

may be entitled to more smiles from her Father in heaven than any of the others, and perhaps the chiefest reward may be given to the most undeserving. Though of course, in this world of mistake and error, perhaps it is not fair to expect too much in this direction just now.

But some say, "If you insist upon a correct motive being the principal thing, many may be deterred from effort, and, besides, young children cannot be supposed to understand these things." Well, to reply to the last point first,—We don't think children should be set to this work until the motive can be understood; and we fancy the very tender babes will comprehend it sooner than most of us imagine. And as to the other objection, perhaps it will not be thought hard to express the opinion that it were better to leave the work undone than to do it for the sake of pride or man's applause. And, may we just here say, that we think one advantage of the box system, as explained last month, is that, from its nature, the principle we have mentioned may be more fully enforced.

Just one other thought. Avoid, if possible, the practice of promiscuous begging from every body and any body. This is the greatest objection to Christmas cards. It is no part of the system proper, but a corruption, and a corruption for which we have ourselves to blame, because of the ill-judged pressure brought to bear upon the children to obtain large offerings. And as we believe, from a somewhat careful observation that the box system has a tendency to do away with this objectionable feature of card collecting, we incline more favourably to the adoption of the box plan wherever possible. And if the financial experience in Montreal be any criterion, it would seem that in this respect the boxes are the best—the contri-

butions being doubled by the scheme there.

But whatever scheme is tried, let us see to it that the offerings are made intelligently, and as unto the Lord, and not unto men.

LITERARY NOTICES.

The Methodist Temperance Magazine (Eliot Stock, London, England), for January, comes to us enlarged and improved, and made still more worthy of general support.

The February Number of *The Sunday-School Teacher* (Adams, Blackmer, and Lyon, Chicago), is filled with excellent matter for teachers, and, from its character, its large circulation is no mystery.

Notes, Critical and Explanatory, on the Book of Genesis. Two volumes in one. By Melancthon W. Jacobus. For sale at the Wesleyan Book Room.—Teachers and Bible students will find this an invaluable aid to the study of Genesis. For clearness and forcefulness of expression, it can scarcely be surpassed.

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