

the growing boy and girl through the years that lead to maturity! We need to be kept from right-hand as well as from left-hand errors. On the one side, we must beware of despising a child's religious impressions as of little value. Like all beginnings of life and growth, they may be feeble and easily lost; they are still of infinite value as the preparation for that which abideth forever. We must, on the other side, be kept from overestimating or trusting in it. We must remember that the tender plant needs unceasing watching, and that only in the congenial atmosphere of a home holy to the Lord and wholly dedicated to His service, can we count on its ripening fruit to eternal life.—*Andrew Murray.*

The Sunday-school of the Future.

THE Sunday-school of the future must be marked by business system, energy and precision, as distinctly as by Church fervour. The Sunday-school of the future must be emphatically a Bible school, with a copy of that book in the hands of every officer, every teacher, and every scholar old enough to read it, and not a lesson leaf or quarterly in the room. They will be left at home, where they belong. The Sunday-school of the future will be so conducted that it will be the delight of the children, a strength to the young and middle-aged; of the deepest interest to all, yet not an entertainment. The officers will meet as a "cabinet" at least once a month, and spend an evening studying the school and planning for it. Its teachers will only be such as are fitted for it by at least some simple course of normal study, and who diligently prepare for their work. It will have, as far as means will permit, a building or room adapted to its use—not a cellar or basement. The Sunday-school of the future will be worthy of the time and attention of the best and busiest people. To reach the standard here set will require more study, more time, more money than has ever been put into the Sunday-school before; yet the returns will be vastly more than we can now calculate.—*Advance.*

A Christmas Song.

JOHN G. WHITTIER.

SOUND over all waters, reach out from all lands,
The chorus of voices, the clapping of hands;
Sing hymns that were sung by the stars of the
morn;

Sing songs of the angels when Jesus was born.

With glad jubilations

Bring hope to the nations!

The dark night is ending and dawn has begun;

Rise, hope of the ages, arise like the sun,

All speech flow to music, all hearts beat as one.

Correction.

ON Page 691 of the November BANNER is an outline for a blackboard map or plan of the temple. The artist or engraver has made the mistake of transposing the initials of the Court of the Women and the Court of the Israelites. In referring to the map our readers will please make this correction.

It seems in place here to suggest that Christmas can be made to mean a great deal more to all our Sabbath-schools if they will, in some fitting way, remember the poor, the sick and the unfortunate. In cities it will be easy to do this, for, besides families that need help, there are institutions—hospitals, orphanages and homes to which gifts can be sent. But even in villages and rural neighbourhoods there usually are families to which tokens of kindness may be carried. In many Sunday-schools the custom has been established of asking every scholar, on the occasion of the week-day Christmas observance, to bring something—at least one potato. Sometimes classes will combine and bring a basket filled with good things, which they afterwards take to a needy family. King's Daughters' circles usually provide baskets for deserving households. The amount of comfort and cheer that goes out from single schools into a wide neighbourhood is great enough to gladden angels who look down upon it.—*Westminster Quarterly.*

Souvenirs.

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