

NOTE---When the number of verses in a lesson exceeds a dozen, only those verses marked by the International Lesson Committee are printed. The whole passage is, however, treated as a lesson.

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Two Views of Life.

I.

A FEW more sighs, a few more griefs and fears,
A few more struggles in this vale of tears,
A few more troubles in the careworn years,
And then THE NIGHT!

II.

A few more joys, a few more songs of praise,
A few more thankful, trustful, happy days,
A little while of walking in His ways,
And then THE LIGHT!

—The Quiver.

Amongst other valuable material already in hand on the lessons in Genesis and Exodus which are to occupy us for the next two quarters, are four articles, strong, sweet, and wholesome, by Professor J. E. McFadyen, of Knox College, Toronto. The first of these, on The Structure of Genesis, will appear in THE TEACHERS MONTHLY for July.

It will be more than worth the while of teachers and scholars to allow no break in their Bible studies by reason of the summer holidays. THE TEACHERS MONTHLY or a QUARTERLY is easily carried. Sunday in camp or at the seaside will be a better, happier Sunday—a restful Sabbath indeed—for the hour spent over the lesson; and it will be a serious loss all through the Old Testament series, if the first few lessons—those that treat of beginnings—are passed by.

The past year, as the report to be presented to the General Assembly this month will show, has been one of progress for our Sabbath School publications—larger circulations, fuller acceptance, and, we trust, also higher

merit. The publications are growing stronger financially. There is a substantial surplus. And the fixed policy of the Committee in charge is that *the profits of the business shall go into the publications themselves*. Our Sabbath Schools are to have the benefit. We shall take our readers into our full confidence as to the details, by-and-by. Just now, the general announcement will be welcomed that enlargements are contemplated in some and improvements in all our Lesson Helps and papers. We shall lay ourselves out to give better value in 1902 than ever before.

Lessons From the Fighting Line

By Rev. Clarence MacKinnon, B.D.

"The very first of all the lessons of the war," says Conan Doyle in his recent book, "is that there must be no more leaving of the army entirely to the professional soldier and to the official, but that the general public must recognise that the defence of the Empire is not the business of a special warrior caste but of every able-bodied citizen. It is an enervating thing for a nation when it comes to be accepted that its protection depends upon a small special class."

This should be one of the first of all lessons for the Christian Church also. It is an enervating thing for it when its responsibility devolves upon only a small special class. "It is high time," says one shrewdly, "that we gave up trying to save the world with a handful of clergymen." Too often the minister or the Sabbath School Superintendent is like one hauling a coach up a hill, who finds that the farther he goes, the heavier does the coach become, until at length in despair he lays down the shafts, to discover that those