

off: let the book be lost for three months, in a corner of Mother's drawer, and when it comes forth from its hiding place, it will be welcomed even with more joy than at first, for now it "was lost is found again, was dead and is alive."

The very book for the season, and for the good boy or good girl, is now on our table from Philadelphia, and can be had in Canada, from Mr. Andrew Kennedy, London, and Mr. James Bain, Toronto. It is named well, "The Sunbeam Book," for its entrance among a group of youngsters, will, for a while, chase away showers and sighs. It contains 395 pages of pictures, stories, hymns, lessons—quite a fairy-land. Fathers, send for the book, and it will make sunshine on Christmas week however dark it may be outside. It is worth a whole troop of tin horses, and a whole navy of Noah's arks.

Concluding Words.



As we pen our closing words for this volume, the year 1877 is drawing near its close with many joyful signs of the approaching triumph of righteousness.

In our own Dominion we see plain indications that four very important measures are ripening in the public mind. 1. There is seen rising, like a little cloud, the first beginnings of a united national feeling. Societies for encouraging this consummation, sermons on the subject, editorials, and, best of all, a *National Thanksgiving Day*, all point towards a coming *unity*, which, however, is not very near. 2. In Ontario the Protestant people are fast becoming conversant with the idea that the Bible (as in the London School Boards) should be a text-book in the public schools, and a book, not of sectarianism, but of history, biography, and morality, for our children and children's children. 3. In Quebec there are not wanting indications that light is gradually finding its way into the French mind. That province is now, by confederation, between the Protestantism of the eastern and western provinces, with a busy railway thundering through its heart, and with each station a centre of activity calling out, "Behold! the curse of ignorance." 4. Temperance, as a moral change founded on faith in Christ, is making rapid strides in