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## PARENT AND PASTOR

The charming "Word from Pastor to Parents," which is given almost in full below, was not, it may be explained, written at all with a view to publication beyond the congregation of Cooke's Church, Toronto, to the report of whose Sabbath School it was prefixed, but the editors have begged permission of Rev. Mr. Esler, the pastor, to give it this wider currency:

"As Pastor of the church, it has been a joy to my heart to have received, during the past year, into the communion of the church, no less than thirty-five members of the Sabbath School on the profession of their faith in Christ, and I anticipate that these young disciples will be among the best and most consistent followers of our blessed Lord. The best Christians are those who professed Christ when they were young.

"The one aim of our Sabbath School is to direct the young feet in the way of life. We want only to do good, and in the name of our Lord to bring sunshine and good cheer to the hearts of both parents and children; and we know that in so doing sunshine and good cheer will come back to our own hearts. The parent has the first place as the trainer of the child for eternity and for God. We therefore come in the name of Christ to help you to keep your boy or girl for the Master, and to save him or her in the hour of temptation, of which the world is full.

"We humbly ask your hearty co-operation with us in our work, in the regular and punctual attendance of your child, in the preparation of the lesson, in loyalty to the teachers and the School, and to our blessed

Lord. Pray for us. If sometimes our methods are new to you, do not criticise; be assured we want to lay no trap for your dear child, and we have no other end than to be a blessing to your boys and girls.

"As Pastor of the church, I do love the boys and girls, and I long to do them good, and in this work I have the heartiest sympathy of our teachers. I hope I have yours also. Pray for this work, and may 1903 bring us even greater blessings than even the year that is gone."

## THE RISEN CHRIST

By Rev. R. P. Mackay, D.D.

Can it be proved that Jesus rose from the dead? Yes, it can; but then we have long ago got past the need of proof. In their dry wilderness journey the Israelites were like to perish for want of water. Moses smote the rock with his rod, and a sweet, clear stream gushed forth. The people drank and were satisfied. They needed no proof ever after, that Moses had smitten the rock. The flowing stream, their thirst quenched, their lives refreshed, were evidence stronger than any process of reason.

An angel came down and rolled the stone away from the door of the rocky sepulchre in Palestine and Jesus came forth. With Him flowed forth the river of life, from which millions of souls have been drinking and have been satisfied. He has been within them a well of water springing up into everlasting life. They who know Him not may ask for argument to prove that He rose from the grave. To us argument is superfluous, and the best that can be adduced is feeble