

The Home Study Quarterly

The Very Name Indicated

That Lesson Helps are not to be brought to Sunday School, but are to be used for lesson study at home. Then, along with this, there was a series of Questions for Written Answers. That was a novel feature in those days, a unique feature, indeed. It has been widely copied since.

Nothing, indeed, was left out in this two-page Leaflet, which ended with this "Letter for Absentees :"

"DEAR TEACHER,—Please excuse my absence from Sabbath School to-day. I cannot come because I have read the "Daily Portions" and answered the Questions as well as I could. I have "committed to memory . . . verses in addition to the Golden Text, "and . . . Questions in the Catechism, and have recited them to " I was at Church
"I send with this my Weekly Offering of . . cents."

Began at the Beginning

Oddly enough, this first HOME STUDY LEAFLET that has been preserved is headed "The First Adam." It began right at the beginning of things. And springing out of it that year, there was the TEACHER'S PREPARATION LEAFLET of *four* pages, just on the lesson, which has now become the TEACHERS MONTHLY of *sixty-four* pages, discussing, in addition to the lesson, all the problems and methods of Sunday School work.

Was a Great Event

So the little Leaflet—only two pages—was a great event for our Sunday Schools and for our church. It was the beginning of our Sunday School and Y.P.S. publications, and of the extensive business which has grown up about these ; for whilst the Sunday School and Y.P.S. Board has been planning and working for more Sunday Schools and bigger enrolments and better teachers and better methods of teaching, and systematic training of the boys and girls for Christian service, the PUBLICATIONS Committee has kept pace by providing Lesson Helps, and Illustrated Papers, and Teacher Training Handbooks, and other literature and supplies, as the needs of the Schools and the Societies and the congregations have required.

Feel Proud and See

The boys and girls who now use the HOME STUDY QUARTERLY and LEAFLET may well feel proud that in their periodical was the starting point of our whole church's Sunday School literature and business of supplies. The PUBLICATIONS Committee has no income except what comes to it from its circulations and sales. EVERY NEW SUBSCRIPTION AND EVERY ADDITIONAL ORDER OR PURCHASE HELPS TO MAKE US BETTER ABLE TO SERVE THE CHURCH. Our Sunday School workers will therefore see that it is to their advantage to order their supplies from their own Publishing House.