

## TO THE SENIOR SCHOLARS.

A pleasant place in life you have reached. The light-heartedness of lingering childhood makes bright your days. You have the special loves and joys of your time of life. Besides all these there is more of looking forward than there used to be, and that future is bright with youth's hope. You are in the place where life's waters of gladness meet. It is a joy to live.

But while, as Seniors, you have reached a very pleasant place, it is a very important one. A young colt runs free and would like to continue so, but as he gets to be a Senior he must be trained to work, or he will be of no use in life; and the older he gets, without training, the harder it is to teach him.

So with the Senior scholars. You have reached a time when life's work, in some shape, claims you, and the earlier you take up the grand idea of making the world better by your living in it, the more easy will be the work, the longer will you have to enjoy such a life, and to see the fruit of it in other lives made happier and better.

The place of Seniors is very important because it decides in great measure whether the whole life will be on the right road or the wrong one. You have reached the age when many of you begin to think and act for yourselves. When you were "Primaries" and "Intermediates" your parents thought for you, guided you, as to where you should go and what you should do. You should still follow their advice, but in many things you must choose for yourselves; and what makes the Senior place so important is that as you choose at first you are likely to continue choosing.

It is like coming to a forks in the road. If you take the left you are likely to travel in that way. Sometimes people find that they have chosen the wrong road in life and get back to the right road, though it means much lost time; but the larger number keep on in the way of their first choice, even when that choice is not the best.

Many choose the right road at the first, and these always find it so good and pleasant that very few ever leave it.

It is important that Seniors have a good pattern to copy. The Lessons of this Quarter are especially for that purpose. They set before you the best pattern the world ever saw.

And just here your QUARTERLY would like to ask a favor. Please do not take it to Sabbath School. That is the place for a Senior but not for a Senior Quarterly. Let it help you at home, and then take your Bible to school.

Further, in using it at home, please use your Bible also, and turn up all the places in the Bible of which it tells. In this way it will be a true "lesson help," a real "help" in studying the life of Christ. Your QUARTERLY

wishes to lead you to the Bible, that your Bible may set before you the Christ.

That, as you study that beautiful life, and look at that beautiful character, week after week, and then think of the great act of love to us, in which that life was given up as a willing atonement for our sins, dying that we might live, the Holy Spirit may make you grow more like to your Perfect Pattern, is the New Year's wish of your friend,

E. SCOTT.

## TO THE TEACHERS.

Perhaps you would prefer, as some do, the helps without the Scripture Lesson, so that the children may learn to use their Bibles more.

But two complete series of Helps, one with the Scripture Lesson and one without it, involves more work and expense, both in management and in the printing office, than does one. Our own Church Lesson Helps are not yet self supporting, and it is necessary to economize in all ways that will not injure their usefulness.

Can you not do this. Try and train the scholars to leave their Lesson Helps at home and to take their Bibles to school, and in this way reach the end desired.

There are other considerations. Sometimes a Lesson Help may be picked up when a Bible is not at hand, and some Scripture be read that otherwise would not be. Further, sad to say, in some homes Bibles are not so plentiful as they should be, and the Scripture Lesson, if in the Helps, may be read by young or old, where otherwise it would not be. A verse from the Scripture Lesson printed in the Helps may thus prove a word of Life to some one who meets it there and who otherwise would perhaps never meet it.

In view of all these considerations, kindly bear for a time, with the effort to make our Lesson Helps self supporting.

For reasons of simplicity and consequent economy, the different forms of Leaflets have been merged into one, and we would ask those who prefer them in folded monthly form to kindly bear with those cut into weekly issues, as the larger number wish them that way.

The more we see and know of any person or character that is truly good or beautiful, the more we admire it, the better we love it, the more we grow like it. What an uplift there must be to the world in the multitudes of teachers and scholars looking at Christ, His character, and work, during the months of this Quarter. Let it be the aim to "see no man save Jesus only."