

### "He Giveth us Richly all Things."

BY CHARLES F. DEEMS, D.D.

Whence came the soft and milky corn  
Enriching lowly valleys?  
Whence hawthorn blossoms that adorn  
Our lonely country alleys?

Whence came the clouds that hang aloft  
O'er earth their grand pavilions?  
The herds on meadows and in croft,  
That feed earth's hungry millions?

Whence came the flowers that fill the air  
With perfume and with beauty?  
And whence came all things pure and fair  
Which win men unto Duty?

Whence came the rays so swift and bright,  
On sea and land so glorious?  
And that unseen imperial might  
Which makes man's will victorious?

Whence came the father-heart in man,  
The mother-heart in woman?  
The love throughout the cosmic plan  
Which makes God's children human?

These never came: what we control  
Is good because 'tis given,  
And all made better to man's soul  
By the sweet touch of Heaven.

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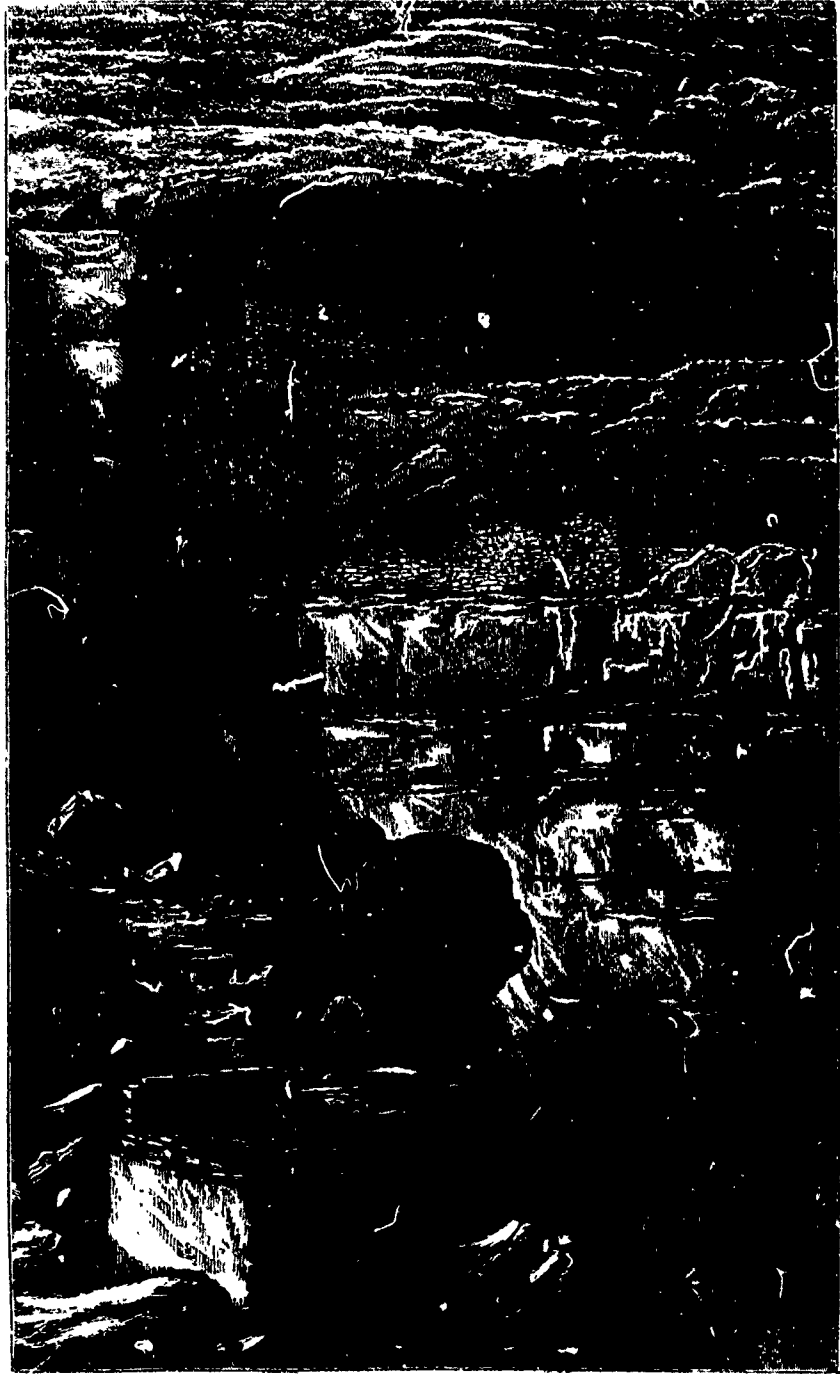
S. S. AID COLLECTION

ON

REVIEW SUNDAY,

MARCH 30TH.

THIS collection it will be remembered, is ordered by the General Conference to be taken up in each and every Sunday-school in the Methodist Church; and the Review Sunday, in September, is recommended as the best time for taking it up. Some schools neglected to do this. They will please take the collection on the Review Sunday, March 30th, that they may not be reported as delinquent at the May District Meeting. This fund is increasing in usefulness, and does a very large amount of good. Almost all the schools comply with the Discipline in taking it up. In a few cases, however, it is neglected. It is very desirable that every school should fall in line. Even schools so poor as to need help themselves are required to comply with



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the Discipline in this respect, to be entitled to receive aid from the fund. Superintendents of Circuits and Superintendents of Schools will kindly see that—in every case—the collection is taken up. It should, when taken up, be given in charge of the Superintendent of the Circuit, to be forwarded to the District Financial Secretaries who shall transmit the same to the Conference Sunday-school Secretary, who shall, in turn, remit to Warring Kennedy, Esq, Toronto, the lay-treasurer of the fund. The claims on this fund are increasing faster than the fund. We need a large increase this year to even partially meet the many applications made. Over four hundred new schools have been started in the last three years by means of this fund. No fund of this comparatively small amount is doing more good.

#### Extracts from Letters.

THE following are extracts from a few only out of several hundreds of letters received by the Secretary of the Sunday-school Board, showing the nature of the operations of the Sunday-school Aid Fund, and the character of the benefits it confers. It will be observed that these schools are doing all they can to help themselves, and to pay back part or the whole of the grant given by the Sunday-school Board:—

A missionary at Grand Manan writes: "Your superior publications have largely served in making our school one of the most interesting and successful on the island. I have no hesitancy in stating that, for the price, your Sunday-school papers are superior to any extant on this continent."

A missionary in Newfoundland writes: "Our work here is done in the midst of poverty and ignorance; but there are many hopeful signs. One of the most promising being the eagerness with which the people—both young and old—crave for pure literature."

A brother at Rocky Bay, N.S., writes: "I have not heard a preacher in three months. We get them to visit us four or five times a year." He sends two dollars for papers for a Sunday-school he has started.

From Nova Scotia again: "Your work, I feel, is helping us in this place to a higher plane of moral and religious life; and, I think, our Sunday-school publications are among the most valuable helps in this work."

A minister in Nova Scotia writes: "I have got four new schools in successful operation on this circuit, and have been greatly aided by the grants received through you."

A missionary in Muskoka writes: "The schools are kept open the whole year, which is doing nobly here, where the snow is four feet deep. This mis-