

equally persistent expression of the almost universal consensus on the other side.

Let the evidences of Christianity be pressed home anew. The past generation of Christians has heard almost nothing of them. The arguments for the divine origin and character of our blessed religion are irresistible. Let them be urged, from history and archeology, from prophecy and from miracle—from all sources.

Let the Bible itself be opened in its length and breadth in order that it may speak for itself. It has been with this in view that we have been conducting in *THE HOMILETIC REVIEW* the School of Bible Study, since January, 1896. Let the suggestions be taken advantage of in pulpit and Bible class and Sunday-school, until the Bible stands out everywhere as God's one complete revelation of the Divine Religion of Salvation.

Let conscience at the same time be roused and the sinner saved by the most powerful presentation of the Word as Law and Gospel, as the ways of death and deliverance. Let this be done everywhere, and we doubt not that God will speedily vindicate the truth of His Word and raise the Church to a new and higher life and efficiency.

Who will enter upon a decisive campaign for the Bible now?

Is it not the one thing that needs supremely to be done?

If we open the campaign on this issue, all along the line, the opening of the Twentieth Century will witness great progress in Christ's Kingdom.

The Prizes for "Hints."

The publication of the "Hints at the Meaning of Texts," for the Prizes offered in 1895 will probably close with the May or June number of *THE REVIEW*. The offer was made and the conditions of competition and the methods of award stated in November, 1895 (vol. xxx., p. 476). It is expected that this statement will be reprinted in *THE REVIEW*

for convenience of reference, with a blank attached to be filled out by those entitled to vote on the award of the Prizes. The Prizes are valuable, and much interest is anticipated.

The Sabbath Question.

THE opening week of April has been set apart as "The World's Week of Prayer for the Sabbath." An increased interest in the Lord's Day should result from this world-wide attention to the subject. *THE HOMILETIC REVIEW* will begin a Symposium on "The Sabbath Question"—probably in the May number—in which specialists who have devoted their lives largely to the subject will present it from the various essential points of view.

The Cigarette Habit among Children.

SOME of the daily papers of March 8, 1897, contained astounding revelations concerning the use of cigarettes by children. They were brought to light by the investigations of Mrs. Helen L. Bullock, of Elmira, N. Y., the National Organizer of the W. C. T. U. She secured the facts by questioning small boys in Sunday-schools or in audiences where many small boys were present. She asked the following questions and received the following answers:

"How many cigarettes do you buy for a penny in this city?"

"Two."

"How many matches do they give you with the two cigarettes?"

"Two, three, or five."

"Why do they give you the matches?"

"Because they do not want our mothers to know we have the cigarettes."

She is reported as saying that in one Sunday-school the superintendent told her that he had met a number of small boys on his way to the Sunday-school who were smoking cigarettes, but could not find a policeman anywhere to look after the enforcement of our anti-cigarette law. She states that investigation shows that children of good parents who are given pennies and sent to Sun-