

of Bible lands and Bible customs than they possessed before. They will not, for instance, after seeing the female costumes, and hearing of their customs, wonder again how it was that Jacob after seven years of courtship married the wrong girl. They will have a better knowledge of how to use their Bibles, how to illustrate a lesson, how to carry on the difficult work of questioning with success. The importance of directness in our teaching, in our aim to lead the children to Jesus, and train them up in Him, was greatly insisted on. Correct views of the Sunday-school teacher's office, its place and power, were given, and teachers' needs and teachers' meetings were freely discussed. We may not forget in closing to mention a most elaborate and learned lecture delivered by Professor Tourjee of Boston, on Church music, in which he urged the right and duty of all the congregation to join in the service of song, whether they could sing well or not. He also dwelt on the manner in which congregations may be induced to sing, and showed the effect on the Churches where the latent power is brought out, in contrast with those Churches where a small company of choice singers do the work for the people. The prevailing sentiments, as we left Chautauqua, seemed to be devout gratitude to God for having so wonderfully blessed the Sabbath School cause as to make such a gathering in its interests possible; gratitude for the many gracious influences experienced there, and an earnest purpose to go to our several fields, and carry out in practice the measures which all have approved in theory at the Sabbath School Assembly, at Lake Chautauqua.

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WE would invite special attention to the beautiful piece of music on our last page. It has been kindly furnished by W. H. Pearson, Esq., Superintendent of the Richmond Street Sunday-school in this city. His fine musical taste will be a guarantee that it will be found admirably adapted for Sunday-school purposes.

THE monthly published memorials of Millbank and other prisons show that it is practically impossible to reform confirmed criminals; and that society would do well to reserve its reformatory powers for children, or rather endeavour to prevent their falling into habits of vice. The erection of Millbank Prison cost \$3,000,000. How many Sunday-schools would not that have maintained, and with how much better result?

Book Notices.

ONE of the very best magazines for young people of all ages that we have seen is *Wide Awake*, published by D. Lothrop & Co., Boston, and edited by Ella Farman. The paper, type, and engravings are sumptuous, and the contents are of a high order; not merely adapted to amuse, but also to instruct and benefit morally as well as mentally. Some of the best writers in the United States are among its contributors. While the little folks who can just read will find a department suited to their taste, even adults may derive instruction from its pages. Among the articles of special interest in the current number are "The Strangers from the South," a pathetic sketch of some orphan slave children, by the Editor; "The Home of Whittier," with portrait, sketch and brief biography of the Quaker poet; "Ten Thousand Monkeys," an interesting chapter of natural history; "Queer People," an account of the Japanese, illustrated by odd-looking native drawings; "Fayette's Ride," a short story with a charming moral; "Music in the Home," by Dr. Eben Tourjee, with an illustrative page. There are also several poems, sketches, puzzles and pictures, that will delight the heart of childhood. We believe that in an educational point of view, for the cultivation of both head and heart, no parent can make a better investment than ordering this magazine. It is remarkably cheap, being only \$2 a year. May be ordered from D. Lothrop & Co., 38 and 40 Cornhill, Boston, U.S.

THE Rev. J. M. Gregory contributes a capital article to the Sept. number of *The National Sunday School Teacher*, on "The Sunday School Motor," referring thereby to the superintendent. In the same number Rev. S. W. Duffield writes on "Attractions in the Sunday School;" James H. Kellogg takes a peep "Through the Scholar's Glasses," and J. B. T. Marsh tells "How Mr. Moody became a Preacher." The lessons are admirable and helpful, and the editorial departments are as newsy and as full of wit and wisdom as ever. *The Teacher and The Little Folks*, are both published by the Adams, Blackmer, & Lyon Pub. Co., Chicago.