

merits he obtains interest in on the sole condition of his own trustful acceptance of them? What becomes then of his future actions? Will he care to keep the rules of righteousness? Has he adequate reasons for so doing? Yes, says St. Paul, he has indeed; and they are such as will secure a fulness and reality of obedience unknown before. [But this is to be explained later (chap. vi.)]

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#### CHRISTMAS CAROLS.

##### CHILDREN'S SERVICE.

The scholars of the Sunday School celebrated the Xmas season by a service in the Church, on Sunday, 27th Dec.

The children had been practising at the carols under the able care of the choir master, Mr. Schuch. The carols were well rendered, especially when we consider how few children attend our regular service.

Services for children are held once a quarter, and that is as frequent as possible if we would maintain an efficient Sunday School instruction. It is to be hoped that parents will make an honest effort to bring their children with them to the regular morning, if not to the evening service as well.

What does it matter if there is a little more rustling and moving about, caused by the presence of children at our services. They are less conventional than their elders, and it is refreshing to hear their little voices singing or responding amidst the comparative silence of their elders.

By all means let us have the children. Out of 300 children who are capable of taking part in Divine worship we are safe in saying not 100 attend our services REGULARLY. Who is responsible?

##### OUR BOYS.

Can boys be interested in the study of the Bible itself and for its own sake, or is it necessary to add some amusement or attraction to secure and retain their interest? Without hesitation we answer, the Bible is a book for boys, that it contains truths and history sufficiently powerful and attractive in themselves to secure and retain the interest of boys, and that more successfully alone than when assisted by other agencies.

It is exhaustless as a source of variety.

It is attractive in its rebuke of vice and its reward of virtue.

It is inspiring in its examples of dangers braved, deeds of heroism performed, and lives sacrificed for the cause of truth.

It is permanent in its retaining power as the unchangeable character of God.

If you are not convinced of these truths, come to our Bible Class, which is held every Friday evening from 7.30 to 8.30, whether on the attractive frosty moonlight nights in winter, or the seducing warm light nights of spring, when winter or summer games are so attractive to boys, and you will find 26 boys, who have resisted the invitation of companions to enjoy the open air, studying the Old Testament, with no other inducement than the Scripture itself.

##### WOMEN'S AUXILIARY NOTES.

As a result of the work done by the members of the Women's Auxiliary since October last, six bales have been sent to the following places:—Port Sydney and Uffington, Rev. Arthur Allman; Pelee Island, Rev. Mr. Gander; Seguin Falls, Magnetawan, for Sunday School, Mrs. Fry; Aspdin, Muskoka, Rev. H. P. Low; and Rev. W. A. Burman's Indian and Industrial School.

The bales contained good warm clothing of all sorts, mostly new, for men, women, boys and girls, such as quilts, overcoats, cloaks, hoods, capes, dresses, flannel shirts, boys' suits, woollen and cotton under-garments, flannel skirts, woollen socks and stockings, mits of all kinds and sizes, cuffs, mufflers, etc., also two or three pairs of boots, dolls, toys, books, illustrated papers, Xmas cards, candies, etc., etc., for Xmas trees. Not counting papers, cards, candies, etc., about 400 articles. The Busy Workers united with the senior branch in providing for the Xmas trees.

Missionary interest has been deepened from time to time by addresses, the last one being from the Bishop of Algoma. Among other things his Lordship spoke of the need of more men to work among our Indian brethren of Algoma, there being at present five mission stations vacant in that Diocese.

The W. A. has 67 members. Some of the meetings have had an attendance of over 40. Meetings will (D.V.) be resumed on January 21, 1892.

##### NEW YEAR.

We wish all our subscribers a Happy New Year.

Happy in being fruitful in good works.

Happy in God's love.

Happy in Domestic Relations.

Happy in Business enterprises.

Happy in all things that pertain to life and Godliness.

Happy in being called not only to believe on Christ but also to suffer with Him.

##### TOKEN OF REGARD.

The Sunday School teachers presented Miss Gamble, with a copy of "The Acts of the Apostles," by the Rev. Prof. G. T. Stokes, D.D.

This was given as a slight acknowledgement of their appreciation of Miss Gamble's kind attention to their interests in connection with the Sunday School Times.

These kindly acts are the outward signs of the harmony and kindly feelings that exist between the teachers.

##### A PLEASANT SURPRISE.

At the close of the choir practice, Wednesday, Dec. 23rd, James Jones, B.A., on behalf of the choir, presented Mr. Schuch with a purse, and expressed to him the pleasure and profit they had received under his able instruction.

Mr. Schuch replied briefly, expressing the interest he felt in the choir and its success.

We are glad to record this token of appreciation, for Mr. Schuch is second to none in the deep and continued interest manifested on behalf of the choir.

##### MISSIONARY ITEMS.

At Lucknow, where so many were murdered during the Sepoy rebellion thirty years ago, two thousand children, nearly all of Hindu-Mohammedan parentage, recently marched in a Sunday School procession.—ILLUSTRATED CHRISTIAN WEEKLY.

There is considerable suggestiveness in the fact that a young Jewess who has embraced Christianity has expressed a desire "to read church history to find out how and when Christians came to be so different from Christ." This is a question which every follower of the Saviour should prayerfully ponder.—MID-CONTINENT.