

our sympathy for the poor, the tried and tempted; and will, by God's blessing, help some of this class to escape from their temptations "as a bird out of the snare of the fowler." Some of these sketches treat of the drink traffic, novel reading, infidelity, and kindred evils. The author vouches for the reality of the most remarkable incidents recorded.

Wayside Wisdom; or, Old Solomon's Ideas of Things. By the Rev. John Colwell.

In this racy little book the author proves his introductory statement that "under the quaint thatch of our dear English homesteads dwells many an Old Solomon." This village philosopher dispenses his homely wisdom, somewhat after the fashion of Spurgeon's "John Ploughman," in strong, shrewd Saxon English. The vein of quaint humour, the sturdy common sense, and the sincere piety of the old man will make him a favourite. The book is copiously illustrated.

Life in a Parsonage; or, Lights and Shadows of the Itinerary. By W. H. Withrow, D.D. London: T. Woolmer.

This is the third of the author's stories, written for the *Canadian Methodist Magazine*, that the Wesleyan Conference office has republished in England. Instead of performing the rather difficult task of reviewing our own book, we quote the following from the *New Connection Magazine*, London: "Produced by the practised pen of the Editor of *The Methodist Magazine*, this little book will gain easy access to many a Methodist home, and wherever it goes will excite intense interest. The lights and shadows fall on the parsonage of a Canadian Itinerant, but the life of Laurence Temple and his fair wife Edith represents very thoroughly the experiences of many a worthy couple in the circuit homes of British Methodism. Those experiences are traced with a tender and skillful hand, and will be read with many a tearful eye; although not all tears of sorrow, thank God! True to the life is this picture, and people as well as preachers and preachers' wives will be all the better for looking upon it." This book will shortly be published in Canada by the Rev. William Briggs, Book Steward, Toronto.

Saving Faith. By James Morrison, D.D. Toronto: S. R. Briggs. Price 40c.

This little book, now in its ninth edition, has been a means of grace to thousands. In its improved form it goes forth on a renewed mission of counsel and encouragement to anxious inquirers after salvation.

With Christ in the School of Prayer. By the Rev. Andrew Murray. Toronto: S. R. Briggs; pp. 268, price 90c.

The author collates in thirty sections the references to prayer in the New Testament, especially the references of our Lord to this subject. Upon some he briefly, but with great force, comments, bringing home to every devout mind the greatness of the privilege and duty of prayer.

Opening and Closing Services for the First Quarter.

OPENING SERVICE.

- I. Silence.
- II. The Doxology.
- III. Responsive Sentences.
Supt. I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.
School. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.
Supt. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: He that keepeth thee will not slumber.
School. Behold, He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.
Supt. The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.
School. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.
Supt. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: He shall preserve thy soul.
School. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

IV. Singing.

V. Prayer.

LESSON SERVICE.

- I. Class Study of the Lesson.
- II. Singing Lesson Hymn.
- III. Recitation of the 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. My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.
School. Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift.
- 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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