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My Chance

"One little space of time have I
With undisputed right to try
The ways of life—to reach the goal
That gleams, a fragment of the whole—
To-day."

The Vacation Card

Many of the readers of the HOME STUDY QUARTERLY, when this number reaches them, will be away for the holidays, or will be preparing to go. Some will be holidaying where they can attend a Sunday School; for others this will not be possible. But all can and should keep up their lesson study week by week. A very simple way of keeping a record of the work thus done is by the use of a Vacation Card (to be procured from PRESBYTERIAN PUBLICATIONS, TORONTO). This can be filled in at the Sunday School attended, or by parents, or by friends with whom the scholar may be staying. The record thus kept should be handed, on returning home, to the Secretary of the home School.

Two Pictures

There is no book like the Bible for wonderful pictures. The great prophet Isaiah places two such pictures, very different from each other, side by side. In the one, we see a great lion which has taken a sheep from the flock. He is surrounded by a group of shepherds, shouting at the top of their voices, endeavoring to frighten the mighty beast to give up his prey. But the lion is daunted not a whit by the loud outcries. Calmly he guards his victim, and utterly disregards all efforts to deprive him of it.

The second is a picture of a mother bird hovering over the nest in which the birdlings lie. How watchful she is, lest from any quarter, any harm should come to the little ones! How tender she is, keeping warm the tiny bodies and filling constantly the hungry mouths!

Now, turning up the verses which give these two contrasted pictures (Isa. 31 : 4, 5), it is found that each represents God protecting His own city, Jerusalem. Strong as the lion, no foe can take His people out of His hand. Watchful and tender as the mother bird, His loving care provides for all their needs.

The God of whom the prophet spoke never changes. He is the same to-day as in centuries long passed away. We have only to trust Him, and He will be like a lion between us and all that can really harm us, like a mother bird to shelter us and supply our wants.

What the Girls Did

By Mildred Barber

Early in the year 1912, the people of the Orillia Presbyterian Church planned the erection of a new Sabbath School building which, for various reasons, was not started till August, 1912. The Sabbath School pledged itself to raise four hundred dollars annually in aid of the new building.

As this amount was to be raised by special means, such as entertainments of different kinds, the classes set to work to plan the character of entertainment each should give to raise their share of the pledged amount.

In November, two classes, consisting in all of twenty girls, of ages varying from