

Book Notices.

The Vicar of Berrybridge. By CHARLES R. PARSONS. Pp. 250, full gilt. London: T. Woolmer. Toronto: William Briggs.

This is a remarkable story illustrating High Church bigotry toward Methodism, and how it was overcome by Methodist zeal and faith, working a great moral transformation in a community and in individuals. The cuts, especially the pictures of the ideal characters, are capital. Those who have read "The Man with the White Hat," by the same author, will be glad to have this book. We rejoice that in the free air of Canada, Methodism can do its God-appointed work without such intolerant treatment as is revealed in this book, and in the recent conduct of Lord Salisbury and other landed magnates, as recorded in the public press.

Easter Echoes No. 1. Chicago: R. McCabe & Co. (See advt.)

The Easter festival is more largely becoming celebrated in our schools, for this the need of a good song service is felt. The one above noted admirably meets this want. The following is the excellent Preface of this musical programme: "East" is one of the oldest of Christian festivals. It was born with the Lord's Day on the morning of the resurrection. It is a movable feast, but commemorates a fixed and fundamental fact of Christianity. It marks the greatest event in history, and since the morning that Peter and John looked into the open sepulchre till now it has been celebrated. It grows in interest and beauty every year. By it we know we shall live forever. On Easter morning we, too, stand by the empty tomb and gaze into heaven and exclaim, "Now is Christ risen from the dead and become the first-fruits of them that slept." Let us be as happy as the disciples when they first listened to the joyful tidings. Let there be joy throughout all Christendom.

This service, if well rendered as arranged, will give great satisfaction. It is well adapted for Church or Sunday school, or both combined. The music is good, but not difficult. It is nearly all new, and written expressly for the "Echoes."

Aesthetics; Dreams. By JAMES SULLY. *Association of Ideas.* By GEORGE CROOM ROBERTSON. Humboldt Publishing Company, 24 East Fourth Street. Price 15 cents, post-free.

These three essays contained in No. 101 of the "Humboldt Library of Science," will be perused with interest and instruction by every cultivated reader.

It is often very hard to get good temperance songs and hymns. Hood's *Prohibition Melodist*, price 35 cents, admirably supplies this want. May be ordered through the Methodist Book Rooms.

Opening and Closing Service.

I. Silence.

II. Responsive Sentences

Supt. I will bless the LORD at all times.

School. His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Supt. My soul shall make her boast in the LORD.

School. The humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

Supt. O taste and see that the LORD is good.

School. Blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

III. Singing.

IV. Prayer.

V. Scripture Lesson.

LESSON SERVICE.

I. Class Study of the Lesson.

II. Singing Lesson Hymn.

III. Recitation of Title, Golden Text, Outline, and Doctrinal Suggestion, by the school in concert.

IV. Review and Application of the Lesson, by Pastor or Superintendent.

V. The Supplemental Lesson.

VI. Announcements (especially of the Church service, and week-evening prayer-meeting).

CLOSING SERVICE.

I. Singing.

II. Responsive Sentences.

Supt. Trust in the LORD, and do good: so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

School. Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

III. Dismissal.

THE APOSTLES' CREED.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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