

The lesson was, 'Power to Forgive'. Forgiveness was made the theme of the *Salvation Service* at the close; during its progress a deep tenderness took possession of the school; a large number arose for prayers, and in the young people's meeting at 6 p.m., without being urged, thirty members of the school, from eleven to eighteen years of age, came to the altar of prayer; twenty-three were converted and joined the Church.

"Rev. J. M. Weir, the pastor, a very able and earnest minister, pronounced the results satisfactory in every respect. Two weeks later, at Logan, Ohio, in a school of one hundred and fifty or more, a like service was held. The lesson had been 'Christ and His Disciples'. A five-minute talk was given. Four reasons were urged why the children and young people should become disciples of Jesus. (1) He loved them. (2) He would save them. (3) He needs them. (4) He will crown them. A number arose as expressive of their purpose to be Jesus' disciples, and before Monday night forty-two had joined the Church and a number had been converted." Some such service as this is needed in connection with our excellent Sabbath-school instructions in order that it shall be the power of God unto salvation. The Berean Lesson System has sown the seed of truth well and deep in thousands of hearts, and we only need to secure, by some means like this *Salvation Service*, the quickening power of the Holy Spirit to make it bring forth thirty, sixty, and a hundred fold in intelligent and satisfactory conversion of precious souls.

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We received the other day an order for 100 copies of *Pleasant Hours* to be sent to the Antipodes—to New South Wales, in Australia—also for the *Guardian*, and *Methodist Magazine*. The latter goes to Japan and Bermuda, to nearly every State in the Union, and recently was sent to New Zealand, and the Island of Ceylon. The English-speaking race are to be found everywhere. We have also had orders for large quantities of the BANNER to be sent to New Orleans, Newfoundland, and even Australia.

Book Notices.

The March number of the *Philadelphia Musical Journal* contains eight choice selections of sheet-music, as follows: "Romance," by Beethoven; "The Joyous Farmer," by Schumann; and "Marquis et Marquise," by Morley; all exquisite instrumental pieces. "Margherita," and "When Hopes are Dead," beautiful and popular songs, composed respectively by Gounod and Professor David Wood; "The Willow and the Lily," and "When Autumn Leaves are Falling Round." All these selections are arranged for the Piano. Published by Wm. Nuneviller, 1300 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa. Price 10 cents, or \$1.00 a year.

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The Comparative New Testament, both versions on the same page in parallel columns, published by Portc & Coates, has been universally pronounced to be the best form in which the work has appeared; and the great success that has attended it has induced the publishers to make the following additions and improvements: (1) Chapter headings in Roman numerals. (2) Running head-lines as in the old version. (3) Chronology of the New Testament. (4) The Readings preferred by the American Committee which were adopted by the Committee on Revision, are incorporated in the text. Those which were rejected are collectively in the Appendix, and for convenience of reference are also inserted as foot-notes to the respective passages. (5) A History of the Revision, and an Account of the Methods followed by the Committee on Revision. We believe that this Comparative New Testament is, beyond all comparison, the most valuable and desirable edition of the work in the market. For sale by William Briggs, Toronto.

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Dr. Hubbard on *The Opium Habit*. A Treatise on the habits of Opium and its compounds: Alcohol, Chloral-hydrate, Chloroform, Bromide Potassium, and Cannabis Indica; including their Therapeutical Indications, with Suggestions for Treatment. Pp 259; price, \$2.00. A. S. Barnes & Co., Publishers, New York.

The rapid spread of the opium habit has occupied the attention of the medical profession, and engaged the serious consideration of social scientists, as one of the most pernicious and demoralizing vices of the time. So widespread has the use of opium