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To all its readers THE HOME STUDY QUARTERLY offers New Year's greetings. May it be a year of diligent service for Christ. THE HOME STUDY QUARTERLY has now fulfilled its promise of a larger page, and an illustrative cut for each lesson. It has also adopted a new color for the cover, which we hope will be popular with its readers. It will interest them to know that all the paper for our publications is especially manufactured to our order and is used in no other periodicals. Our motto is the practical one, to give, both in paper and reading matter, the best and the most we can.

WHAT SISTERS CAN DO

Happy is the growing boy who has sisters, older ones to mother him, and younger ones whom he may watch over and protect. The boy is generally his sister's sharpest critic. He may be rough and angular himself, but he does not want to have his sisters so. And there is good fortune in sisters having "candid" brothers. They hear some plain truths from them, which it is good for them to know, but which even fathers and mothers do not care to speak out so bluntly.

This same boy loves his sister passionately, even although he does tease her, and, wise indeed is he if he makes her a chief friend and companion.

Professor Jordan, of Queen's, has this to say of the ministry of sisterly affection: "It is blessed and useful. God has placed us in families for mutual helpfulness; the preparation within the home is related to the future work in the great world. A sister

may be a sister of mercy to her own brother, ministering to his need and helping more than she thinks the progress of the world. At a certain stage, quiet sisterly love will be more effectual than forces that are more showy and noisy in their character."

THE MESSENGER SERVICE

Home Department superintendents and visitors realize that the key to success in their work lies in personal contact with the members, and in making them feel that the church and school desire close fellowship with them. The larger proportion of the visitors call only four times a year; some call once a month. Even that does not satisfy some of the hungry Bible school "Shut-ins" and "Shut-outs," who need to be brought into more frequent touch with the regular school. That is made possible by means of the Messenger Service which is done by boys between ten and sixteen years of age, who volunteer to carry to the Home Department members, every Sunday afternoon, anything the church or school desires to send. Their regular weekly supply consists of the church calendar or announcements, Sunday-school paper, and library books, and sometimes denominational literature. The various members of the congregation who subscribe for such are asked to give them to the Home Department, after they read them, and we find this of great benefit. The weekly calls of the Messengers enable the superintendent to learn of cases of illness, etc., and often delicacies for the sick are brought by some "dear Marthas"