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FOR our new plan of Memory Verses for Sabbath Schools see the next issue, January-March, 1900, of the HOME STUDY QUARTERLY.

"FIRST, YOUR OWN SELVES TO THE LORD!"—This is what Dr. Campbell, the Moderator of the General Assembly, and Agent of the New-Century Fund, asks all the children to give. What a gift it would be! What joy in heaven it would bring!

And then, "pray for, and talk about, and deny yourselves on behalf of the great effort" by which our Church is showing how grateful she is to God for past favors and how anxious she is to help forward His kingdom.

Dr. Campbell's letter to the scholars, which our fourteen lessons crowd out of this issue, will be found in full in the *Children's Record*. Every scholar should read it and begin to prepare for next Children's Day.

OUR NEW ILLUSTRATED PAPERS are on the way. Samples will soon be ready. They will begin with the new year. They are as follows:

JEWELS—for the little ones.

THE CHILDREN'S RECORD—for the older scholars.

Each paper will appear once a week, and will be handsomely illustrated. The *Children's Record* is an old friend, and very highly prized. The price now will be a little more, but it will be larger, and will come weekly instead of monthly, and will have plenty of pictures. We hope to hold all of the old friends of the *Children's Record* and to make many new ones for it.

These are our own papers, and we look with confidence to see them soon in all our Sabbath schools. We shall try to make them as good as the best and a little better. These five things will go into every number, as the

wool into the warp: God's love to us; our love to God, and to all God's creatures; our Church; our homes; and our country.

Fairer country the sun does not shine on than ours. We shall not decay any nation, but our own is dearest of all. It is long past a century since the ancestors of the writer (on both sides of the house) came from across the sea to this new land. He comes, therefore, by his love for Canada through a succession of generations of native Canadians. If that love and enthusiasm glow very strongly at times in the *Children's papers*, the readers will understand one reason why.

The Home Department is forging rapidly ahead. From West and East and centre alike come reports of new classes organized and effective work done.

The form of organization varies. In some cases there is an elaborate system of visitors and registers and reports. Others are content with following the lesson and sending in their weekly offering.

We shall expect to see still further enlargement of this good work during the coming year. There is nothing in the duties required of members of the Home Department that every Bible reader should not be glad to undertake. They are these:

(a) To study the Sabbath School lessons at least half an hour each week, as individuals, or in family or neighbourhood classes.

(b) To keep an accurate account of the study of each week, and to report such study to the Visitor of the Home Department.

(c) To make a weekly offering.

THE HOME STUDY QUARTERLY has received the highest commendation everywhere. Some additions to the Schedule on the last page will be made next year with a view to its greater serviceableness to the Home Department.