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Please note carefully the advertisement on outside back page. Prices are there given. Kindly forward payment without waiting for accounts to be sent, and thus lighten our work.

The only S. S. supplies, furnished from this office are the publications of our own church, as named on the cover. Please order these direct; but do not order from us any others. Stationers everywhere will be glad to order other supplies.

The kindly reception given to the S. S. Helps of our own church exhausted the *Senior* and *Intermediate Quarterlies*. Printing another edition delayed for a few days the filling of late orders, but it is hoped that all are now supplied.

A few of the earlier parcels of *Quarterlies* and *Leaflets*, which left the printing house in good time and with the best of intentions, fell by the way. Others won through, travel worn. Experience teaches, and it is hoped that, with better outfit, future parcels will safely pass the hardships of the journey.

Wherever Christ went, He shed happiness as a rose sheds sweetness. Before Him were sickness and sorrow; behind Him health and joy. And how easily and simply He did it all; a word: a touch! How good to be where He was passing: how good a thing to be able to do so much good!

But the days of such miracle are not past. Nor is the miracle working confined to one. There are multitudes who, like Christ, shed happiness as fragrance where they go. They cannot help it. It is in them and must come out. And they do it so easily and simply, with a word, a touch, just as did Christ. A smile, a word of encouragement and cheer, a hand shake. How such things heal the broken hearted and bind up their wounds.

If the world's wine and oil were divided into two parts, that which costs time, and thought, and labor, and money, and that which costs nothing but kindness, it is probable that, while both are necessary, the total uplift of

the latter would far exceed the former. What possibilities of lessening the worlds ills and lightening its burdens are within reach of the poorest and weakest and lowliest.

And how such helping helps the helper. The spirit of sunshine is in itself a priceless possession; a treasure that moth and rust cannot corrupt nor thief steal.

TEACHER TRAINING.

Under this head we give an analysis of, and comment upon the Text book which those who wish the Assembly's diploma should study during the year 1898. For particulars regarding the course write to Rev. W. Farquharson, Claude, Ont.

The Sabbath School Teacher's Hand-Book, or, The Principles and Practice of Teaching, with special reference to the Sabbath School, by Thomas Morrisson, M.A., LL.D., Principal, Free Church Training College, Glasgow.

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(These notes are by no means a mechanical dissection of the text book. Principal Kirkland has, at the request of the Committee, largely supplemented the author's treatment of a subject where such additional matter seemed to be called for. If you cannot obtain the text-book, in the usual way, write to the Convener of the Sabbath School Committee, Rev. T. F. Fotheringham, St. John, N.B., enclosing its price (70 cents), and he will see that it is forwarded without delay.)

In studying Dr. Morrison's Book, the student is recommended to read the first two chapters, and to begin the study of the work by thoroughly mastering the third chapter, then take up chapter V, and follow this by a careful study of chapters VI, VII, VIII and IX. The order of study will then be, the Qualification of the Perfect Sabbath School Teacher, the Principles which lie at the foundation of all successful teaching, and the Art of Teaching deduced from these principles.