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Christmas Greeting.

TO MY SUNDAY-SCHOOL CLASS.

MAY the grateful thoughts you cherish,
On this hallowed Christmas time,
Fill your hearts with peace and gladness—
Flood them with a light divine,
That shall leave enduring mem'ries,
And shall youthful sunshine bring;
When you're far along the journey,
To the "Palace of the King."

Wealth and honor may invite you;
Nobly win them if you can,
Aim to reach life's highest stations,
Working to a worthy plan;
Falter not where duty calls you,
Though fierce conflicts it may bring.
In your journey through the valley,
To the "Palace of the King."

Earthly joys are not enduring,
And its treasures pass away;
Jesus offers those immortal,
Freely offers them to-day!
Oh, while in life's rosy morning,
Learn redeeming love to sing!
Christ alone can give a passport
To the "Palace of the King."

If beneath His blood-stained banner,
We are soldiers true and bold;
Standing clad in gospel harness,
We those mansions shall behold,
He is fitting for his chosen,
And shall know the joy 'twill bring,
To receive the Father's welcome,
To the "Palace of the King."

As the good of all the ages,
Bow before the shining throne;
And He gives to each a new name,
Graven on a precious stone,
We shall sing, the conflict over,
To His feet our trophies bring,
And shall hear the Master's "Well done,"
In the "Palace of the King."

In those realms of untold glory,
Where no night succeeds the day;
Death and sorrow cannot enter,
God shall wipe all tears away:
And to Father, Son, and Spirit,
Endless praises we will sing,
For the glories of redemption,
In the "Palace of the King."

—Geo. W. Baldwin

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We beg to call the special attention of all Sunday-school teachers to the Announcement of our S. S. Periodicals for 1884 in this number of the BANNER; and the Announcement of the *Methodist Magazine* in the *Pleasant Hours* for December 1—the best we have ever made. Several schools have for several years taken *Magazines* for circulation instead of libraries, being much cheaper, fresher, and more attractive. Special rates to schools given on application. *Home and School* will contain many S. S. items, hints on teaching, etc., of special interest to S. S. workers—every one of whom should have it. Only 30 cents a year.

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If we reach not the height we seek,
We need not blame our fortune's dear,
For to our own small selves belongs
The blame of our small sphere.