greatly if the material they need to master is presented in a different way, yet in the controlled school situation rather than at home.

There are many who deplore the waste of empty schools during the summer. And there would be as many who might question the cost of educating small groups in the summer in the variety of subjects suggested. I believe it could be worked out if parents could be convinced that it would be beneficial for their children, and that it is proper stewardship of the time and abilities and responsibilities that God gives us.

QUESTION 2:

From a Grand Rapids Parent: "We received a note from school regarding a sale on the *World Book Encyclopedia.* We are vitally interested in encouraging and helping our children in whatever ways we can. Should an encyclopedia be a priority item in our home for our children? At what age will children begin using an encyclopedia and in what ways will children be using an encyclopedia?"

ANSWER:

My advice is to take advantage of *World Book Encyclopedia's* sale being advertised at this time. An encyclopedia, in my opinion, is one of the most valuable reference books that children (and adults as well) can use for many years. It is an expensive tool, but compared with other educational and noneducational items its value can't be surpassed. Most classrooms contain at least one set, and the library has several sets; but pro-rated only a limited number of students can use them and then only at specified times.

From the third grade on, teachers will assign simple or more complex topics or reports that require students to use supplementary materials. The encyclopedias provide the most concise and most easy to locate information. Answers to many questions can usually be found in an encyclopedia. Also, the colored pictures make it easy to identify animals, birds, plants, and such.

One can also buy the yearbooks. I would order them to keep up-to-date with certain subjects in flux.

Both parents and teachers should be alert to provide children with opportunities for learning using the encyclopedia. ■□■