

SUNDAY SCHOOL BANNER

for
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Nearer Thee.

"NEARER my God to Thee,"
These sweet, sweet words learned long ago, to-day
Are dearer far to me,
For Christ, the Teacher, taught me to say
And from the heart I trust I pray
That prayer truthfully.

"E'en though it be a cross,"
I little thought then what the cross would be—
Involving bitter loss ;
The cross that brought me nearer Thee
Till I could wish all else might be
As nothing else but dross.

"That raiseth me,"
To feel and know the fulness of Thy love
Which e're unchangingly
To me each day is giv'n from above,
That I its richness here may sweetly prove,
And bring me nearer Thee.

"Still all my song shall be,"
That nearer, nearer to Thee day by day—
Thou ever wilt bring me,
Till life's day done I gladly may
Come closely, closely to Thee, there to stay
Through Thine eternity.

"Nearer my God to Thee,"
These dear old words—they sweeter grow
As oft they come to me ;
A cadence sadly sweet doth flow
Through all their memories, and I know
They bring me near to Thee.

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"She Hath Done What She Could."

"SHE hath done what she could !" Oh, how sweet
Did those words of encouragement prove
To that meek one, who knelt at His feet,
And gratefully poured forth her love !

"She hath done what she could !" Yes, the
proud
Might scornfully say what they thought ;
But the Saviour reproved them aloud,
And smiled on the offering she brought.

"She hath done what she could !" Can this be
Applied to my labours of love ?
Would the Saviour say thus unto me,
If He spoke from His bright throne above ?

"She hath done what she could !" Ah, with
shame
I remember how little I've tried
To spread the sweet sound of His name,
Who freely for sinners hath died.

"She hath done what she could !" Let me now
Redeem the bright hours which are flown :
May the talent, Lord, Thou dost bestow
Be spent in Thy service alone.

"She hath done what she could !" Shall I fear
If the world its reproaches begin ?
No ! its censures I gladly will bear,
If thy smile and approval I win.

Be careful about adopting any Sunday-School
plan, but when you have adopted one, follow it to
its highest usefulness.

ONE Church service, at least, should be
attended each Lord's day, by every child and
adult.