OUR S. S. BBLLE COMPETTITION.

## PRIZE WINNERS FOR THE SECOND

 QUARTER.
## Day school examinations seem to have

 somewhat crowded our Bible Competition, for the second quarter of the year, into 4 second place. The number of essays on the Internitional S. S. Lessins for the months of April, May and June is nothing like as lirge ns the number sent in on those of the first quarter. Never mind, we shaill oxpect great things in the next three months. This time, the boys tako the lead. THE FHST (SENTOL) PHZEhas been won by John C. Readey, Rosetta, Ont., and

## the first (JUNIOR) PIIZZ

by Joseph Brown, Colinville, Ont.
the second (runior) prize
goes to Mildred Louise Gould, Embro, Ont. We extend to these young students iur heartiest congratulations, and will expect to hear from them next quarter
' what! work in the holidays?
The Messenger editor hears a few hun. dreds ask. Certainly-this kind of work. It is just the kind you will find you have the most time for. The long, loyely Sunday afternoons in the country, or the quiet ones in the cool parlor or bilcony of your city home after Sunday-school, you will find are just meant for this. Get your Bible and your concordance and maps and note book nud pencil, and get out to your hammock on the veranda, or the rustic sent under that old maple, or on the knoll under that old gnarled npple tree; or settle yourself in that cool ome chair in the darkened parlor, and-whiy, you will find that supper time has come before you are half through the points you intended to master. You see elsewhere what the prizo wininers say of their prizes. W will be the prize winners next time?

FOUR HANDSOME PRIZES
Four handsome prizes will also be given for the four best essays on the portion of the Life of Chist taken. up in the International Sunday-school lessons for the months of July, August and September. The prizes are as follows:-For those over twelve and under twenty-one.
1 st Senion Prize.-A liandsome refer ence Bible with limp covers, concordanc and maps.
2nd Senror Prize.-A life of some noted missionary, illustrated.

JUNIOR PRIZES.
The First and Second Junior Prizes are just the same as those given to the older competitors; except that we give the little ones a Bible without a concordince as that adds much to both bulk and weight.
how to send essays
The essnys must not exceed 600 words and must be written on one side of the paper only. On the upper right hand corner of the first page write a nom-le plume or motto by which your essay may be distinguished. Enclose in sealed en-
velope your full name and post-office advelope your full name and postomfice ad dress with motto on outside and pin this in
with the sheets at thie upper left hand with the sheets at the upper left hand
comer. Do not roll or fold the essay in mailing. Essays will be accepted up to the 13 th of Octaber. Address all essays

Bible Competimion,
Northerm. Messenger,
John Dougate \& Son,
Montreal.
PITEASANT WORDS FROM PRIZE WINNERS.
How well our S. S. Bible Competition is being appreciated is seen in the following letters of acknowledgunent. Wo
thank the writers most heartilytand not only then, but many others whose kind to publish.

## MESSRS. J. Dovaall \& Son,

 Langstiff in the Northorn Messenger" Compotition. It was recoived in good conditionand lan
confdent that Master Miles will bo delighted
with his prize as wollasgratifed with hissuccoss In osily-writingo home for hits holidays, other
Ho 18 away from wiso ho would be plesed to farward his acknow ledgments.
Your itit our Sunday pachoon (the Mossonger, is taleen by appreciated by tacecherss and puphils.
Allow me to thnink you not only for the prize comnendable effort yoll arie malling to to encource the study of tho Bible among the young peop Ontario, July 2, 1891.
Joun Dougali \& Son
Montreal, Que.
Dearisins:-Pleasencceptimy heartiest thanks Scuior nrize in the Bible you have sent mo ns
North Messenger' Mible competition. X had long ago ceased to expect a the Bible necessnry in preparing the cssny had amply repaid me, so that when it came as suclin
pleasant surprise, I nlanost felt that it was more pleasant surprise
Wo have taken the 'Messenger' for years and
would not know how to do without it, Apain thanking you, I remain.

Yours truly
July 7. 1801
Another Sabbath-School worker in Ontario, in remitting for a supply of the Sabbath-School edition of the "Northern Messengei'" writes as follows:-'I am so glad thint we lave been enabled to take it again as I think it is the best paper we call take.'

## 'TAKES EVERY CENT!'

-Gond morning, Mrs. Roberts ; a penny for your thoughts, though by tho gravity of your countenamee I should judge then worth millions. I hope. I do not mintrude, and Mrs. Guay hes:tated on the threshold the maid, on the strength of her intimacy with her mistress, had sent her unan nounced.
'Oh, no, indeed; come right in. I.nm only too glad to hive someone in whom I may comfide. I can hardly ask advice, for yetI do ms but one course something for the spread of the gospel.'
Mis. Gity looked surprised. 'Why, my deir friend, do you not? I beg your pardon, but yon told me the other day that phe ohurch's demands were very heavy this
Mrs. Roberts flushed, looked amoyed but finally said: 'I believe after all I am in need of lidvice. Let me minke a full confession. The demands of the chureh are heary. I scarcely enjoy any of the service for fear scme new contribution be asked; but, uy denr, I am not responding to scnrcely any of those demands, nor do 1 see how I cim do so. You know Mr. Roberts' salary is small and our expenses heavy, try as hard as I may to be economical. For the sale of our children we must live in a respectable locality, where rents shd living are no sunall item, and we must go respectably clad, and it just takes every cent to do it: Oh, of course we pay our pew rent, and occasionally something more but I never hive anything for extra occasions, such as thank-offering, for instance It is that which is troubling me now.
'Could you not give some of Mr. Smith's money?' Mrs. Grity put the question quietly, withoutia touch of surcasm in her voice ; but the quick tears filled her friend's eyes, and she said in a hurt tone:
'I did not think you would mock me.'
'I would not do that for the world,? was the quick rejoinder; 'but, oh, my denr riend, you have quite as much right to spend Mr. Suith's money as you have to pend the Lord's.
If you mean that we ought to set aside tenth of our incouie for religious nnd charitable purposes, I cmo only say that it is quite impossible, and the Lord cloes not ask the impossible. No one would enjoy doing it more than $I$.'
'I know. Two years ago I said almost xactly those words to ouir pastor, who lind asked a conitribation toward the new chureh building, and I will reply to yout ns he did o me: :Nine-tenths with the Lord's bless ing will do more for you than ten-tenths thout His blessing. 1 am so sure, afte His years of trit not only His ansions in the God give to Ti people. Smiall sillaries as well as large people. must be tithed;'
'I do not know,' Mrs. Roberts said nus ingly.. I never thought of it that way ingly. I never thought of it that way
before. I know it would be a relief in
many ways to have a stated sum to draw upon for the Lords work, but suppose at
the end of the month I should find myself in arrears, do you think it would be right to give when my debts were unpaid?
Mrs. Gray suniled. "The devil has
reat many objections to systematic giving. for it always increases spirituality; and he will not censo to ply you with then until you have finally settled that you owe the Lord as truly as the butcher or grocer ind Irdo not believe, my doar, but that your management is too careful to allow your management is too
yourself to run in debt.
'You will excuse me, I know, if my ques tion seems rude, but will you tell. me just how you manage it!
"Certainly, My husband draws his salary montlily. He, himself, when he decided to give systematically, purchased a smal combination sife, such as your Willie keops his pennies in, and in the little dinwer marked 'Fór the Lord,' Upon drawing his saliry one-tenth is at once placed in the ittle sufe, subject to demand. We also have a little book in which these anounts re entered and, underneath, the virious objects to which they are given. Gener ally, the greater parit of the toith is alecady planned for, and it never lies long in the
'But do you never feel like borrowing when some unlooked-for emergency arise in the household? You see I am determined to know all aboutit.' Mrs. Roberts spoke apologetically.
'You may ask all the questions you wish, for I am sure you intend to try the blessed plan yourself,' said Mrs. Gray heirtily, No, indeed, I never feel like borrowing the Lord's money any more than I feellike borrowing from you. Youknow. I Jave an borrowing from yon. You kinow I have an
unconquerable aversion to debt, and be sides, through pliming to spend my tenth, I have beconie more accuininted with the needs of tle world, and they aro so many and so great I am much more incliined to borrow from the nine-tenths. It is so blossed to give. I an looking forvirud to our coming thank-offering with delight, and for one month I shall drop my othen 'causes' and give nearly all my tently to that great cause.
'I see you do not give grudgingly, but cheerfully. I am sure you are right in all that you havo said, aind if Mr. Roberts can be brought to see as I now do, there will be one more family henceforth pledged to systematic giving, Mrs. Roberts said de cisively

Then $I$ am sure there will. I do not believe thero are as may hard-hearted men as some would have us think. A man must ba an ogre, incleed, that would bind his wife's conscience in such a mattor. This question is, I believe, like many other grave ones in tlie hands of the sisters. Oh, that they might be roused to an appro ciation of their responsibility !'-North avesterm Christian Advocate.

## A LITTLE HAND.

## A. little hand-within my own

 I hold;More precious 'Lis than silver, gems, Or gold.
Oh, darling littlo hand, that clings To mine!
Oh, loving, trustful eyes that Softly shine!

## I feel my great unfitness

 For the tasl: ;More patience, Lord, moro gentleness I ask;
Moro love with which to teach it Lovo Divino:
Less faith. in my own strength, much moro In Thino
More courage, faith, anilhope to point The rond-
That narrow road and strait, which leads To God.

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