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Books of the Old Testament.

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The great Jehovah speaks to us,
In Genesis and Exodus;
Leviticus and Numbers see,
Followed by Deuteronomy,
Joshua and Judges sway the land,
Ruth gleans her sheaf with trembling
hand,

Samuel and numerous Kings appear,
Whose Chronicles we wondering hear.
Ezra and Nehemiah now,
Esther the beauteous wonders show,
Job speaks in signs, David in Psalms;
The Proverbs speak to scatter alms.
Ecclesiastes then comes on
With the sweet Song of Solomon,
Isaiah and Jeremiah then,
With Lamentations take the pen.
Ezekiel, Daniel and Hosea,
Joel, Amos, and Obadiah,
Jonah, Micah and Nahum come,
And the lofty Habakkuk finds room.
Zephaniah, Haggai calls,
And Zechariah builds his wall,
While Malachi, with garments rent,
Concludes the ancient Testament.
Kerfoot, Man.

The Home Department.

We learn how to do things from the examples of others. The following letter from Mrs. Frances L. Proctor, the superintendent, shows how a successful Home Department at Canton was organized, and how it is carried on. Those who have been hesitating about beginning a Home Department, should go and do likewise :

Our Home Department was organized in the fall of 1894, beginning its real work January 1st, 1895. We first made a list of all members of our church not attending Sunday-school, and added to it the names of the parents of children in the main school. To them was sent, in advance of the visitors, circulars explaining the purpose of the work, and preparing the way for the coming of the visitors.

The Department began work with a membership of 126. During the first year, the officers and teachers of our Sunday-school tendered the members of the Home Department a reception, and later sent them tickets to a stereoptical entertainment, also invitations to the "Rally Day" exercises of the main school.

We had, at one time, quite a large number of members out of the city, to whom we mailed quarterly supplies.

Later, some of them were organized into a local Home Department under the care of a school near by. We have a dozen members in a little mining town, five miles distant, under the care of one of our own visitors. Our membership is now 197.

We consider the Home Department work one of the most important ever undertaken by our church and Sunday-school. We believe it offers wonderful opportunities for missionary work. Some of our visitors are doing most faithful work, doing it not only willingly, but with great joy. We find that those visitors who most enjoy the work are the ones who are most faithful in every particular. They lose very few members, and receive from them many evidences of appreciation of the work done in their behalf for the Master's sake.