

## THE MESSAGE THIS MONTH

### BOOKS

Do you like books?

Of course, you do. Every school child should like books. A school child who does not like books is not really a school child.

Why?

Because books to a school child are like wheels to a car. It is the wheels that make it possible for a car to go. A car without wheels is not really a car. Books are necessary to a school child in the same manner as wheels are necessary to a car.

Books help the child learn his daily lessons.

Books help the child to know many things about trees, animals, birds, flowers, insects; about other countries and other peoples; and about many other things.

Books are good companions to children; and for that matter, to everybody. Books talk; they keep you busy; they make you laugh; they make you happy; they make you enjoy every minute you spend with them.

Books are the food that give rich nourishment to the growing minds of the children. A child who eats plenty of nourishing food like meat, eggs, milk, fruits, and the like grows strong and healthy. He becomes taller and stronger than the child who does not eat nourishing food. A child who likes and reads good books makes his mind grow fast and strong.

Books build school children into very good, strong, desirable citizens. Therefore, books are good companions for every child.

Now try this:

Read a book fifteen minutes every day from now on.

Why? Well, you will know the reason later on.

—DR. I. PANLASIGUI