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Growing boys are fond of feeling their muscles, and fond, too, of whatever will make their muscles big, and hard. The girls are not a whit behind in their own way, in any exercise that will make them rosy and strong. Now the HOME STUDY QUARTERLY is a great muscle developer. It is written for those who really want to know things and who are not afraid of a little work. A good honest use of its two pages on each lesson will make boys and girls sturdy students of the Bible. It is put in plain words, but there is a great deal of the sort of material that will make the scholars think hard; and thinking hard is the surest way of coming to love to think.

Be upon the look out for the Supplemental Course, which is to begin in the HOME STUDY QUARTERLY at the New Year. Everything that is in it now will remain. The Supplemental Course will be just so much more; and, we venture to predict, so much more that is interesting.

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THE MOST VALUABLE CROP

By Rev. W. B. Findlay

Every year this country raises millions of bushels of wheat, millions of bushels of oats and barley, thousands of barrels of apples, thousands of bags of potatoes, whole train-loads of fat cattle. Great fields of flax are gathered in. Grapes are sold by the car-load, and peaches reach the market in hundred basket lots.

Canada's most valuable crop, however, is not in this list. It is just you boys and girls who are growing up in Canadian homes.

Every crop has its foes. Unless the farmer is on the watch, weeds will spring up and shut out from the growing grain the needed sun and wind and air, preventing it from growing stout and strong and yielding an abundant harvest.

Weeds there are in plenty that, unless you take care, will spoil your lives. Who has not seen the good seed of kindness, love, gentleness, unselfishness, clean speech, truthfulness choked by foul weeds carelessly allowed to take root and grow up in the heart?

There are no larger, uglier weeds in our country than untruthfulness, swearing, deceit and selfishness. The seeds of these evil things will surely slip into the heart by the smallest crack that is left unwatched, and if they become firmly rooted, they can only be pulled out at the cost of time and pain.

School life, and home life, and church life are the ground in which you boys and girls do most of your growing. See to it that you get the most and the best out of this soil for your growth into true, men and women.

It is not enough for you to have clothes on your back and food on your table, to be warm in winter and free in summer. Unless you are all the time making yourselves ready to do some good, useful work in the world, the harvest of your lives will be a failure.

An expert can walk over a wheat field, put a price on the field, and offer the farmer so much for it. A man of experience can go through the country, buying up cattle and sheep, and know their value to a dollar. But no man or woman can go through the