

The Shepherd and the Lamb.

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THE Christ has been seeking the lost
Where the mountains are wild and bare
And the night-dew falls, and the cold
Is filling the evening air;
O, many a weary mile
Has the Master walked to-day!
And He looks all tired and worn
By the perils of the way.

But He has the lamb that He sought
Safely upon His breast;
As He walks through the valley now,
One of the two has rest,
And forgetting the thorns that tore,
And the jagged rocks all round,
The wanderer does but know
How good it is to be found.

So it clings to the Shepherd's breast,
And nestles there, and is glad
The trouble is over and gone;
But why is the Shepherd so sad?
He holds with His wonderful hands,
So tender, the lamb in its place,
And lovingly folds it there;
But trouble is filling His face.

Ah! the Master is pitiful ever,
He grieves for the sufferer still,
For its sorrow, and pain, and loss,
As if it wandered o'er rock and hill,
And He mourns for the other lambs
Who are still away on the wold,
Wandering further yet
From the safe, warm home in the fold.



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Pioneer Sunday-School of Ontario.

SERVICES commemorating the 66th anniversary of the Metropolitan Methodist Sabbath-school were held in the church on October 6th. The Report of the Sunday-school showed an average attendance of 478; 22 male and 20 female teachers. The average for the first three quarters was 517, and the decrease in the last quarter is due to the alteration in the building. The sums raised last year were, for Sabbath-school purposes, \$506.68; for picnic, \$228.70; for missionary purposes, \$553.64; total, \$1,288.97. A good number of the scholars have taken the anti-liquor and tobacco pledge. Eighty scholars have become members of the church during the year.

Mr. John J. McLaren, Q.O., then delivered an address upon

THE SCHOOL AT HOME.

He remarked that in this age there was a great disposition to relegate duties to a few persons to work by means of proxies. We, who should all be

preachers, were leaving all our preaching to the ministers. And so with the Sunday-school. There was too great a disposition on the part of parents to suppose that their duties were ended when they saw that their children attended Sunday-school. Children must get more religious instruction than they could get in the Sunday-school. So far observation had led him to believe that many children came to school without knowing even the lesson of the day. The speaker concluded his address by putting in a word for the girls, who he thought were apt to be overlooked in the great zeal shown for the well-being of boys and young men.

Rev. Manley Benson then addressed the meeting on the subject of

"OUR BOYS."

Our boys were here and were destined to influence our country and our church. Without religion no true manhood was possible. Were we leaving this impression upon our children, in our homes, in the recreations we offered to our young people, and in our business? The greatest men the world had known were men allied to God, and he hoped we were leaving this impression upon our boys. An irreligious life was a defective life. A man might be well developed, physically and mentally, but without religion he would not be a fully developed man. What force was controlling society today? Simply the moral force given to our people from our Bibles, through our homes, our Sunday-schools, and our churches. The manhood that was constantly struggling towards the right was the manhood that was constantly helping the world upwards. Now he was not certain that we were educating our boys in this impression. There were places in which boys could not be put and live honestly. Sharp practice in business, felony, roguery, were going on day by day, and the boys were reading of these things in the papers. He believed these things could not live were it not that professing Christian people were constantly bending their backs and putting their principles in their pockets in order to do as other men did. The next address was by Rev. John Philp on

THE WORK AND ITS CLAIMS.

The great purpose of the school was to make men and women. The Sabbath-school was giving to the world to-day the very men the world wanted,—men who were sound from centre to circumference—who cared all for God and little for the opinion of the world—much for principle and little for policy. When he heard any one questioning the usefulness of Sunday-schools he was reminded of the story of Horace Mann, who said of some philanthropic work, that he would feel that it had justified its existence if it saved only one boy. When asked if he really meant that, he said, "Yes, if it was my boy." This thought gave an immense importance to Sunday-school work. For everyone in that school, he supposed, was "my boy" to somebody.

Mr. James B. Boustead, Superintendent of the Sunday-school, made a few remarks on its financial position, and the meeting was closed with the benediction by Rev. Dr. Rose.

New Sunday-school Books.

The great Methodist Publishing House at New York has undertaken to bring out a new Sunday-school book every week. If it succeeds in maintaining as high an average as the book now under examination, it will deserve the thanks of all the schools. The book is "Christina; or, the Persecuted Family." This is an "over true tale" of sorrow and suffering, founded on the history of the Vaudois. It records the valour and fidelity of that persecuted remnant of the saints who, under the fastnesses of the Alps, maintained the purity of the faith.

"When all our fathers worshipped stocks and stones."

One Little Rebel. By Julia B. Smith. New York: Phillips & Hunt. Toronto: William Briggs. Price \$1.00.

This is a story of the Civil War, recounting the adventures of a Confederate family during the later part of that great conflict. The picturesque aspects of Southern and negro life are very well sketched, and the religious teachings are unexceptionable.

Orphans of the Forest; or, His Little Jonathan. By Anne E. Courtenay. London: T. Woolmer, Wesleyan Methodist Book Room. Toronto: Wm. Briggs.

This is an affecting story of two orphan children, commonly known as gipsies. The boy was the elder, and the nurse of the other when she was but a babe. They became ardently attached to each other, and could not bear to be separated even when very young, and the hardships they endured seemed to make their attachment stronger. They went to London to find the father of the girl's mother, but he was dead when they reached the city. An old man took them into his humble home. The boy fell into bad company, and at last turned up in a Reformatory. The little girl went in search of him, and by a wonderful course of events was taken home by a farmer, and was stolen by some of her former associates. The boy by his good conduct was discharged from the Reformatory, and by the aid of the farmer found the dear girl, and both were henceforth adopted by the good farmer. The story is well told, and from the religious incidents interwoven it is calculated to be of great service to young people. The results of bad associations, and the evidences of an overruling Providence are clearly established. The book is neatly got up, has some very good illustrations, and is worthy of a place in Sunday-school libraries. E. B.

The Mentor, by Alfred Ayres, the well-known author of "Verbalist" and "Orthoepist," is announced by Messrs. Funk & Wagnalls. The book is designed for the guidance of men and boys who would appear to advantage in the society of people of the better sort. It will be similar in style of binding and price to the "Orthoepist."

Stories in Rhyme for Holiday Time, is the musical title of a book now in the press of Funk & Wagnalls. The author is Edward Jewitt Wheeler, known to the readers of St. Nicholas and Wide Awake, and Walter Satterlee has illustrated it in his usual happy manner.