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## EDITORIAL

### Mothers' Day

It seems likely that Mothers' Day will be more widely observed this year than ever before. The War has made us all think more than ever about our mothers—God bless them ! It has helped to awake all Christendom to a sense of the influence of the mother in the training of her boys and girls. On another page of this issue of the *TEACHERS MONTHLY* will be found the announcement of our Mothers' Day Programme for this year. The date is May 11. We have striven to make the programme more attractive and helpful than any of its predecessors, and entirely worthy of the special interest in Mothers' Day which our nearly five years in the War has created.

### Making Use of the Materials

Our church has now, from its own Publishing House, a full series of Lesson Helps for teachers and scholars, both in the Uniform and the Graded Series.

It is up to Schools and homes to utilize these to the utmost. Dr. J. C. Robertson, our Church's General Secretary of Sunday Schools, says, for instance, that our Beginners and Primary Bible Stories in the Graded series "have solved the problem of bedtime stories," and he adds : "These leaflets form the best book of Bible stories in print. They are the very kind of help the homes are looking for. Their educational value in the formative years of a child's life is inestimable. The bedtime story is an immense factor in religious education. If the leaflets are preserved from week to week and bound in a paper cover, the stories for the five years covered by the Beginners and Primary Departments, they will make a wonderful book." Again, says Dr. Robertson, "the best on the market ;" and once more, he adds : "The biggest thing in our whole work to-day is the familiarizing of the little children with these Bible Stories."

The above is only a specimen of the utilizing of materials already provided. We may return to the subject again with further examples.

### The Right Lesson Help

It is not uncommon to see a boy or girl of twelve carrying home a *HOME STUDY QUARTERLY* from the Sunday School ; sometimes this Lesson Help is given even to younger children. And it is not to be wondered at if they find nothing in it for them, and so grow careless about