

The Home Study Quarterly

Rev. E. Douglas Fraser, M.A., Editor
Rev. J. M. Duncan, B.D., Associate Editor

Vol. XII.

January, February, March, 1906

No. 1

Ed.

Have you noticed the Scholar's Register on page 32? Be sure to look it up; and use it. It will give additional relish to the lessons and to your church attendance. The little note at the top shows how neatly the Register serves for members of the Home Department.

This Year

By Rev. E. Douglas Fraser, M.A.

It may be the best year in the Sabbath School you have ever had. It will be, if you but say so.

The Lessons are the choicest the Bible contains: you will come to them as one coming back to familiar scenes and old friends. The Words and Works of Jesus—that is the story; and the story-tellers are Matthew, Mark and Luke, the three Gospel writers who give the greatest variety of incident and are the most easily understood.

The Words of Jesus: even the officers sent to arrest Him declared, "Never man spake like this Man," and no hand would they lay upon Him. They are the words of a King, of a Teacher of surpassing wisdom, of a Friend who loves with His whole heart's love, of a Hero, whose equal the world has never known.

And the Works of Jesus: what a life He lived, a life so like our own, and yet always without blunder or fall. And what power He displayed: earth's mightiest seemed but silly infants beside Him; sickness, disease, death, demons—He conquered them all.

Truly there never was, and never can be, another like Him, and no story is so worth knowing in its last and least details as the story of what He said and did in His thirty

and three years among men. The Sabbaths will slip swiftly, all too swiftly by, as once again we trace the footsteps of that wondrous Son of man and Son of God.

Your *Class* will give you this year the best opportunity it ever gave you; because you are capable of taking in more than ever before. Every year adds to your stature; and to your grip as well. You see more, and understand better what you see. Even if your teacher should stand still—and your teacher will not, especially if you are eager to go on—you have the ability, and the will, too, I doubt not, to get a deeper insight than ever into what your Lessons really teach, and to go with surer step in the holy way which they point out as *His* way. One little item of the year's work, you will not overlook—the drill on the Bible and its Books which the Supplemental Lessons provide. There is the chance to learn, not merely the names and order of the books, but the key-word to each book and each group—a workmanlike knowledge, in short, of the tools you will handle in further Bible study.

Your *Work* is laid out for you, too, if you are loyal to your School, and your heavenly Master. The best single thing, perhaps, that anyone can do for his school, is to be always there, and always in time. The "old reliables" are a fine sort; and a loyal scholar will work for his school, as he works for his team. Work for your school is work for your Master. But the world is wide, and every follower of that heavenly Lord is bound to help Him in conquering it all. Each Sabbath, in the Question on Missions, you get a bulletin as to how the battle is going on. You will be one of the many who will stand to those who have gone forward to the front. It is no