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The New Sunday School Hymnal.

OUR readers will be glad to know that the compilation of this important work, which has been for some months in hand, is approaching completion. The delay has resulted from the great care which has been exercised to make it the best possible selection. Two efficient and highly competent committees—one in the east and the other in the west—have been at work for many months comparing, selecting, rejecting from the vast range of Sunday-school hymnody. Many thousands of hymns were examined, and from them about five hundred were selected for final revision and decision. A joint committee met in Toronto, and spent six sessions in carefully going over these. The pieces, where unfamiliar, were played on the organ and sung by committee, and both words and music carefully criticised, over seventy separate volumes being consulted. Where a difference of opinion arose it was decided by a vote of the committee. As a result, nearly half of the five hundred were rejected, and a number of others substituted. It was felt to be a high and sacred duty, and was discharged with much prayer and thoughtful care. It was a holy joy to spend day after day pondering the best hymns and noblest thoughts of consecrated singers, and selecting those that shall voice the religious emotions and hopes and aspirations of the hundreds of thousands of young people in our schools, and of their elders in social worship.

These winnowed hymns are now being classified. They will be found to contain a noble

body of Christian hymnody, with most of the old favourites, and very many new ones. It is hoped and believed that they will be a means of grace in leading many souls to the Saviour, and uplifting and inspiring many hearts.

Opening and Closing Service.

I. Silence.

II. The Doxology.

III. Responsive Sentences.

Supt. I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

School. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.

Supt. For the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised.

School. He is to be feared above all gods.

Supt. Honor and majesty are before him.

School. Strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Supt. O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

School. Fear before him, all the earth.

IV. Singing.

V. Prayer.

LESSON SERVICE.

I. Class Study of the Lesson.

II. Singing Lesson Hymn.

III. Recitation of Title, Golden Text, Outline, and Doctrinal Suggestion, by the school in concert.

IV. Review and Application of the Lesson, by Pastor or Superintendent.

V. The Supplemental Lesson.

VI. Announcements (especially of the Church service, and week-evening prayer-meeting).

CLOSING SERVICE.

I. Singing.

II. Responsive Sentences.

Supt. The Lord bless thee, and keep thee;

School. The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee;

Supt. The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee and give thee peace.

III. Dismissal.

THE APOSTLES' CREED.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to Judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.