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A new feature in the PRIMARY QUARTERLY, which will be very greatly appreciated by the little people, is the pictures for coloring, given in some of the Lessons. "Something to Draw" has been popular; but now the water color brush or the crayon will come in, as well as the pencil.

"But, where shall I get the colors?" That is a question which we have made ready to answer. We have arranged to supply seven fine crayons—seven different colors,—in a neat little box, sent postpaid to any address for 10c.; or a dozen boxes for \$1.00.

At the Beginning

By Rev. R. Douglas Fraser, D.D.

The beginning of a year; little beginners in Bible knowledge; the beginning of the Bible. Every mother that has little ones who snuggle into her lap to have their "lesson" taught them, will feel peculiar delight in this happy conjunction of beginnings, and will seek to make the very best of the fifty-two Sundays, to teach those eager little learners all she can of the ways of God with men in those far-off days of which the Bible tells.

Let this one word of counsel be offered: Do not think it necessary to explain everything. The door into the heart of the great heavenly Father is easy to babes. Teach the children the story of what God said and did; it may safely be left to make its own way.

That story, for the present Quarter, is varied and fascinating.

It begins when there was no one, nor nothing, but God; and tells how, by the word of His almighty power, He made all things of

nothing, and how He fitted up this beautiful world for man's dwelling-place, and put it in his care; for He had created man in His own likeness, sinless as He Himself was.

It was a beautiful garden, called Eden, where Adam and Eve, the first man and the first woman, were placed; and they were happy in it all the day long,—all the time happy, because they were always good: they had never sinned. The children will listen with sad hearts—but it is best that they should know—how sin came into the garden, and how Adam and Eve were driven out, ashamed and afraid. You will not forget to tell them of the wonderful promise which God made, to cheer their hearts, of One who would conquer sin.

How much Adam and Eve needed to be cheered and upheld, the children will soon learn, when they hear the awful story of Cain and Abel, which comes next; and how that same loving God upheld Noah and his family, when, because of the wickedness of the world, God destroyed all but them with a flood of waters.

Abram comes next, and a thrilling series of "camping stories;" for he and his children after him, for many a generation, lived in tents. How God called him to leave home and friends, and go into a strange land, which He would show him; how he went, traveling from place to place, just as God told him; the good things God promised him, and through him, to all the world—best of all, the blessed Saviour; how generous he was to Lot, his nephew, and how foolish was Lot's choice, and how earnestly Abraham pleaded with the Lord to save the wicked city into which Lot had gone: all this will be eagerly listened to, and the stories of Isaac, the peace-