

**A German Trust Song.**

JUST as God leads me I would go;  
I would not ask to choose my way;  
Content with what He will bestow,  
Assured He will not let me stray,  
So as He leads, my path I make,  
And step by step I gladly take,  
A child in Him confiding.

Just as God leads, I am content;  
I rest me calmly in His hands;  
That which He has decreed and sent—  
That which His will for me commands,  
I would that He should all fulfil,  
That I should keep His gracious will,  
In living or in dying.

Just as God leads, I all resign;  
I trust me to my Father's will;  
When reason's rays deceptive shine,  
His counsel would I yet fulfil;  
That which His love ordained as right,  
Before He brought me to the light,  
My all to Him resigning.

Just as God leads me, I abide,  
In faith, in hope, in suffering true,  
His strength is ever by my side—  
Can aught my hold on Him undo!  
I hold me firm in patience knowing  
That God my life is still bestowing—  
The best in kindness sending.

Just as God leads I onward go;  
Oft amid thorns and briars keen;  
God does not yet His guidance show—  
But in the end it shall be seen  
How by a loving Father's will,  
Faithful and true, he leads me still.  
—Lampertus, 1825.

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**Japan.**

DR. McDONALD writes from Japan: "We are thankful to be able to report an increase of thirty-eight in the membership. While we are thankful for some souls won for Christ, we are not without the feeling that the small increase of thirty-eight is disproportionate to the means employed. It, however, represents the best that we could do. It should, perhaps, be borne in mind that there are results that cannot be tabulated.

"If, at the commencement of Mission work in this country, any one entertained the thought, or the hope that, owing to the readiness on the part of the Japanese to adopt foreign ideas, the people would come in multitudes to Christ, the hope is not likely to be realized for years to come. At the present time, every inch of territory taken from the enemy and annexed to

the kingdom of Christ is the result of a severe struggle. The priests of Buddhism and Shintoism have organized an opposition in which neither effort or money is sparingly used; but, perhaps, next to the carnal mind, which is enmity against God, infidelity, in its various shapes, is likely to prove the greatest obstacle to the spread of Christianity, for it seems that every form of unbelief in the Western world is likely to appear in Japan. The latest is Robert Ingersoll's 'Oration on the God.' This has been translated and published, and will, doubtless, have a wide circulation. While we are in no doubt as to the side to which victory will turn, these things show that the work in Japan has its difficulties, and that the old adversary is not likely to capitulate until compelled."

ENCOURAGE the children to enter the church if they express the least—even the least—disposition to do so. It is very easy, apparently discreet, and certainly very indolently dangerous, to say, "wait awhile." Unfortunately, and often fatally! Satan, meantime, is not equally magnanimous toward your boy or girl. He does not "wait," but will persistently plant his seeds and wield the influences which prosper tremendously while you are waiting for those years of discretion to come to your child. The enemy of souls prefers to strive during the years of indiscretion. Christian parents should never permit such risks. Let the little pilgrim join the church on probation, and fight out the battle on that safe ground. We have no right to leave the little darlings on any supposed neutral ground. There is no neutral ground! The children belong to Christ, and while life lasts, the church is the fold. We believe that tens of thousands of Christian parents transgress in their neglect of this question. A child excluded from your home on a wintry night and crying at your door to be let in out of the storm, has not to us half the pathos there is in the picture of a little one making timid queries about the church, and religion, and Jesus, and being roughly, or even tenderly, told to "wait awhile." Swing wide open, beautiful, divine gates, and let the children enter. Those rough disciples whom Jesus rebuked were more nearly right than you, dear parent, when you check even the prattle of the youngster upon whose heart the Spirit is moving.—*N. W. Advocate.*

**The International Sunday-School Lessons.**

The subjects for the International Sabbath-school Lessons have been chosen for 1884. For the first six months the lessons will be in the Acts and in the Epistles. Three months will then be spent with "David and the Psalms." The last three months will be spent with "Solomon and the Books of Wisdom," the selections being from Kings, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes.

**Dignity of the Sunday-School Teacher.**

It seems to me that every Sunday-school teacher has a right to put "Reverend" before his name as I have, or if not, if he discharges his trust, he certainly is a "Right Honourable." He teaches his congregation and preaches to his class. I may preach to more,

and he to less; but still he is doing the same work, though in a smaller sphere. I am sure I can sympathize with Mr. Carey, when he said of his son, Felix, who left the missionary work to become an ambassador, "Felix has driven into an ambassador," meaning to say, that he was once a great person as a missionary, but that he had afterward accepted a comparatively insignificant office.—*Spurgeon.*

*The Book and Its Story.* By L. S. R. Author of "The Missing Link." Cr. 8vo, pp. 463. Robert Carter and Brothers. Toronto: William Briggs. Price \$1.50.

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*Nature's Studies.* By Grant Allen, Andrew Wilson, Thomas Foster, Edward Clodd, and Richard A. Proctor. Edited by Richard A. Proctor. Pp. 252. New York: Funk & Wagnalls. Toronto: Wm. Briggs. Price 25 cents.

It would be difficult to group together five other naturalists, and scholars in scientific fields, of equal ability with the gentlemen who have furnished the articles composing this volume. Some of them have for several years stood in the very front as modern scientists. We have been wont to consider the study of natural subjects as hard and dry; whoever reads this book will think so no more. Many of the articles are as interesting and exciting as a story of human life. The first thing which the reader will experience will be a feeling of surprise that so little has been known to the world heretofore on subjects replete with facts profoundly interesting and useful. These facts are brought out, and laid before the world in a charming style and in purest English. We by no means, however, endorse all the explanations of the phenomena in nature in the theory of evolution.

*India, What Can It Teach Us?* By Max Müller. Pp. 282. New York: Funk & Wagnalls. Toronto: Wm. Briggs. Price 25 cents.

The subject of this book was first discussed in a series of lectures which the author was invited to deliver before the students of the University of Cambridge, England, by the Authorities of that venerable seat of learning. The American edition has been greatly improved by Prof. Alexander Wilder, who has written an able introduction and introduced some notes for readers on this side of the Atlantic. The book will be found to contain a world of information, teaching new and most invaluable facts and lessons. Few readers will receive all Max Müller's teaching. Every intelligent reader, conversant with English literature, will know this from his other writings.

The Rev. William Briggs, Toronto, is the General Agent for the Dominion of Canada for all Funk & Wagnalls' Publications.

*A Hand-Book of India and British Burmah.* By W. E. ROBBENS, Missionary. Pp. 285, illustrated. Cincinnati: Weldon & Stowe. Toronto: Wm. Briggs. Price \$1.

Every school-boy should know the wonderful story of the conquest of India, with its teeming millions, by a merchant's clerk with a handful of troops. Yet we venture to say that the Punic Wars or the conquest of Mexico are generally better known. This book brings within reach, in a condensed form, the story of India—its physical character and productions; its people—their manners and customs and religions; British conquest and progress; and, above all, the story of its evangelization, and of Woman's work in the mission-field. We wish this book were in every Sunday-school. It would increase acquaintance and deepen sympathy with England's greatest dependency. Is it not something to kindle our missionary zeal to know that 200,000,000 of our fellow-subjects of Queen Victoria are either pagans or Mohammedans?

*The Missionary Outlook* sees a bright prospect for the future. In reporting revivals, it remarks: "As one result of Methodist Union, we expect the mightiest revival of God's work this land has ever known. The consolidation of forces will necessitate a grand onward movement; the quenching of rivalries will beget a kindlier spirit; hope and expectation will stimulate to prayer and effort, and prayer and effort will bring the blessing. This has occurred already and will occur again on a wider scale. One of the most blessed revivals of the year has been at St. Thomas, where a Union Service of the different Methodist Churches has resulted in the conversion of over 150 souls. Let all who love Christ and Methodist look and pray and labour for a glorious revival to consummate Methodist Union." And let all the people say Amen.

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