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The dilemmas for memorizing issued since last General Assembly number about 1,200, and are pretty evenly divided between Scripture and the Shorter Catechism, the latter being somewhat in excess.

The whole Church will be glad to learn that the report of the Committee of Sabbath-school Publications to the General Assembly is most encouraging, with balances on the right side. The launching of EAST AND WEST, the new paper for the older scholars and the young people, has been successfully accomplished. It completes the series of our publications, and has already won a sure place for itself. The Committee has been publishing since the New Year a weekly paper in French, chiefly for the French Protestant children of the Province of Quebec. It is called *Le Rayon*. It is published in conjunction with the General Assembly's Sabbath School Committee and the Board of French Evangelization. Revs. Dr. Amaron and R. P. Ducloux, of Montreal, have supplied the material for *Le Rayon*.

At a recent meeting in Washington of the International S. S. Lesson Committee the outline of the six years' course from 1906 to 1911 was determined on, as follows:

January, 1906 to June, 1907, the life and character of the Jesus in Matthew, Mark and Luke (or studies in the synoptic gospels). July, 1907 to June, 1908, studies in the Old Testament; the patriarchs and the making of Israel (Moses to Samuel). July to December, 1908, the words and works of Jesus (studies in John). 1909, the expansion of the early church (or studies in the Acts and the

Epistles). 1910, the glory and decline of Israel (or from Samuel to Isaiah). January to June, 1911, the Son of man, (or studies in Luke). July to December, 1911, the captivity and return of Israel (or from Isaiah to Malachi).

There will be, perhaps, no subject of greater importance before the General Assembly than the Sabbath Schools of the church, their present numbers and condition, the possibilities of the work, and the best means for its development and extension. The Sabbath School Committee is asking for a permanent secretary. There is certainly work enough, and far more than enough, for the entire time and energies of one man.

PAUL'S FRIENDS

By Rev. Professor James Ross, D.D.

Paul was constitutionally adapted for warm friendships by his woman-like tenderness. His nervous organism was finely strung and quivered with sensibility, and naturally he was strong in his likes and dislikes. He did not soon forget an injury. He could forgive his Jewish brethren who were conscientious in persecuting him; but where it was the result of personal spite, he felt it more.

We might number among his friends, his converts in most of the churches he founded. His heart goes out to them in most endearing terms, as if they were indeed members of his own family. For the Philippians especially he overflows with warm, grateful affection, because they had responded more heartily to his services than some others.