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red It is only once in a very long time that there are *fourteen* Sabbaths in a Quarter. When this happens, as it does this Quarter, the Lesson material encroaches on these first pages of reading matter. The Quarterly is, however, primarily for help in studying the Lessons; so no one will complain, especially as the period to be studied is one of the most interesting in all Bible history. It has its dark side—and oh, how dark!—a people, God's people, in captivity for their sins. But the bright side is that some of them are restored again to their own land and to the Holy City; and brighter still—on the distant horizon is seen the dawn of that gladdest of glad days, when the Son of God was to come down to earth to lead captivity captive and purchase the gift of eternal life to all men.

Going In For Things

red A person's character may be read by what he "goes in for." The things he goes in for are either the things he likes, or the things he thinks ought to be done—that is, unless his conscience has slipped its gear, and is running wild. On the other hand what one goes in for shapes one's character; just as the wood polisher's hand is soft and velvet, the fingers of the jeweler become very delicate, the blacksmith's arm grows strong.

3 What are you going in for this season? Lots of good, clean, honest fun, let it be hoped; for fun is as necessary to young life as fresh air and wholesome food. But not fun alone; earnest, steady work, too. What shall it be? Your tasks in school or shop, or on the farm, of course. But side by side with these, and sweetening and heartening

them, some earnest work for your Heavenly Lord. What sort of work one may take up, no one can decide better than oneself; and an honest half-hour spent in considering the problem will likely suffice at least to start one on something practical, and a good start is half way to a finish.

What About Missions?

red Every Sabbath this year the HOME STUDY QUARTERLY will have had its Question on Missions—the first Quarter, the beginnings of mission work, from the Saviour's time onward; the second Quarter, our own Home Mission work in outline; the third Quarter, our work in the far off New Hebrides; this Quarter it is India.

Some scholars have been learning the answers by heart and can repeat them all. In other schools the teacher or superintendent or minister has taken pains—and sometimes all three—to give further missionary information. In either case a good knowledge has been attained of how mission work is done in various fields.

What next? It is to be hoped that in every school there has been *giving* Sabbath by Sabbath for missions. It is not yet too late to begin. There are three months still. It is impossible not to want to give, when the work is known. May the great Missionary Committees not look for a substantial gift this year from *your* school?

What Phil Learned About Music

red "Isn't it a grind, Phil?" asked one member of a college glee club of another. "I don't see how you can give up your Sunday afternoons to that mission."