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Look for the specially attractive map of Jerusalem and its environs in the first number of THE HOME STUDY QUARTERLY for 1901.

The list of subscribers to THE HOME STUDY QUARTERLY and HOME STUDY LEAFLETS has grown largely through the year.

We are looking for and planning for even a larger circulation next year, and we shall add to the value without adding to the price.

A "Lesson Plan" that makes a grip of the passage as a whole easy, "Explanation" that really explains, "Questions" (and these are prepared by a teacher of exceptionally great success) that will open up the way into every corner of the lesson, "Practical Points," with pith in them, the spaces "For Written Answers"—these are some of the valuable features which will be retained.

Other features will be added. In fact the endeavor is to pack into the two pages given to each lesson everything that an intelligent scholar needs in the way of assistance.

The Shorter Catechism Diploma

It is not yet too late to win the diploma for the recitation of the Shorter Catechism this year.

There are only one hundred and seven questions, and there are three months, not much more than a question a day.

Even if never learned before, it is only enough to whet the appetite of a keen boy or girl to commit all the questions to memory in the time. But most of our boys and girls have already gone over them and know them more or less perfectly. Why not buckle to and master them so as to be able to say them all at one continuous sitting?

This, if certified by minister or superintendent, brings the diploma.

The little book is worth learning for the grip it gives one of a good, strong English style. They were masters of style who compiled it. Besides, it is a marvellous storehouse of Scripture doctrine and rules of life. One who learns the Shorter Catechism and walks as it directs, will not get far astray, so close is it to Bible teaching.

And the diploma! is pretty; and it is something that one will never be ashamed of, since it testifies to honest labor well bestowed. Who will have it?

The Memorizing of Scripture

A more important resolution the General Assembly could scarcely have passed than the resolution to offer a diploma for the memorizing of Scripture, which custom has unfortunately, of late years, fallen into some disuse in our Sabbath Schools and families.

The Word of God stored in mind and heart is like the sap in a tree. It vitalizes. An insufficient supply of sap means that the tree is starved and therefor that it will wilt. An abundant flow of sap results in vigorous growth. The Word is verily a living word, and the Christian who neglects it falls short of his proper development.

To have the memory well-stored when young is like the gathering of the mountain springs into a great reservoir, from which there will be a continuous outflow. Little risk of spiritual barrenness where, from such a reservoir, there is, day by day and hour by hour, the flowing forth of the living stream of truth into heart and conscience and will.

The diploma will be offered, immediately after the New Year, to any scholar who will repeat to the satisfaction of his minister or