

"You shall not have the children."
Said a third with a shout and yell;
You're Antichrist and bigot—
You'd train them up for hell!"

And England, sorely puzzled,
To see such battle strong,
Exclaimed with voice of pity,
"Oh, friends, you do me wrong!
Oh, cease your bitter wrangling;
For, till you all agree,
I fear the little children
Will plague both you and me."

But all refused to listen;
Quoth they—"We bide our time."
And the bidders seized the children—
Beggary, Filth and Crime;
And the prison teemed with victims,
And the gallows rocked on high;
And the thick abomination,
Spread reeking to the sky!

How to Study the Bible.

The Rev. Joseph S. Cook, of Walkerville, Ont., writes us as follows: "I have, of late, for my own convenience in studying the Bible (which is a daily delight), used two methods. I use two Bibles, one for the symbols, the other for the colours. For instance, I have about 200 symbols indicating as many subjects: G. stands for Giving; So. stands for Sociology; Wd. stands for Word of God; O.A. stands for One another (or brotherhood); Tmp. stands for Temperance, and so on.

These subjects I can trace with ease right through the Old and New Testaments. I find it to be of the greatest service to use this method for the various subjects that are taught. As an example, by reading right on I find 675 passages bearing on sociology, exclusive of Proverbs. This without the aid of concordance or references, neither of which can say much on sociology.

The other method is by colour. It is especially interesting in the study of the historic portions. In the New Testament I use for description, blue; personality, light brown; Saviour, red; fulfilled prophecy, purple; a saying of Jesus, green; divine interposition, yellow. In the Old Testament portion purple is for Promise, and the Divine Interposition is in another form.

Personally, I can remember what I read as quickly again by this system.

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Home Department.

From every direction comes news of the growth of the Home Department. Among others, our Canadian friends are appreciating its utility and availing themselves of its advantages. Mr. Alfred Day, General Secretary of the Sabbath-school Association of Ontario, thus writes:

"The Home Department steadily grows apace with us, and I think I may say is never left out of any convention or other Sunday-school gathering in our province. Some schools number 250 students in this department, while the average is forty, pretty well scattered, moreover, throughout the province.

"One incident, which came under my observation in a county convention, will be of interest. A small village school of forty had a Home Department of thirty. One of these classes was started by a little child, who secured her Godless father's pledge. He would not read, but was willing to hear the little one read the