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The HOME STUDY QUARTERLY is for home study and is so arranged that the boys and girls and the older people are brought together in the study of the lesson. The "Explanation" is in such plain words that no ordinary child of ten or twelve will find it hard to understand, whilst the constant aim is to make it so "meaty" that older scholars and grown people will have a full meal. The "Questions for Juniors," again, are simple and the answers will be found without much digging under the surface, whilst those "For Seniors" go deeper, and some of them are intentionally made difficult, for strong swimmers like deep water. In the questions "For Written Answers," in like manner, the first two are generally easier, and the third harder.

SAYING HER QUESTION

The Shorter Catechism seems never to grow old. It was made more than two hundred and fifty years ago, but the number of children and young people committing it to memory is greater to-day than at any other time since it was published.

Dr. Douglas Bannerman, of Scotland says: I remember a gentleman telling me of a scene, at which he had been present, in connection with one of Mr. D. L. Moody's visits to London.

The American evangelist was a guest in the house of a gentleman there, who was of Scottish birth and training. A young man had come to speak to Mr. Moody about religious things. He was in difficulty about a number of points, among the rest about

prayer and natural laws. "What is prayer?" he said, "I can't tell what you mean by it." They were in the hall of a large London house. Before Moody could answer, a child's voice was heard singing on the stair. It was that of a little girl of ten or twelve, the daughter of their host. She came running down the stair, and paused as she saw strangers sitting in the hall.

"Come here, Jenny," her father said, "and tell this gentleman, 'what is prayer?'"

Jenny did not know what had been going on, but she quite understood that she was now called upon to say her Catechism. So she drew herself up, and folded her hands in front of her. She was going to "say her Questions"; and she said in her clear childish voice, "Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God, for things agreeable to His will, in the name of Christ, with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgment of His mercies."

"Ah! that's the Catechism!" Moody said. "Thank God for that Catechism."

A TOUCHING KEEPSAKE

The Victoria Cross conferred upon the son of General Lord Roberts for a conspicuously brave act, which cost him his life, is one of the most tenderly guarded treasures of his parents, and a sweet memorial of that noble young life so prematurely ended.

Our minister at Westboro, Ontario, Rev. A. S. Ross, recently made this touching request for the General Assembly's diploma for the recitation of the Scripture memory passages. He is applying to the Rev. John