerusalem, which corresponded to our communion. No Christian, looking

back to his own boyhood, will tell you that twelve is too young. Many have come to the Lord's table sooner.

*Too shy?* You are not too shy to nestle close up to father or mother, and thus show you love them; not too shy to let every one know, if there be need for it, that you will stand up for brother or sister, or teacher, or friend. It surely cannot be shyness that will hold anyone back from coming, when your very best and most loving Friend calls, and from letting all the world know that He is his Friend.

*Too weak?* Afraid that you will not be able to hold out? But then, it is Christ that holds you, rather than you that hold to Christ. And His promise is very sure and very strong, that His grace will be sufficient for each day, and all the days. In Christ, the weakest becomes strong.

When the next announcement of the communion is made, will you not forget that you are young, and shy, and weak, and think only of how much Christ loves you, and how great a joy it will be to Him, if you will come to His Table with His people?

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## A Life of Adventure

By Esther Miller

Away in the East, by the ancient river Euphrates, stands Ur of the Chaldees.

Looking back across the ages at the life of Abraham, who was born there, we are apt to think of it as a life of monotonous peace, spent in quiet pastoral duties or in meditation at his tent door. But the life of the child born in "the city of fire" has another side. He was destined to travel far, and have many exciting experiences.