

### THE BOOK PAGE

"The purpose of this book is to emphasize the importance and the practicability of bringing child-life into close connection with the vital, spiritual forces of the church." So says Rev. Dr. Henry Woodward Hulbert, in his foreword to **The Church and Her Children** (Fleming H. Revell Company, Toronto, 229 pages, \$1.00). The book is timely, for on both sides of the ocean, and in every denomination, the church is awakening to the fact that its children, even if they are being gathered in millions into its Sunday Schools, are, somehow, sliding out of the church itself. The very existence of the church—not to speak of local revival or increase—depends, as the author states, on "a new consecration of child-life in the church and in the home, which shall bring into being a new generation of worshippers." The object of his book is to show how this is to be brought about—practical and practicable methods by which this lamentably neglected side of church life may be amended. Child-attendance at Church, The Educational Department, as the Right Arm of the Church, Music and Hymns for Children, Worshipful Giving to Missions, Preaching to Children, Pastoral Training for Church Membership, etc., all receive instructive treatment.

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