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BY MISS HAVELGAL.

KEEP my life, that it may be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.

Keep my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Keep my hands, that they may move
At the impulse of Thy love.

Keep my feet, that they may be
Swift and "beautiful" for Thee.

Keep my voice, that I may sing
Always, only, for my King.

Keep my lips, that they may be
Filled with messages from Thee.

Keep my intellect, and use
Every power as thou shalt choose.

Keep my will, oh, keep it Thine!
For it is no longer mine.

Keep my heart, it is Thine own,
It is now Thy royal throne.

Keep my love; my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store.

Keep myself, that I may be
Ever, only, all for Thee.

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Pleasant Hours:

A PAPER FOR OUR YOUNG FOLKS.

REV. W. H. WITHROW, D.D., Editor

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TO SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS.*

BRETHREN. Some of you have second-hand library books out of which you could select twenty-five, fifty, and even one hundred volumes, which would be of real service in some of our mission schools. There is a great demand for every thing of this kind, and our work can be substantially aided by donations of such books to the needy fields. Will you not look over your libraries, select such as you can spare, ask the members of your school to add such as they would willingly spare from their homes, put them up in a neat package, and send them to me. The Sunday School Board is doing all it can to supply the new and needy schools of our Church, but when we think how large the field is, and how much it requires to supply not only schools but homes in the new settlements and destitute regions with wholesome and helpful literature, we

* We largely adopt in the following the phraseology of an appeal made for a similar purpose in the S. S. Journal.

can readily understand how every help is eagerly used in the accomplishment of this great object. Your Sunday-school could be instrumental in starting and maintaining new Sunday-schools by simply taking every year collections for the Sunday School Board, as required by the Discipline.

In the past six years I have sent out to needy schools over 10,000 volumes of books donated for this purpose. A letter just received from a school so helped says, "Our Sunday-school work will feel the benefit of the grant of papers, etc., given."

Send books, by express, to the undersigned, at the Methodist Book Room, Toronto.

W. H. WITHROW,
Secy. Sunday-School Board.

GOOD READING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

EVERY Canadian boy and girl ought to be familiar with the story of that grand old land to which, with its sister island, so many of us look, either as our own birthland or the land of our fathers. In the volume before us—"A Child's History of England, by Charles Dickens,"—we have this grand old story told by the most brilliant story teller who ever used the English tongue. He has employed his great gifts, which have delighted millions of readers, in making clear and interesting to youthful minds the stirring tale of our English fatherland. This beautiful "Alta edition" of 334 pages bound in cloth cover, black and brown and gold, from the press of the celebrated house of Porter and Coates, Philadelphia, is sold by the publishers of PLEASANT HOURS for 90 cents, and the same book more fully illustrated for \$1.25. Sent post free.

Two other books of the same series are "The Gorilla Hunters" and "The Dog Crusoe," by R. M. Ballantyne, a distinguished Scotch writer of books for young people. The first is an account of adventure in Africa giving a description of the habits and mode of capture of that strange animal, whose existence was for a long time denied, but which Du Chaillu first proved to exist by bringing home its skeleton and skin. The second is an account of life in the prairies and plains of the great North-west. Mr. Ballantyne was for many years in the employ of the Hudson Bay Company, and is, therefore, well qualified to describe the scenes of the fur trade and fur hunt. These are not Sunday-school books, nor even professedly religious, but they are instructive, and interesting reading for young people. The two latter for boys, the first for boys and girls. They are all the same price, 90 cents or \$1.25 each, and may be ordered through the Methodist Book Rooms at Toronto, Montreal and Halifax.

A CLASS OF OLD SCHOLARS.

THE editor of PLEASANT HOURS takes his regular turn with several other ministers in conducting a religious service with the inmates of the Toronto House of Industry, or Poor House. There are eighty-five inmates in the institution, and last Sunday about half of them, perhaps more, were at the service. We proposed that instead of having a regular sermon we should resolve ourselves into a Sunday-school,

and fall into line with the millions of scholars throughout the world, who the same day were studying the same lesson. We think the experiment was a decided success. The old boys and old girls—many of whom were over seventy, and very few were much under it—seemed to become almost young again, and were much interested in the lesson. We sang, "Safe in the arms of Jesus," and "Sweet Bye and Bye," and we trust comfort was given, and some good impressions made. We have been in the habit of distributing old numbers of PLEASANT HOURS, and our other Sunday-school papers to these poor old people, and we think that no readers of these periodicals receive them more thankfully or derive more pleasure from them than they. We are pretty sure that, unless it was under similar circumstances, no person in the world had last Sunday a class of such old scholars as we had.

TORONTO S. S. ITEMS.

NEARLY a hundred new scholars have joined the Richmond street church Sunday-School during the past quarter.

Mr. Richard Brown has assumed the superintendency of the Sherbourne street Methodist Sunday-school.

Regular meetings for the study of Sunday-school lessons are held by the teachers of nearly all the Methodist schools in the city.

The report for the past quarter of the Metropolitan Sunday-school shows that the average attendance was 501. This number exceeds that for any previous quarter in the history of the school.

Similar items from other schools solicited. Send P.O. card with brief Sunday-school intelligence.

AID FOR SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

THE importance of the subject to which it refers warrants us in making the following extract from our editorial article in the May number of the *Sunday School Banner*:

Let the aim be that at every place throughout our Church where there is preaching, there may also be a Sunday-school. We ask the cordial co-operation of every minister and every earnest-hearted layman to accomplish this desired result. Wherever a dozen children can be gathered in a farm kitchen or a country school-house, will not some friend of the little ones get them together to teach them the word of God and the way of Life? Will not the ministers at every appointment where there is no school, ask some one to do this? The school will be in the future the best nursery of the Church. From these, as the result of regular religious instruction, the Church will be more largely recruited than from any other source. Let us gather in the children of our own households and train them up for God. It is well to seek out the adults and to preach to them; but don't neglect the children. They are more hopeful subjects for conversion, and will make, if properly trained, better and more intelligent Christians than those converted later in life. Let us remember especially the Saviour's last command to feed the lambs of the flock.

In starting new schools and helping poor ones, the Sunday-school Aid and Extension Fund will to the utmost extent of its ability co-operate and

help. All that is necessary is to write to the Editor of the *Banner*, and forms of application will be forwarded, on filling up which, with a statement of the necessities of the case, assistance in the way of Lesson Helps, Books and Papers will be furnished so far as the resources of the Aid and Extension Fund will permit; and these resources can be indefinitely increased through the liberality of the larger and stronger schools. We covet for the Sunday-school wing of the army of our Church that cordial support which will enable us to win greater victories for the cause of God than any other department of our Church work.

The following letter from Mrs. (Rev.) G. Robinson, Newington, explains itself. We would like to receive many more such—"Enclosed please find five dollars, from my Sabbath-school class, for Rev. T. Crosby's Boat. My class are boys who have never been taught to give. But I prevailed upon them to give ten cents per month for the missionary cause. Then I let them choose the mission we would give it to. They chose Port Simpson."

We congratulate the boys on their self-denial and liberality. They will have a richer reward in knowing that their generous donation is helping to carry the Gospel to the Indian tribes, than in spending their money in selfish gratification. We hope many boys, and girls too, will imitate their example.

We have received the following pleasant communication from the honoured missionary of our Church at Norway House, N. W. T.—"Dear Brother,—Our little ones, Mina and Charlie, having heard of the 'Home for Sick Children,' in Toronto, have for the last six months given up the use of sugar in their porridge and milk and hot-water-tea, and wish papa to send the money thus saved to 'Mr. Withrow' to 'buy something nice for the poor little sick children.' Please find enclosed the sum of three dollars (\$3.00)." God bless these dear and generous-hearted children. They doubtless find the joy of giving to the poor sweeter than sugar in their tea. May they more and more learn the deep and abiding joy of doing good.

The pure unfermented juice of the grape is one of the most wholesome, nourishing, and delightful drinks in the world, and one that can do no harm. That is one of God's good creatures. It was, and is still, largely used in the East. It is most probable that such wine was the sort used in the chief Jewish sacrifices, where all leaven, or fermentation, was carefully excluded, and in Christ's own institution of the Last Supper, where He speaks of "drinking of the fruit of the vine." Certainly, a liquid, in a state of partial rotteness, which fermentation simply is, seems a very unsuitable emblem of the infinitely perfect and spotless sacrifice of our blessed Redeemer.—*Seymour*.

Home and School, for May 25, will contain an account of a visit to the Salvation Army "barracks" at Toronto, with specimens of *War Cry* literature. Also three fine engravings, two interesting stories, with numerous poems, temperance pieces, puzzles, etc. Only \$1 per 100.