

but we must do what we can to save them. Although a very hard field, we rejoice that the work of God is making some advancement."

Another missionary writes: "To those scholars and teachers who go on the Labrador, we shall send papers, etc., during the fishing season, so as to keep them supplied with profitable reading matter."]

A minister in Newfoundland writes: "You have no idea of the great good being done by the supplies above named. Since my last, over fifty of our Sunday-school Scholars have been brought to God and joined the Church, many of whom are grown-up young women, and a few young men and boys."

■ A minister in New Brunswick writes: "The people are all very poor, and not able to support a minister, and they think the next best thing is to keep up their own Methodist School, and to keep Methodist teaching alive among their children."

Another minister in New Brunswick writes: "These precious papers are about the only religious literature ever put into some of these homes. This fund is as truly a mission fund as that which bears the name. Favoured ministers of independent schools and churches, composed from homes of intelligence little know how hard the work is in uplifting children and adults where parents, because poor, will not spend a cent in religious literature."

Another missionary in Newfoundland writes: "In some of the poorer homes, no other literature—periodical or otherwise—is ever seen. The parents 'con' the papers almost as eagerly as the youngsters. Our enterprising Canadian Church is doing a grand work in the gratuitous distribution of healthy literature for juvenile capacities. With many thanks on behalf of one hundred and fifty delighted children."

Bible Study.

MORE and more is the attention of the world being concentrated on that grand old book, the Bible. Around it the controversy of the ages has gathered. Upon its pages generations of the profoundest scholars and subtlest intellects of the race have eagerly pored, some in the sinister effort to undermine its authority and invalidate its teachings; others, with the earnest desire of comprehending those teachings and submitting to its rule. No other book in the world could endure such minute, such microscopic study, without revelations of discrepancies and imperfections. But, like the Hebrews of old, this book has come forth unharmed from the fiery furnace of hostile criticism; nay, glistening with new lustre and bright with added beauty.

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Opening and Closing Services.

THIRD QUARTER.

OPENING SERVICE.

- I. Silence.
- II. Singing.
- III. Responsive Sentences.
 - Supt.* Blessed are the poor in spirit :
 - School.* For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
 - Supt.* Blessed are they that mourn :
 - School.* For they shall be comforted.
 - Supt.* Blessed are the meek :
 - School.* For they shall inherit the earth.
 - Supt.* Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness :
 - School.* For they shall be filled.
 - Supt.* Blessed are the merciful :
 - School.* For they shall obtain mercy.
 - Supt.* Blessed are the pure in heart :
 - School.* For they shall see God.
 - Supt.* Blessed are the peacemakers :
 - School.* For they shall be called the children of God.
- IV. Singing.
- V. Prayer, closing with the Lord's prayer.
- VI. Responsive Reading of a Scripture Lesson [not the Sunday-school lesson for the day, but appropriate to it].
- VII. Singing.

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. [Special lessons in the Church Catechism may here be introduced.]
- VI. Announcements (especially of the Church service, and week-evening prayer-meeting).

CLOSING SERVICE.

- I. Singing.
- II. Responsive Sentences.
 - Supt.* Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report :
 - School.* If there be any virtue and if there be any praise, think on these things.
 - Supt.* And the God of peace shall be with you.
- III. Dismission.