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The PRIMARY QUARTERLY considers itself very highly privileged in being allowed to be with the mothers and their little ones in those sweet hours, when the little ones come for their story. There are no stories quite so good as the Bible stories, and our highest ambition is to make these stories so attractive that parents will like to tell them, and the wee boys and girls will like to hear them.

What splendid stories we have had during the year now closing? Next to our Lord Himself no one in the Bible is better known or better worth knowing than Paul, and none have greater charms than Samuel and David. Next year it is to be that loveliest of all stories, that of our blessed Lord and Saviour, for the first six months, and then such as Solomon, the magnificent king, and Elijah and Elisha, God's prophets. It will be a great year.

HYMN FOR A CHILD

God gave me a little light
To carry as I go ;
Bade me keep it clear and bright,
Shining high and low.
Bear it steadfast, without fear,
Shed its radiance far and near,
Make the path before me clear
With its friendly glow.

God gave me a little song
To sing upon my way :
Rough may be the road, and long,
Dark may be the day ;

Yet a little bird can wing,
Yet a little flower can spring,
Yet a little child can sing,
Make the whole world gay.

God gave me a little heart
To love whate'er He made ;
Gave me strength to bear my part,
Glad and unafraid.
Through Thy word so fair, so bright,
Father, guide my steps aright !
Thou my song and thou my light,
So my trust is stayed.

MOTHERS AND STORIES

By Nannie Lee Frayser

We have come to a new day of story telling as a power in the lives of children. It has been a power all along the ages, but we have scarcely realized what a large place it holds in shaping the imagination and the thought, and subsequently the action of children. Day school teachers have realized this, and are using the story very effectively in the nature work that forms the basis of language, and determines the early vocabulary of the pupil.

Sabbath School teachers everywhere are using the

STORY FORMS,

to familiarize their scholars with the beautiful things in the Word of God, and teach them a reverence for His handiwork and a love for His name.

How wonderful the power of a simple story! A child will sit entranced while a good story teller is teaching him profound