

and to a place at his own Table. The language is simple, even in dealing with the deepest things, and the little book is interesting; a child will read it, which is more than can be said of most books of instruction written for children. As never before, the young child is "in the midst" of the church. It is felt that he should be expected to come, and expect to come, very early to the Lord's Table. Mr. Pogue's book is what many are looking for.

### Our Intermediate Graded Lessons

Beginning with October of this year, our Sunday Schools are to have Graded Quarterlies of their own for the teachers and for the scholars in the Intermediate Department. These will be in addition to the Beginners, Primary and Junior Graded Quarterlies, which have become so widely and favorably known that there has been a general demand that we should provide for the Intermediate Department in a similar way.

The Quarterlies will cover the ages of 12, 13, 14, and will utilize, with some modification, which we believe to be improvements, the International Graded Lesson Outline. A year's lessons of the three years will be issued each year; in three years the whole will have been covered. Boys of 12, 13 and 14 are close enough together in their characteristics to be taught in the same class and through the same lesson. The same is true of girls.

This system, which we introduced into Canada, of providing the graded lessons departmentally is gaining a big audience now, not only in Canada, but in the United States and in Britain. It appears to be the best method as yet discovered, of using graded lessons in the Sunday School, and it has been found to be equally applicable to small Schools and large.

### "Le Rayon de Soleil"

It is something of an honor to be the publishers of the (so far as we know) only Sunday School paper in French to circulate on this continent. That honor is divided amongst our church's Sunday School and Y.P.S. Board, Rev. S. Rondeau, of Montreal, and ourselves. The paper, *LE RAYON DE SOLEIL* ("Sunbeam"), is published under our direction. We also supply the cuts and some of the material. Mr. Rondeau edits and issues it. As to its high character, Mr. Rondeau's name, and that of Professor Bi  ler, of our Montreal Presbyterian College, are sufficient guarantee. The Sunday School and Y.P.S. Board make the publication possible by an annual grant to Mr. Rondeau for this purpose, as the French Protestant population of Canada is quite small in number.

We have once and again drawn the attention of our English speaking Sunday Schools and families to *LE RAYON*. We do so again. Where our boys or girls are learning French it would be a delightful stimulus to them to have this little Sunday paper, and it would keep them in touch with the boys and girls of our French Sunday Schools.

### "Forward Steps"

A special feature of Older Boys' Conferences like those held in all parts of the Dominion during last fall and the early winter, is the appeal to the boys to pledge themselves to make definite "forward steps," each boy being asked, after an address from some leader, to write down some advance in the religious life which he is resolved to make.

This method may easily be adapted to the work of the ordinary Sunday School. The teacher will find it an excellent plan, after driving his nails home, to clinch them fast by asking the boys or girls to set down in black and white some definite resolve suggested by the lesson. It may be a very simple thing that is resolved upon: to be more earnest in Bible study; to undertake some form of service for the School or church; to do one's daily task in school, on the farm, in the workshop or office, more faithfully and efficiently; or it may be some great life decision, perhaps even the greatest of all,—the surrender of the heart to its true master.