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The International Sunday School Lesson Committee has decided to issue a Beginner's Course for children of six years old and under. It will cover one year and lead up to the study of the present lessons. It is hoped that this course may be ready for 1902. A course for advanced scholars—topical and historical—is also under consideration. This is to be worked out and submitted to the International Convention at Denver, Colorado, next year, for adoption. These two additional courses will, it is expected, prove of high practical value.

Nothing is more remarkable in the old-world picture galleries than to observe how the great masters have been impressed by Bible scenes and persons. Modern processes of reproduction have brought the great works of the great masters within the reach of the poorest. It is little short of marvelous that for *one cent* one may procure a picture of the size and quality advertised by us in this copy of THE TEACHERS MONTHLY. But such is the case. It will be well worth the while of teachers to try them. Ten pictures of the same subject, or ten different subjects, for ten cents—such is the offer. Teachers who have made the experiment of giving out these pictures to their class at the close of the lesson speak highly of their effect in promoting good order in the class and of increasing the interest of their scholars in Bible study.

About ten years ago the General Assembly, on the recommendation of its Committee on Temperance, adopted a "Plan of Work," by which, through Sessions, Sab-

bath Schools, Young People's Societies, etc., temperance work might be carried on in the congregation, without undue machinery. This "Plan of Work" has ever since, under the zealous management of Rev. D. Stiles Fraser, Upper Stewiacke, Nova Scotia, been rendering effective service. The literature connected with it has now been put in charge of the SABBATH SCHOOL PUBLICATIONS and will be issued as part of their regular supplies. It consists of a Manual, 3c. each; Temperance Pledge Cards, 50c. a hundred, and Pledge Books, 5c. each. Address, as for all other supplies, Rev. R. Douglas Fraser, Confederation Life Building, Toronto.

## The Materials of Genesis

In the introduction to his excellent Handbook on Genesis, Dr. Marcus Dods, after stating that Genesis is a history of the origin of God's kingdom on earth and that "nothing is omitted that is requisite to a clear understanding of the origin of that people and kingdom, whose history is the history of God's revelation of Himself," goes on to say:—

"If it be asked, What materials does the author seem to have used for the fulfilment of this aim? the answer cannot be perfectly definite. The idea that he merely sat down and wrote without any consultation of documents, inquiring research into facts, or recording of traditions, will not stand examination. But to the careful reader one thing becomes perfectly clear, and that is, that the author is not engaged in writing a free and continuous history, as a man may write from personal observation, but that he is compiling or piecing together parallel accounts.