

"RAIMENT OF NEEDLEWORK."

(Psalm xlv: 13, 14.)

BY E. W. B.

MAIDEN with the golden hair,
Shall we wish thee free from care?
Can thy mother's highest prayer
Be "No tears" for thee?

Mother-hands with pains and stress
Brouder all thy dainty dress,
Seeks the mother heart the less,
Heavenly robes for thee?

Stitch on stitch and fold on fold,
Needlework and cloth of gold—
Ere thine eyes the king behold—
What be stored for thee.

Pray we that the household toil,
Potty cares and br of turmoil,
Stitch without defect or soil,
Fair designs for thee.

Wonder not at many a smart;
Wool and warp are in thy heart!
Strength and courage are thy part,
Heaven keeps watch o'er thee.

Daughter, then in patience wait;
Let thy dress besem thy state;
Let the bridegroom at the gate
See no flaw in thee.

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Rev. W. H. WITHROW, D.D., Editor.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL AID AND EXTENSION FUND.

OUR friends of the Baptist Church of the United States, one of the largest and most vigorous denominations of that country, has recently established a Fund similar to that above named, which they have called the "Sunday School Help Fund." From the last number of their excellent Sunday-school organ, the *Baptist Teacher*, we make the following extract:

Though not yet two months since this Fund was started, it already has \$467 30 in hand, and several friends of the Society have also pledged liberal annual contributions, additional to what may be done by the Sunday-schools of the country, who will be specially asked to contribute for it. If \$10,000 a year could be placed at the disposal of this Fund, it might all be most usefully employed.

A writer in that journal goes on to remark:—That so prompt a response should be made to the first call for that Fund is a source of much joy, and its distribution will be an occasion of

rejoicing to many a feeble school which, amid poverty of resources, may be struggling to meet urgent needs. There is scarcely any plea that can be made to the Baptist Sunday-schools of our country that has greater force than this one; and it will not need any extra machinery, nor extra expense, to obtain, and to place where it will do the most good, the means that may be contributed for this purpose. It will take but a few minutes to state its purpose, and but little effort to arouse an enthusiasm that will yield a satisfactory result. It might be well to place upon the black-board, or neatly print upon a large sheet of paper that all could easily see, first:

ON NEXT SUNDAY

Our School will contribute, that other and needy schools may obtain Baptist Sunday-school Help.

Then, on the following Sunday, change the first line to "To-day," and gather up the money with grateful joy for the privilege, and forward it to the Society, designating it to this Fund, that it may promptly enter upon its mission. The new fund gives good opportunity for the smaller rills of beneficence to widen into a mighty stream, beautifying every point it may touch by its cultivating influence.

Precisely the same language may be employed with respect to our own Sunday School Aid and Extension Fund, which is doing so much good.

About thirty cases have come under notice during the last few days, in which it has been instrumental in promoting the establishment of new schools in remote and destitute neighbourhoods. Let the Fund have the sympathy and support of every school.

"DEW-DROPS."

THIS is the name of a little Society of little ladies formed in Hamilton some time ago, for the purpose of assisting Mr. and Mrs. Crosby in their work in the far north of British Columbia. We will let Mrs. Sanford tell what they have done:—"I sent you a paper last fall containing an account of a Bazaar, held on the 17th of November, under the auspices of the 'Dew-drops,' a society consisting of my little daughters and some of their young friends, about sixteen in all. The object was to assist Mr. and Mrs. Crosby in their mission. They realized two hundred dollars, which sum I now send to you with interest. They desire one hundred and fifty dollars to be given towards the 'Port Simpson Mission Boat, and the rest, fifty-seven dollars, for the 'Crosby Girls' Home.'"

And now, with such a magnificent example, are there not some Dew drops in other places than Hamilton? We shall see.—*Guardian*.

PRIMARY Teacher's Hand Book for mothers and Sunday-school teachers, including S. S. Lessons for 1863, by Mrs. W. F. Crafts, \$1.25. Heroes and Holidays, by W. F. Crafts. Paper, 60 cents; cloth, 1.25.

AN exchange says:—Princess Louise is a good housekeeper, cook, confectioner, laundress, seamstress, and dress-maker. Being a princess, instead of the daughter of a retired fishmonger, she is not ashamed to possess such accomplishments.



BUNYAN'S TOMB, BUNHILL FIELDS.—(See first page.)

SPEAKING of the Marquis of Lorne's late tour through Manitoba and the North-West Territory during the summer of 1882. *The London Times* said:—"His travels were watched with interest by the public, which scarcely as yet understands the magnitude of its estate in the regions of Lake Winnipeg and the Saskatchewan. . . . The country through which he has passed is already beginning to show signs of the destiny in prospect for it. Where there were formerly only hunters and trappers, he has seen a line, though as yet very thin, of husbandmen reaping an ample reward from the virgin soil. . . . Of its (Canadian Pacific Railway) value as a means of developing the wealth of the Dominion, there can be no question. Settlers cannot help but follow in its course. Land such as it will open up, the vegetable accretion of thousands of years, is better than lodes of gold or silver; it is a corn mine which will outlast and outbid all the mines of Nevada and California."

THERE are not so many special helps to the study of the Lessons for the last half of 1883 as were provided for the first half of the year. The Biblical Museum, by J. Comper Gray, volume Joshua to Samuel, will be found exceedingly useful. Price, \$1.25. Having this volume, teachers will be led to desire the whole set, covering both the Old and New Testaments. Conder's Hand book of the Bible, price, \$2.50, contains much that will interest and instruct on matters relative to the period under study. Half Hours with the Lessons, price, \$1.50 will also be found helpful. All these, with the various standard commentaries, can be obtained at any of the houses of our Publication Society.

THERE are several urgent applications for donations of second-hand Sunday-school libraries for poor schools. We have none in stock, but will be glad to receive any that may be sent us, and will make good use of them.

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"YE HAVE DONE IT UNTO ME."

IN John Falk's school for poor and outcast boys in Germany the grace which was said before eating was this: "Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest, and bless what Thou hast provided."

A small boy asked Mr. Falk,— "Will you tell me, sir, why the Lord Jesus never comes?"

"Only believe, dear child," answered he, "and you may be sure He will come. He does not despise our invitation."

"May I set a chair for Him every day," asked the simple boy.

"Yes," was the kind reply.

Not long after this, while they were at supper, a poor boy, ragged, chilled, hungry, came in and begged for a night's shelter. He was made welcome, and, as there was no other chair empty, he took the one the little boy kept for the invited Guest. As the wretched boy ate and grew warmer the little boy roused up from deep thought, saying: "Ah! I see it now. Jesus Christ could not come, and so He sent this poor fellow. Is that it?"

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