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A Christmas Song.

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Over the hills of Bethlehem.

A white star hung one night;
The low, gray walls of the little town
All lay in a silver light.

Over the hills of Bethlehem

Three wise men came from afar;
"Where is the baby King," they said,
"Who leadeth us by his star?"

Over the walls of Bethlehem

The great, white star hung low;
And they found the King on a manger
throne,
And the kine in a kneeling row.

Around the Baby of Bethlehem

The heavens once touched the earth,
And choirs of angels came thronging
down,
To carol the Saviour's birth.

Oh, where is the cradle of Bethlehem?

And where is the baby King?
Thy heart, dear child, is the cradle
throne,
And around it the angels sing.

And the King—the stars are under his
feet,

All worlds are within his hand.
And when thou art grown in the grace
of him,
Thy heart—it shall understand.

Better Bible Study.

The convention of the Ontario Sabbath-school Association, at Galt, was one of the most successful ever held in this country. Dr. J. J. McLaren, who, not-

withstanding his busy life, finds time to attend the annual meetings of our Missionary Board, the Sunday-school Conventions, the important temperance and Sabbath observance meetings, and those of the College Boards and Senates, reports that the Galt convention was a season of great spiritual power and profit.

A prominent feature of the association work for the present year is promoting the Normal class study. Its secretary issues a strong appeal for more and better work in this direction, and offers valuable help in its promotion. Write for circular to Corresponding Secretary S. S. Association, Room 25, Manning Arcade, Toronto.

The American Institute of Sacred Literature, of which President Harper, of the University of Chicago, is Principal, has also for some years been conducting special studies in the Scriptures. In a single month over a hundred classes, representing two thousand adult persons, have been organized for the systematic study of the four years' course in sacred literature. The secretary of this institute asks for pastors and teachers specially to take up this work, and offers material for one year's study free to any minister who will organize a class in his church. The secretary, G. L. Chamberlin, Chicago, will furnish further information.

The Presbyterian Church will signalize the coming of the new century by making a vigorous effort to bring 500,000 more children into their Sunday-schools, which now number about 1,000,000. Let us emulate their example.

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