

business were there. On that account He simply *could not* keep away.

He was a good boy to be with, this young lad of Nazareth. And there is no one that boys may better imitate than He.

What about that "grace of God"? I want to put the question straight to every boy. Is it "upon" *you*? Is the love of God in your heart? Can you say, "Yes, I am on the Lord's side." And another question: "Are you eager to learn what God's Book can teach you, and to do the work God asks of you?"

These are straight questions. Now give them a straight answer. Boys are fond of their "colors," the colors of their school or club or what not. Have you put on the colors of the Heavenly Lord? Are you proud of them? Are you true to them?

You can find no happier way of beginning the New Year than by putting on the colors which the boy Jesus wore, who loved God with his whole heart, whose whole desire was to know God's will, and to be busy with God's work.

The Home Department at Work

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In the autumn of 1898 the Bible School of the Central Presbyterian Church, Galt, took up Home Department work. It began with a tentative effort by one of the elders in his own district. The co-operation of the teachers was obtained, and with the cordial approval of Rev. Dr. Dickson, the pastor, and of the Session, the work was extended to the whole congregation. A sufficient number of THE HOME STUDY QUARTERLY were ordered to place at least one copy in every home in the congregation, and later, a supply of THE PRIMARY QUARTERLY was obtained for use in families where there are small children. Each Sabbath School scholar above the Primary Department gets a HOME STUDY QUARTERLY. Homes and individuals not thus supplied are reached by visitors, who are also, for the most part, the collectors for the Schemes of the Church, and do the Home Department work at the same time that they do the collecting—near the close of each quarter.

Manilla envelopes, about three by five inches, are used for contributions and returns printed as below:

FAMILY REPORT AND CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPE

Central Presbyterian Church, Galt, Ont.
Home Department of the Sunday School.

Number of members of the Home Dept. in the family

Number attending Sabbath School.....

Names of Members of Home Dept:

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Average time per week spent in Home study of

S. S. Lesson.....

Contribution to Expenses Enclosed.....

Do you wish the Home Study Quarterly?.....

Do you wish the Primary Quarterly?.....

Name of Elder.....

Name of Home Dept. Visitor.....

N. B. This envelope will be called for by the visitor at the end of each quarter and a new envelope given in its stead.

As generally understood, the Home Department is for the encouragement in systematic Bible study of those who, from any cause, cannot attend the Sunday School; but this Home Department includes those who do attend, as it is thought that by this means better preparation may be secured on the part of the scholars, and more united interest stirred up in families. We know that in several instances this has been the case, enough to make the effort worth while, and we are sanguine that the interest will grow to be quite general in the congregation, and even outside of the congregation. One of the elders has introduced the plan into a district about seven miles from town, where Lo