

Come to Jesus.

COME to Jesus, are you lonely?
Come and find the living God;
Only trust him, he will save you,
He has said so in his word.

By still waters he will lead you,
In green pastures you may rest;
For a home in heaven he'll give you,
In the mansions of the blest.

Come to Jesus, all you captives,
Come, and he will set you free;
For your liberty is purchased
By his death upon the tree.

Come to Jesus, do not tarry
There is danger in delay;
All your burdens he will carry
And your sins he'll wash away.
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REMEMBER
THE
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ON
REVIEW SUNDAY,
MARCH 31st.

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 in March 31st, 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 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 400 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.

The Eclectic Complete Geography. Large 4to, 114 pages. Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co., New York and Cincinnati.

The Eclectic Elementary Geography. Small 4to. Same publishers.

We had occasion recently to commend very highly the *Eclectic Physical Geography*, published by this firm. It is our pleasing duty to give no less hearty commendation to the admirable general geographies above noted. We know of no more delightful and instructive study than that of geography, as taught in these volumes. Milton has called geography the "sister of history;" and so it is. Without a knowledge of geography, a correct knowledge of history is impossible. Indeed, without such a knowledge, even the foreign intelligence of the newspapers loses half its meaning. The books before us are among the best of the kind we have ever seen. They are characterized by the number and excellence of the maps, and the beauty and variety of the illustrations. These will attract to the study of the text, and will fix the information given indelibly upon the mind. Much attention in the larger book is also given to physical geography, and the physical characteristics and products of the countries described are clearly illustrated.

French at a Glance. Montreal: Theo. Robinson, publisher. Price 25 cts.

This book is constructed on the famous Meisterschaft system; but, it seems to us, it reaches the desired result by a much shorter process. We heartily commend it to persons desiring to acquire a working use of the French tongue.

The Adventures of Jimmy Brown. Montreal: Theo. Robinson, publisher. Price 25 cts.

Jimmy Brown is by no means a bad boy, although he gets into all sorts of scrapes, innocently enough. He is as far removed as possible from those odious "bad boys" who figure in certain recent books. Our young friends can have many a hearty laugh over this book, and be none the worse for it.

The Battle of the Swash. Same publishers and same price.

This is an account of the supposed destruction of New York, by a British fleet, in a war supposed to break out between England and the United States. We deprecate even the imagining of such a crime against humanity. Much more to our mind is Dr. Beers' splendid "Oration on Canada," of which we quote a part:—

"As a Canadian, I am at home when I land at Liverpool, at Glasgow, at Dublin, at Bermuda, New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, New Guinea, Jamaica, Barbadoes, or Trinidad. Politically speaking, I have a large share in, and am proud of, the glorious old flag which waves over New Zealand, Australia, Gibraltar, Malta, Hong Kong, West Africa, Ceylon, St. Helena, Natal, British Honduras, Dominica, the Bahamas, Grenada, Barbadoes, and India. I need no other passport to the rights of a British subject and the citizen of

a great realm, comprising sixty-five territories and islands than my Canadian birthright. I do not measure my national boundary from the Atlantic to the Pacific, but from the Pacific to the Caribbean Sea. Under the reign of Victoria, no Canadian need be ashamed to belong to an empire which embraces a fifth of the habitable globe, and to know that his own Dominion forms nearly a half the whole; an empire five times as large as that which was under Darius; four times the size of that under ancient Rome; sixteen times greater than France; forty times greater than United Germany; three times larger than the United States, Australia alone being nearly as big as the States; India, nearly a million and a quarter of square miles; Canada, six hundred thousand square miles larger than the States without Alaska, and eighteen thousand square miles larger with it! An empire nearly nine millions of square miles, with a population of three hundred and ten millions."

We have received a pamphlet entitled *Directory and Summary of Work done by Woman's Christian Temperance Union, of Toronto District.* While looking over this little book, we could not but admire the efficient and business-like manner in which the ladies are carrying on their work. That the Woman's Christian Temperance Union is an immense power in our country, no one will deny. May their "bow abide in strength," and the "power of the Highest overshadow them."—*Outlook.*

Methodist Missions.

THE Missionary Society of the Methodist Church has upon Domestic, Indian, French, Chinese and Foreign Missions, 474 missionaries, 28 native assistants, 40 teachers and 13 interpreters. In all, 555 workers and 46,789 members. Total income last year, \$219,480.

By multiplying 46,799—the number of actual communicants in the mission-fields—by $4\frac{1}{2}$, we get 210,595, as the number ministered to by our society. The total income last year was \$219,480. A comparison of these figures reveals the fact that, practically, for every dollar expended by the Society, a soul is furnished with the Bread of Life for a period of twelve months. Who among us will practice, if need be, a little more self-denial in order that the Bread of Life may be given to a yet larger number!

The Old Bible.

A poor shepherd in the mountains, who had hard work to live and provide food and raiment for his large family, purchased one summer from a dealer in old clothes an old family Bible, with the idea of reading to his little ones when the winter evenings set in.

One Sunday evening, as he turned the leaves, he was surprised to find several fastened together. He set himself to get them apart with great care, when his surprise may be imagined on finding a bank note for twenty pounds sterling, with these words written on the margin of the page: "I gathered this money with great difficulty, but having no heirs but those who need nothing, I make thee, whosoever shall read this Bible, my heir."—*Sel.*

"EVERYTHING has gone so smooth to-day," said a little girl. "All my lessons in school were perfect, I helped clear away the dinner-things, I have learned my Bible-verses, and I have 'most done my knitting—and it is because I feel willing-hearted to-day."