

**"He Calleth Thee."**

"And Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called. And they called the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort, rise, He calleth thee."—Mark x. 49.

They spake to him of old who sat  
In blindness by the way,  
Of Christ the Lord, who drawing near  
Could turn this night to day;  
But still he lingered trembling there,  
Till o'er that living sea  
The words of welcome reached his ear,  
"Arise, He calleth thee!"

And still those words from heaven fall  
On every sinner's ear;  
And still the Lord delights to bid  
The trembling soul draw near!  
The old, the young, the rich, the poor,  
He calls from wrath to flee,  
And from the death-like sleep of sin;  
"Arise, He calleth thee!"

He saw thee when, "a great way off,"  
Thou hadst no thought of Him;  
The door of grace He open threw,  
And sought to bring thee in.  
As a child within its father's home,  
As happy and as free;  
He longs to have you with Himself—  
"Arise, He calleth thee!"

From all the joys this world affords,  
Which perish in a day,  
The gilded snares which Satan spreads  
To lead your steps astray;  
From sin, from guilt, however great,  
From want, from misery,  
From all the sorrows of this life—  
"Arise, He calleth thee!"

From want which urges on your feet  
In sin's dark path to roam,  
To feast His hand of love has spread,  
And endless joys of home;  
From memory of your by-past life,  
However dark it be,  
To rest with Him in glory bright—  
"Arise, He calleth thee!"

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**A New Brunswick S. S. Convention.**

We are glad to receive from the Rev. J. C. Berrie the following notes of a very successful Convention in New Brunswick:—

"Carleton County, N.B., is the banner county of the province in S. S. work. Some years ago (eight), a few Sabbath-school workers conceived the idea and planned a S. S. Convention. The interest has continued to increase, until this year one hundred delegates from all parts of the county met at Centreville, discussed S. S. work in general, received instruction, and im-

parted the knowledge gained by practical observation whilst engaged in this work.

"At the Convention all denominational differences were lost, and it would have been hard to tell, had one not known, to what part of Christ's visible body the members belonged. All seemed to have but one purpose—to win the young for Christ and preserve them from the evils of sin. It is to be regretted that the Episcopalian schools do not avail themselves of the advantages of this institution. All denominations kept open house, and the friends were royally entertained."

From the printed report we glean the following:

"A very pleasing item is the constantly increasing number of conversions among the scholars of our Sunday-schools, a much larger number being reported this year than ever before. Our churches are rapidly reaping the rich rewards of S. S. labour.

"Another noticeable fact in this connection is that a very much greater number of conversions are reported from the schools that are open the year round than from those that close in winter."

It was found that there were twice as many scholars in the day-schools as there were in the Sunday-schools, and that five hundred and thirty-six more scholars attend the day-schools in winter than in summer; whereas the attendance at the Sunday-schools was only one-half as great in winter as in summer. These facts are very significant as showing the absurdity of the idea that schools must be suspended in the winter. If day-schools can be kept open thirty hours in the week, surely Sunday-schools can be kept open for two hours a week. We would be glad to receive statistics of the relative attendance at day-schools and Sunday-schools from other places.

**Universal Prayer for Sunday Schools.**

SUNDAY AND MONDAY, OCT. 21ST & 22ND, 1883.

THE American Sunday-school Union, in unison with friends abroad, calls attention to the Days of Universal Prayer on behalf of the Sunday-schools.

From the manifold blessings that have followed these special applications in past years, a reminder of the appointed time will itself be sufficient to ensure a hearty response to the call to prayer, and a remembrance by all earnest workers of their entire dependence upon God for His blessing. The machinery is sufficient; the quickening Spirit is the great need.

These Days of Prayer are now so generally observed by all sections of the Christian Church throughout Europe and America, and even in Asia and Africa, that the earth may be said to be literally girt about with prayer.

The following programme is suggested:—

1. On Lord's Day Morning, October 21, from 7 to 8 o'clock, Private Intercessory Prayer on behalf of Sunday-schools.

2. The Opening Exercises of the Morning School be preceded by a Meeting of the Teachers for prayer.

3. Ministers be requested to preach Special Sermons on the claims of the Sunday-school, and the necessity for increased intelligence and consecration on the part of Teachers.

4. In the Afternoon the ordinary exercises of each school be shortened, and the Scholars unite in a Devotional Service, interspersed with singing and appropriate addresses. To this Service the parents of the scholars might be invited.

5. At the close of the Afternoon or Evening Service the Teachers, in Union with other Christians, meet for Thanksgiving and Prayer.

6. On Monday Morning, October 22, Teachers again bring their Scholars, one by one, in private prayer before God.

7. In the course of the day Female Teachers of each School hold a Meeting for united Prayer and Thanksgiving.

8. In the Evening each Church or Congregation be invited to hold a meeting, at which the interests of the Sunday-school should form the theme of the prayers and addresses.

Schools that find it impracticable to have public meetings on Monday, may hold the Special Services appointed for the Sabbath.

**The Winnowed List.**

THE Publishing Department of the Methodist Church of Canada has now a very large "Winnowed List" of Sunday-school books, amounting to about 1,600 in all, which have been carefully read by ministers of the Church. It was not considered advisable by the Sunday-school Board to divert any of its receipts from the fund for the assistance of needy schools, for the purpose of extending the Winnowed List; but the Secretary of the Board applied to publishers inviting them to submit specimens of their books for examination. Several of the leading houses have done so, and the following are some of the opinions expressed on the books by the ministers to whom they were sent for examination. Others will be published as received. All these books will be included in next Winnowed List, and may be ordered through the Methodist Book Rooms of Toronto, Montreal, and Halifax.

*The True Compass.* Robert Carter & Brothers, New York.

"This work is composed of a series of short discourses founded on Scripture, and adapted to young minds. The plan of the sermons is clear and methodical, and the author takes particular pains to impress the leading thoughts on the minds of the readers. It abounds in illustration and anecdote—generally piquant and pointed. It can scarcely fail to please and profit those for whose benefit it was written."  
JAMES GRAY, Clinton.

*Nothing to Drink: a Temperance Sea Story.* By Julia McNain Wright. National Temperance Society, New York.

"An exciting story of sea-faring life, designed to show the utter inutilty of ardent spirits in any case. Cannot fail to produce interest in all who read it, and produce a wholesome dread of that which takes away the senses and destroys the soul."  
JOHN HUNT.

*The Mill and the Tavern.* National Temperance Publication Society.

"We generally judge an author by his works, but there are cases in which we judge of the work by the author. Like all the books written by T. S.

Arthur, 'The Mill and the Tavern' is very interesting. It consists of a series of Temperance Tales, and shows the baneful and dangerous influence of what may be called moderate drinking. It will be a valuable addition to any library for the young."

JOHN LEARROYD.

*Paul Brewster and Son.* Same publishers as last.

"It is true to nature, and its lessons against covetousness and the use of intoxicating liquors cannot fail to do good."

JOHN BREDIN, Brighton.

*Harry the Prodigal.* Temperance Publication Society.

"A book calculated to inspire and cultivate a temperance sentiment."  
WM. J. MAXWELL, Brantford.

The importance of this "winnowing" is seen in its screening out such books as the following:

*The New Scholars—Miss Ashton's Girls.*

"The book is nicely printed, beautifully bound, and in a worldly, jovial family of young Americans it would be read with avidity,—but no good effect could possibly come of it. There is nothing, to say, bad in the book—but there is nothing good; there is not a solitary grain of religion in it,—but school-girl's gossips and school-girl's quarrels. And for the back-bone of the story—a second courtship and the new mother, and the putting of the saucy girls over father's choice, &c., &c., all dished up with an occasional smack of 'Yankee slang.' Interesting in its way and somewhat sensational. In my judgment it is not suitable for our Sunday-schools."  
RICHARD WHITING, Waterloo, P.Q.

*Historical and Other Sketches.* By James Anthony Froude. Published in Funk and Wagnalls' "Standard Library." Toronto: Wm. Briggs. Price 25 cents.

This selection from the works of Mr. Froude is edited by President Wheeler, of Allegheny College. The introduction gives an account of Mr. Froude's Life, Opinions, Works and Style. It gives a more comprehensive estimate of his powers than any other that is known to us. These essays abound in the felicities of the historian's style and suggestive thoughts.

*The Continent's* monthly edition for the railway and the press makes a very handsome showing. The artistic advantages of its broad pages are well displayed in a leading article, where a large number of engravings by young women who are studying the art of wood-engraving are attractively displayed in connection with a paper by the veteran engraver, John Sartain, on the adaptability of this art as an occupation for women. The work exhibited presents such excellent results—many of them after only a short period of study—as to offer much encouragement to girls with a taste for art who are desirous of consulting their inclinations in selecting a calling for self-support. The increasing demand for this kind of work renders it profitable as well as interesting.