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This QUARTERLY is for help in studying the S. S. lesson at home, not for taking to school. Use your Bible both at home and in Sabbath school, that you may become better acquainted with that best guide book of life.

Sabbath school is not merely, or only, a place where we go when young, as we do to the week-day school, leaving it as we grow toward manhood and womanhood. It is rather a place where we are helped to become teachers, when the older people who are now teaching are kept at home or pass away. The S.S. teachers of a few years hence are the S.S. scholars of to-day. Good scholar, good teacher.

JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER.

The three months of our lessons for this quarter. What different thoughts they bring to different S.S. scholars of Canada.

To some they mean play, to some harder work; to some vacation, to some toil. Some, when school in the city is closed, will get off to the country, and for July and August will romp and play, free from care; some in the city, when the school is closed, will go to work, too young to work will enjoy their rest in their own way.

In the country, these months mean work for all who are able to work. In garden and field, in pasture and farm yard and house, there is work for all. Busy, busy hours are these long summer hours, sometimes hot and weary, but they are very helpful, in building up strong useful bodies and characters. Far better for our characters and our lives the work than idleness.

Some of our young people who read of others enjoying long vacations, may think that their own lot is a hard one and may sometimes complain. Remember this, young people, the best

preparation for life is not the habit of vacation but the habit of work, the happiest lives are not the idle but the working ones, and the happiest times of life are not long-playing times, but times of work done faithfully and well, with the little bits of rest that come in every day made all the sweeter by the work.

But whether in city or country, whether younger or older, whether at work or play, let these summer days be filled to please God by faithfully doing what he gives to do, by loving and serving him. Thus will our summer days bring joy to others and to ourselves.

When you are twenty-one years old you are said to be "of age." God bore patiently with Israel until she had twenty-one kings, until she came "of age" in sin; attained full manhood in evil. All God's training, his warning, his punishing, his entreating, was in vain, and then he gave up the nation, the northern kingdom, forever.

The story of these twenty-one kings, who reigned during these more than two hundred years, is a very sad one. There was not one man among them that served God. Some were worse men than others, but not one for God. Many of them were slain by some usurper who then succeeded to the throne, to be in his turn killed by some one else who wanted to be king. The kingdom came "of age" in its number of kings, to be ruined.

How different is it with many of the young people who read these lines. The "coming of age" will find many of them strong, useful, Christian, men and women, an honor to their country and their God.

Some, when they "come of age" fall heir to property and wealth, more or less. Most of us have nothing of that kind to look to, but we all may have what wealth cannot buy and what is infinitely better than any wealth, we may come of age with a character, good, noble, true, "rooted and built-up" in Christ, well fitted for a true and noble manhood and womanhood.