

ed, and arrangements are made for the sending of flowers or some other gift to such homes.

Another most helpful feature is the social gathering for workers and members held every three months. These gatherings are eagerly looked forward to. Sometimes a union social of Home Department and Cradle Roll mothers is held; and in the summer a Home Department picnic takes place.

The work has been a blessing, not only to the homes identified with the movement, but to the congregation as a whole. New families are continually being brought into church relationships with us, the beginning of their interest dating from the introduction to their homes of the HOME STUDY QUARTERLY and the visits of the ladies in charge.

As a city pastor, I can certainly recommend the work to my brethren as a work which is not only feasible in city parishes, but fraught with possibilities not to be found in smaller places.

Hamilton, Ont.

How We Began

By Mrs. Jennie Archdekin

When we decided to organize a Home Department in connection with our Sabbath School, we appointed a superintendent and a secretary. After considerable information about the work had been gained by the superintendent, our pastor was asked to explain the work to the congregation, which was done the following Sabbath.

Our congregation, consisting of two hundred and forty families (seventy of these in the country), was divided into sixteen districts, and a visitor was appointed for each district. Instead of calling a meeting of the visitors, the Home Department superintendent called upon each visitor, and explained the work, and at the same time asked him to set a time when it would be convenient for him to canvass his district, assuring him that he would not be asked to go alone, but that the superintendent would accompany him.

In this manner our congregation was canvassed, with the result that 347 names were enrolled in our Home Department, and, also 35 names added to our Cradle Roll.

Brampton, Ont.

The Essentials of Good Teaching

By Professor O. J. Stevenson, D.Pæd.

VIII. THE LESSON PLAN

(b) Presentation and Summary

We have seen that the really essential thing in the presentation of a new lesson is, the teacher's ability to translate the lesson story into the language of every day experience, and thus to give vitality to the bare outline of scripture narrative. Let us illustrate this point by reference to the Lesson for October 4th, the story of how David brought the Ark to Jerusalem, 2 Sam., ch. 6. In itself the Lesson is, in the main, a rather dry chronicle of uninteresting facts; but when we read behind the lines we see that it is in reality the story of a great national crisis,—a crisis, indeed, such as we ourselves are going through as a nation at the present day. Surely in the case of David the beginning of his reign as king over all Israel presents in itself an interesting scene. After all the long years of civil warfare, how will he hold his people together? What an inspiring thing to find that almost the first great event of absorbing interest in his reign is the restoration of the worship of Jehovah to its rightful place in the life of the nation as of old! And what more splendid national and religious pageant than the great procession which sets out to bring the ark of the Lord to Jerusalem!

To the ends of all Israel the word has gone forth, and the heads of the people, "the chosen men of Israel", have assembled, thirty thousand strong. A new cart has been provided for the ark. Ahio, the son of Abinadab, goes before, while Uzzah drives the oxen. And so the great procession moves forward to Jerusalem. "And David and all Israel played before God with all their might, and with singing and with harps, and with psalteries, and with timbrels, and with cymbals, and with trumpets."

But, after all, Israel needs a lesson. They are restoring the ark only in outward form: for in twenty long years of civil warfare they have forgotten its meaning, and instead of being an abiding presence, Jehovah is only a name. A little incident, trivial in itself, happens by the way, which shows how far the nation has wandered from the true wor-