

**The First Hymn to Christ.**

CHRIST! of tender lambs the leader,  
Shelter of each nestling bird,  
Of our young the guide and pleader,  
Let our song to thee be heard;  
While sweet praises each voice raises  
To the everlasting word.

King of saints, the all-prevailing  
Message of the Father's grace,  
Lord of wisdom, grief-assailing,  
Saviour of our mortal race;  
Shepherd Jesus, guide and lead us  
To thy heavenly pasture-place.

Fisher in the sea of mortals,  
Whom thy grace alone can save,  
Luring us from sin's dark portals,  
Luring from the hostile wave:  
With thy life so sweet and tender,  
Save thy saints, O Christ, we crave.

Lead, O king, to life eternal,  
In the footsteps thou hast trod,  
In the heavenly way supernal,  
Strength of those who worship God;  
Fount of mercy, virtue's author,  
Lead us with thy staff and rod.

For thy lowly life of teaching,  
Find thou here thy blest reward,  
While the children, heavenward reaching,  
Sing the praises of their Lord;  
Children tender, their defender  
Praising in divine accord!

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**FOR THE YEAR 1887.**

**The Course of Home Reading for Young People.**

At the recent General Conference in Toronto the following Resolution was adopted:

Whereas it is desirable to cultivate a love of literature and learning among the young people of our Church; and

Whereas the success of the great Chautauqua movement, and especially of the C. L. S. C. Circle, has demonstrated the general demand for courses of home reading and study, and the practicability of thus reaching and influencing for good great masses of the youth of our country; and

Whereas there is very general demand for and need of a course of reading shorter and less expensive than that of the C. L. S. C., and one better adapted to the needs of the youth of Canada; and

Whereas there is good reason to believe that thousands of young people in connection with the various churches might be induced to undertake such a course of home study, if laid down under the auspices of their Church, who would not otherwise be benefited by any similar educational agency; therefore be it resolved:

That it is expedient for the General Conference to prepare a course to be known as "The Course of Home Reading for Young People."

A large and representative committee was appointed to carry out that purpose. That committee, after full deliberation, reports the following organization:

**CANADIAN HOME READING CIRCLE,**

Organized in accordance with a resolution of the General Conference of 1886.

The following is the committee appointed by the General Conference:

The Rev. B. F. Austin, B.D., chairman; Rev. Hugh Johnston, B.D., Rev. E. A. Stafford, M.A., Rev. Dr. Burns, and L. C. Peake, R. Brown, and J. B. Boustead, Esqs., and Rev. W. H. Withrow, D.D., secretary. To this committee Rev. Dr. Potts was added.

The following are advisory members of the said committee: Rev. Prof. Shaw, Rev. S. Card, Rev. Dr. Burwash, Rev. A. M. Phillips, M.A., and Geo. Bishop, Esq.

1. Name of organization: "Canadian Home Reading Circle."

2. Objects: To promote habits of home reading in approved courses of religious and secular literature.

3. Methods: It proposes to encourage individual study in lines and by text-books which shall be indicated, and by local circles for mutual help and encouragement in such studies.

4. The Course of Study shall consist of a series of compendious and inexpensive text-books, to be selected year by year by a committee appointed for that purpose by the General Conference.

5. Course for 1887: The following books are recommended by said committee for home reading during the year 1887:

- (a) Assembly Bible Outlines, J. H. Vincent, D.D., 12 cents.
- (b) Richardson's Temperance Lessons, 25 cents.
- (c) British and Canadian History, Adams & Robertson, 35 cents.
- (d) Christian Evidences, J. H. Vincent, D.D., 12 cents.
- (e) What is Education? By Prof. Phelps. 12 cents.  
And Socrates. By Prof. Phelps. 12 cents.

The complete list of text-books will be supplied for \$1.00 net.

NOTE.—These books can be procured at the prices marked from Rev. Wm. Briggs, Methodist Book and Publishing House, Toronto; C. W. Coates, 3 Bleury Street, Montreal; and Rev. S. F. Huestis, Methodist Book Room, Halifax, N.S.

Supplementary illustrative readings will appear in successive numbers of HOME AND SCHOOL.

The following is the recommended Order of Study for the year ending October 1st, 1887:

**FEBRUARY.**

British and Canadian History, and Assembly Bible Outlines.

**MARCH AND APRIL.**

History continued, and Richardson's Temperance Lessons.

**MAY AND JUNE.**

Education, by Herbert Spencer or Prof. Phelps, and Christian Evidences, by Dr. Vincent.

The committee recommend Professor Phelps' books for younger readers, and Herbert Spencer's for more advanced readers.

N.B.—The Secretary of each local Circle is requested to report to the General Secretary, Rev. Dr. Withrow, Toronto, the organization and membership of said Circle, in order that the said General Secretary may be able to communicate with the local Circles on all subjects in which their interests are concerned.

**Lesson Notes in "Home and School."**

At the meeting of the Niagara Conference, held in the town of Woodstock in June, 1886, the following resolution of the Conference Sunday-school Committee was adopted by the Conference:—

"That, as the publication of the Sabbath-school lessons in the children's papers is needless, and wasteful of space that attractively filled would make the papers more acceptable, we urge its discontinuance."

(See Minutes of Niagara Conference, page 65, section 2.)

This resolution was forwarded to the Sunday-school Board, with the assurance that it had been carefully considered before adoption. In deference to the judgment of the Conference, the Lesson Notes were omitted from the HOME AND SCHOOL and from the Sunbeam. They are continued in Pleasant Hours, Banner, Berean Leaf,



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and Berean Quarterly. This explanation is given for the satisfaction of friends who write complaining of the omission and asking why it was made. It is resolved, in deference to the views of many patrons, that the Lesson Notes shall be restored to the Sunbeam.

As concise notes on the lessons for every Sunday in the year are still given in Pleasant Hours, it is not deemed necessary to duplicate these lessons in HOME AND SCHOOL. It is thought that the space can be more profitably employed in giving some of the Home Readings referred to in the first editorial in this number.

FAR be it from us to wish or endeavour to intrude upon the proper religious or civil liberty of any of our people. But the retailing of spirituous liquors, and giving drams to customers when they call at the stores, and are productive of so many evils, that we judge it our indispensable duty to form a regulation against them. The cause of God, which we prefer to every other consideration under heaven, absolutely requires us to step forth with humble boldness in this respect.—Thomas Coke and Francis Asbury, the first Bishops of the M. E. Church in America, 1800.