

The International S.S. Association, with its State and Provincial organizations, has a splendid history of achievement ; as have also the S.S. Boards of the denominations. Together they will initiate a new era in the religious education of the young.

### Natural Allies

The home and the Sunday School are natural allies. Together, they can mould the child as they desire. Lacking the effort of either one, the religious nurture of the child is apt to fall by the way.

An attractive little card entitled Religious Nurture in the Home through Family Worship, recently issued by our Church's Board of Sunday Schools and Young Peoples' Societies, is, therefore, of interest to Sunday School workers as well as parents. It is a pledge on the part of parents, with name and date, promising "to make every effort to observe some form of Family Worship, including Bible reading and prayer, and to create in our home a positive religious influence."

This last is one of the surest and most abiding results of the regular observance of family worship. The atmosphere of the home in which there is the daily reading of the Word and prayer is an atmosphere in which the soul of the child most surely awakens to a consciousness of God ; it is an atmosphere, too, which the children carry with them when they grow up and leave home. They take it to the homes they make for themselves, or, if wayward and erring, it may serve in times of temptation to steady and keep from evil.

It might well be a work of the Home Department of the Sunday School to encourage the setting up of the "family altar." This little card and the little booklets, Parents and Home Religion, The Sunday School and Home Religion, and The Local Church and Home Religion, also provided by the S.S. and Y.P.S. Board (411 Confederation Life Building, Toronto) will be found of much assistance in carrying through such an effort.

### The Coming of the Lantern

The eyes of children, and, for that matter, of older people, too, are quicker than their ears, and impressions through the eye are apt to be more abiding, as well as more vivid, than those through any other sense.

This accounts in a large measure for the popularity of the Lantern. The arrival of the Lantern in a School or church is hailed with delight, and the pleasure which the lantern slide affords does not fade as time goes on. There is always a new generation coming on, and there are constantly new slides available.

Last May, PRESBYTERIAN PUBLICATIONS undertook a Lantern, Lantern Slide, and Lantern Lecture Department, as a much asked for addition to its previous equipment. Now, at the end of the first six months' experience in this new venture, we would record our pleasure at the reception it has met throughout the Church. The business of this Department has rapidly grown, until it keeps us busy to keep pace with it ; and it is a source of gratification that we have been able to better the work of so many Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies and congregations through this instrumentality. It seems especially fortunate that we were equipped to give important assistance in popularizing the Forward Movement, and, through it, the work of the various Boards of our Church.

Pretty full information regarding Lanterns and their uses will be found in our 1920 CATALOGUE. In addition, we issue special Catalogues and Price Lists of Lanterns, Lantern Slides, and Lantern Lectures, all of which may be had for the asking, by addressing us (PRESBYTERIAN PUBLICATIONS, Church and Gerrard Sts., Toronto).

For the convenience of distant customers we are establishing Depositories for Lantern Lectures in various parts of the Dominion as rapidly as arrangements for these can be effected. The Depository for the Maritime Provinces is in charge of Mr. J. D. MacKay, Truro, Nova Scotia. We hope shortly to be able to announce the location of similar Depositories in the