

THE TURNING LEAF.

The elm is turning yellow,
The woodbine steth with stain,
The frost hath fringed the maple
With crimson fire again,
I hear the crisp corn rustle that's gathered
Into sheaves,
And my heart stands still a moment to
think of what it leaves.

I pick the honeyed-clover
That blossoms at my feet;
Ah! me, long years are over
Since first I found it sweet.
I hear the crisp corn rustle that's gathered
Into sheaves,
And my heart stands still a moment to
think of what it leaves.

The sadness and the sweetness
I ponder o'er and o'er;
Nor sighing and the gladness
Is as it was before.
I hear the crisp corn rustle that's gathered
Into sheaves,
And my heart stands still a moment to
think of all it leaves.

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Announcements for 1882.

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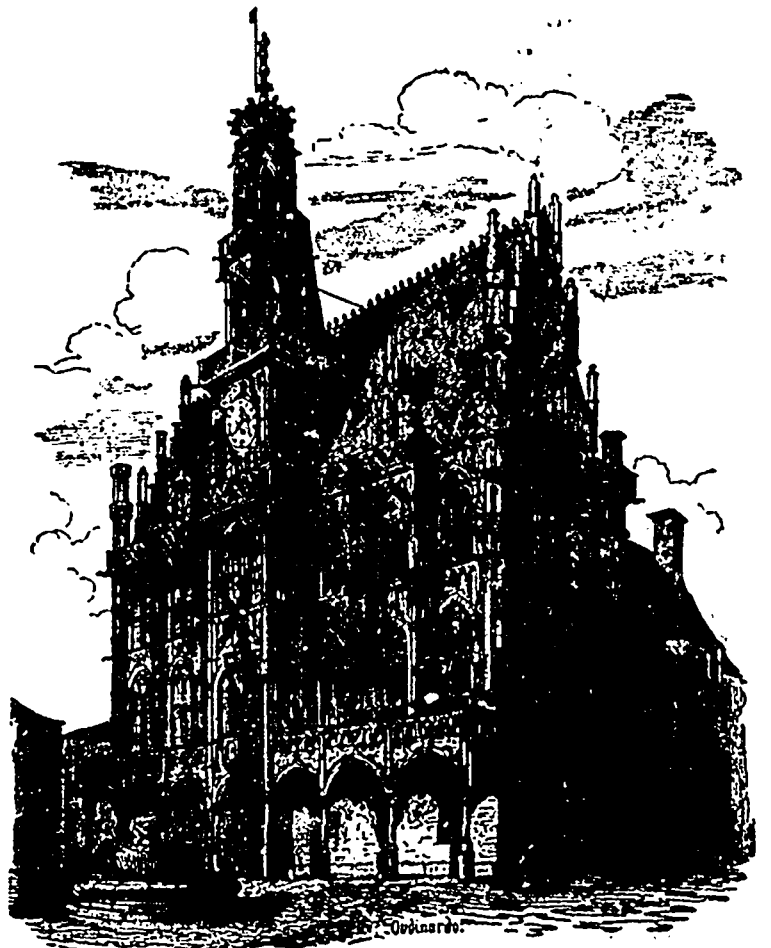
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THIS new periodical has at once reached a circulation far beyond our anticipation. It will still possess the same general features, viz.: The full text of the Lessons for every Sunday of the quarter, Golden Text, Home Readings, Connecting Links, Outlines and Questions, Brief Explanations, one or two Questions from the Methodist Catechism, and three Hymns adapted for the Lessons of each Sunday, selected from the New Hymn Book or S. S. Hymnal. It will also contain an Engraved Map of the country treated of in the Lessons, Responsive Opening and Closing Exercises, the Apostles' Creed, Ten Commandments, and Music of the Gloria Patri. This Quarterly may be used instead of the Berean Leaves. It will, however, contain considerably more than these. It will be sent, post free, in quantities of ten or more, to one address, at the low price of Two cents a quarter each, or Eight cents a year. It meets a want felt and expressed by many of our best Sunday-school workers. It will be enlarged four pages in size and printed with coloured cover, and at the suggestion of an experienced S. S. worker, will contain more explanations of the lessons instead of some of the questions at present given.



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These papers are not published to make money, but to supply our Schools with good reading at as near cost price as possible. But if any money is made, it is appropriated to the help of the old and worn-out members of our Church, or to their widows and orphans.

The profits of Cook's and other foreign periodicals which are published by private individuals to make money, go into the pockets of themselves and their agents. Which class will Methodist parents and Methodist schools give their money to support?

THE Canadian Methodist Magazine has recently had a number of very valuable articles. Every Methodist ought to read those by Principal Grant, on Methodist Missions in the North-West; by President Nelles, on Christianity, Ideal and Actual; John Macdonald's Ecumenical Paper on Home Missions among Degraded Populations, and the Editor's Series of Men Worth Knowing, and Story of the Catacombs. [See Announcement for next year on last page.]

THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.

WE beg to acknowledge the receipt of one dollar from Mrs. Sarah Kerr, Bathurst, for the Toronto Hospital for Sick Children. We had the pleasure, a few Sundays since, of conducting a religious service at the Hospital, and we are sure it would have greatly gratified all the patrons of this deserving charity to see how much benefit their kind donations confer. In the large room were about a dozen cots in which lay little sufferers, too weak to sit up. The others, together with a number of visitors, occupied chairs. The dear little creatures sang the hymns very sweetly to the accompaniment of a cabinet organ. They all looked bright and clean and happy, and I heard not a murmur of complaint, although several of those suffering from hip-disease had a weight attached by a pulley to their legs to keep them stretched out. Some of the cots are maintained by Sunday Schools, or by bereaved parents in memory of little children who have died. The Hospital is supported on the "Faith principle." No one is ever asked for a copper for it. The lady managers have a prayer meeting every week, when they ask God for what they want, and He always rewards their faith by sending from many unknown sources help to carry on this good work.

If any parents or children in their happy homes, wish to contribute anything to the poor sick little ones in the Children's Hospital, the Editor of PLEASANT HOURS will be happy to receive and acknowledge on its behalf any such donations.

"RISE! for the day is passing,
And you lie dreaming on;
The others have buckled their armour,
And forth to the fight are gone:
A place in the ranks awaits you,
Each man has some part to play;
The Past and the Future are nothing
In the face of the stern To-day."

Proctor.