

word of caution: Questions should be questions and not conundrums. Questions that are asked merely to puzzle are of little worth; they show more skill than tact upon the part of the teacher. There is one question above all others that the faithful teacher will ask of each scholar, and, as a rule, it had better be asked alone and in the quiet of the home: "Are you saved? Have you a personal interest in the Lord Jesus?" Faithful seed-sowing and earnest prayer will sooner or later, in the most of cases, bring such an answer as will make the teacher's heart sing for joy.

Sunday-school Lessons for 1900-'06.

The series is to include three years and a half of study in the New Testament, and two years and a half in the Old Testament, and is to follow a line of biography. Beginning with 1900 there will be a continuous study of the life of Jesus until July, 1901. This will be the first time that eighteen months of unbroken study have been given to the biography of Christ, and the lessons will not stop with his resurrection, as heretofore, but will follow him through John's visits to the home and throne above and contemplate him in his glory. In the other lessons for the series the plan heretofore followed will be continued, that is, the passages selected will not be consecutive, and there will still be gaps between. Members of the committee say that no other plan has been found feasible, but it is believed that the Bible readings selected for 1900 and 1901 will greatly aid in filling up the gaps. The lesson will still be the same for adult and infant classes. The demand for a different lesson for the younger classes proved to be impracticable. The Golden Texts are to be selected as often as possible from the lesson, but always to do so and at the same time retain the name, the committee declares to be impossible. As to length, the lessons will be shorter rather than longer, and two didactic lessons will not be given consecutively.

The prophetic, doctrinal, and didactic lessons have met with much objection, because it is not easy to interest children in lessons which lack incident, and hence the selection of a biographical

series for the opening of the new century. The preference for New Testament lessons is on the increase. But one member of the committee thought that this demand did not come from the children or average teacher, because the Old Testament was the Bible of the race in its infancy, and its striking biographical and historical features catch the interest of the child.—Advance (Cong.), Chicago. Excerpt.

Methodist Magazine and Review for July.

A specially patriotic character is given to the Dominion Day number, with which the forty-eighth volume of this magazine begins, by a brilliant article by the Rev. Principal Grant, of Queen's University, on "The Relation of Canada to the Empire." No topic can be more timely or more ably treated than this. Of similar interest is an optimistic paper by the Rev. George S. Payson, on "The Future of the Anglo-Saxon Race," and one by Prince Kropotkin, a distinguished visitor to the British Association last year, on "The Resources of Canada." Another timely paper is a copiously illustrated one by the Editor on "The Spaniard at Home," showing the contributions of Spain to civilization. Throwing much light on the International Sunday-school studies for the month is a paper by Canon Tristram on "Carmel, and the Syrian Coast," with seventeen illustrations, and one by the Rev. S. Parkes Cadman, a brilliant English leader of the Forward Movement in New York, on "Elijah." Other illustrated articles are, "Our National Sanitarium for Consumptives in Muskoka," and "An Outstation in Western China," by the Rev. Dr. Hart, Superintendent of Canadian Methodist Missions in that country. A generous instalment of the story by Rev. Charles M. Sheldon, of which everybody is talking, "In His Steps," and of the Welsh mining story, "Rhoda Roberts," are given. The World's Progress, Science Papers, Gleanings from Gladstone, Current Topics, with numerous illustrations, are also given. Now is a good time to subscribe. Only \$1.00 to the end of the year.

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