

LEARN A LITTLE EVERY DAY.

LITTLE rills make wider streamlets—
Streamlets swell the river's flow
Rivers join the mountain billows,
Onward, onward as they go!
Life is made of smallest fragments,
Shade and sunshine, work and play
So may we with greatest profit,
Learn a little every day.

Tiny seeds make boundless harvests,
Drops of rain compose the showers,
Seconds make the flying minutes,
And minutes make the hours!
Let us hasten, then, and catch them
As they pass us on the way,
And with honest true endeavor
Learn a little every day.

Let us read some striking passage,
Call a verse from every page;
Here a line and there a sentence,
Gainst the lonely time of age!
At our work or by the wayside,
While the sun shines making hay;
Thus we may, by help of study,
Learn a little every day.—Selected.

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TORONTO, DECEMBER, 9, 1882.

OUR SUNDAY-SCHOOL PERIODICALS FOR 1883.

THE past year has been the most successful ever experienced in the history of our Sunday-school periodicals. They have all made wonderful strides in improvement and in circulation. We hope that this is but a foretaste of the still greater progress and improvement of the year to come.

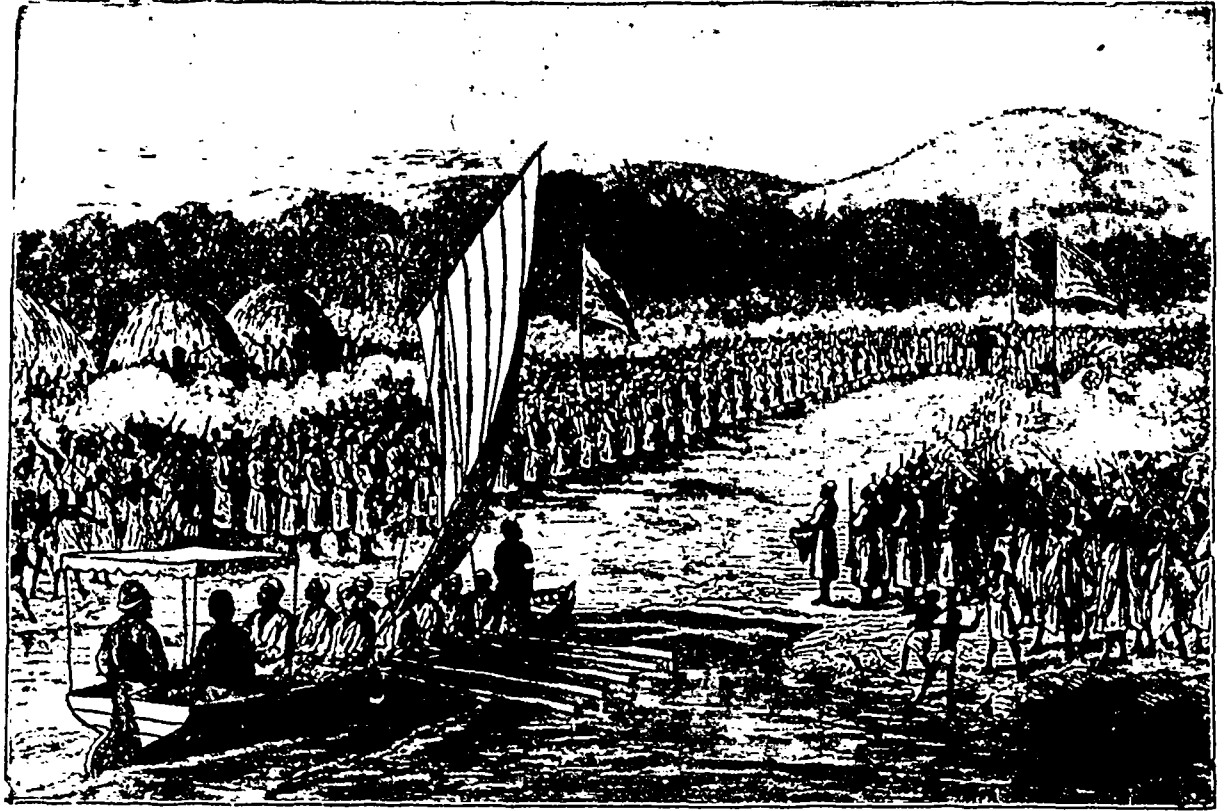
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excellencies of "PLEASANT HOURS," "HOME AND SCHOOL" will have also special features of its own. Great prominence shall be given to the subject of Christian missions, especially those of our own Church, both in Japan and among the Indian tribes of the North-West and the Pacific Coast. Special attention shall also be given to Temperance, and a series of Boys' and Girls' Temperance Lessons will be a feature of much importance. A series of sketches will also be given of HOMES OF THE POOR, with striking engravings that will touch every heart. Puzzles for the fireside, short stories, choice poems, everything that can refine and delight will be furnished, to make the winter nights and summer days cheery, and beautiful, and bright. Special prominence will also be given to the Sunday-school lessons; and Lesson Notes, different from those given in either PLEASANT HOURS or SUNBEAM, will be given for every Sunday in the year. The first number will contain a portrait and sketch of the Rev. George Douglas, LL.D., ex-President of the General Conference, and other fine engravings. It will be full of Christmas stories and poetry—just the thing to make the holidays happy. We hope that many superintendents and schools will order this special number as a Christmas present for the children. It will be sent in parcels at the rate of \$1 per 100.

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For announcement of the *Canadian Methodist Magazine* for 1883, the best that it has ever yet made, see last page.

SUPPLEMENTARY ANNOUNCEMENT OF METHODIST MAGAZINE.

—Since the announcement for 1883 was issued, a promise of a contribution has been received from the Rev. Dr. McCosh, the distinguished author, and Principal of Princeton University, N. J. Also from the Rev. Dr. Grant, Principal of Queen's University, Kingston. And from the Rev. Geo. W. Looms, M.A., B.A., a distinguished graduate of Drew Theological Seminary, who is now absent on an extended tour through Spain, Northern Africa, Egypt, Greece, Turkey, Bulgaria, and Russia. He has promised contributions from Spain and Morocco; and we hope also to obtain further sketches of travel from Tangier, Bulgaria, and Russia. Contributions from other distinguished writers are also expected.

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