

Circular for Bible Classes, Y.M.C.A.'s, etc.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION

International Bible Reading Association

NO sea captain would think of navigating his ship across the ocean without possessing good charts, enabling him to take advantage of favourable currents and prevailing winds, as well as to avoid rocks and dangerous shoals, and to steer his vessel in the direct course to its destined port. So, in the voyage of life, it is of the utmost importance that you should have a close acquaintance with the Bible, which is the only real and safe guide across the ocean of time to the haven of eternity. The hurry-scurry of business, and even pleasure too, has a strong tendency to thrust out of sight this precious Book, which alone is able to make us wise unto salvation. Many of you, no doubt, often feel that it has not that attention which it deserves; not that you are unwilling to consult it more frequently, but because so many things come in the way, and you are vexed to find that the silent counsellor has remained for the time overlooked and neglected.

Sometimes, perhaps, you have resolved to read a portion every day, and you have commenced at Genesis, intending to go straight through; but the difficulty of keeping the continuity from day to day, and the lack of something to fix the subject in your memory, has led to its becoming a more mechanical duty, which has not seemed to bring any blessing with it, and left but little remembrance of the subjects read.

Now if you could have some plan laid down for you of short portions, which would vary narrative with the more spiritual parts of the Bible, and also give you a peg, so to speak, on which to hang each day's readings, it would be a great help to you.