

Right is Right.

"Right is right, since God is God;
And right the day shall win;
To doubt would be disloyalty,
To falter would be sin.
For years may pass before that hour;
But shall we pause or yield?
Will temperance workers ground their arms
And give their foes the field?"

"No! Learn to 'labour and to wait,'
In God put all our trust;
Haul down the death flag from the mast,
And trail it in the dust.
Keep every watchfire burning bright,
Let every heart be brave,
And onward march with steady tramp
Our brother man to save.

"Let Prohibition be our aim,
Put down all license laws,
And make rum-sellers quake to view
The progress of our cause.
Be firm, uncompromising, true,
United, bravely stand;
And strike for temperance and right,
God and our fellow-man!"

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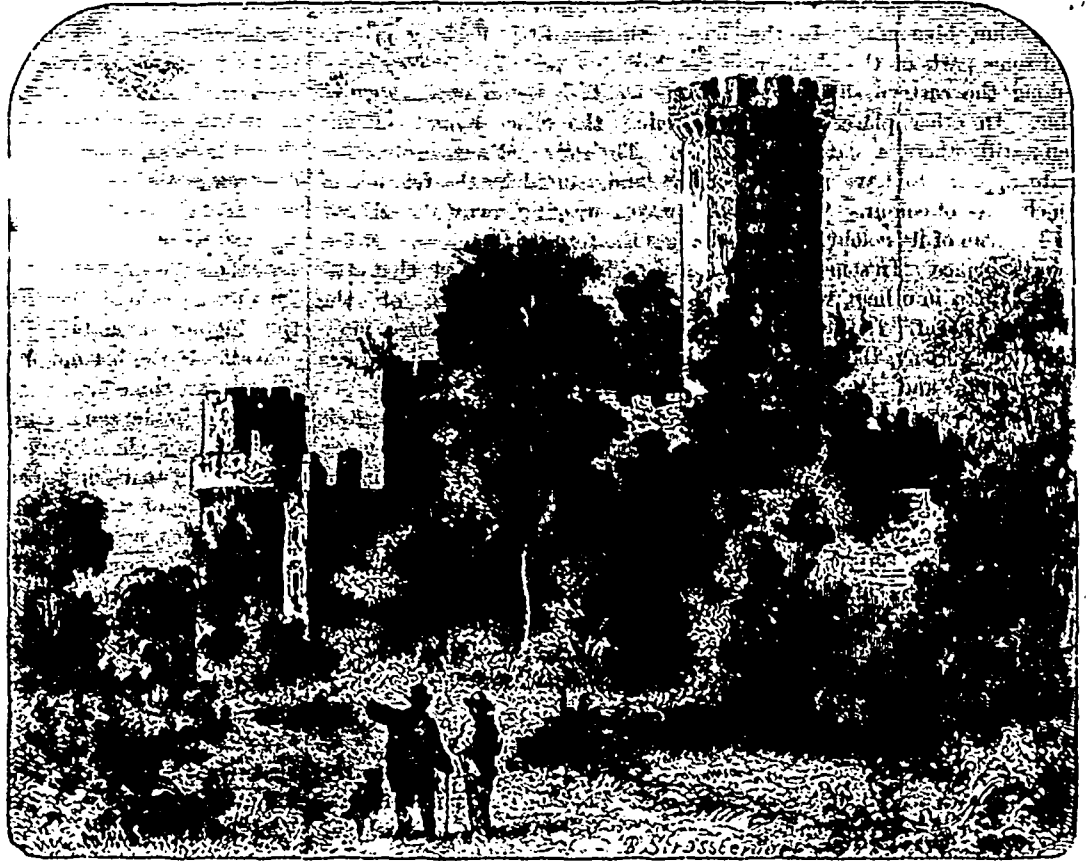
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FOR THE YEAR 1887.

Christmas and New Year's in the Sunday-Schools.

THESE anniversary seasons have been seasons of great rejoicing in hundreds of Sunday-schools. And right well it is that when all else are holiday making the schools should be the gladdest and happiest places. We have personally had the pleasure of attending several of these Sunday-school festivals. One of the most interesting was that in connection with a mission school of very poor children in this city. It is superintended by a lady connected with our Publishing House Mrs. Sheffield, who has gathered about forty poor untaught children out of the street, and with the help of kind teachers is training them week after week in the knowledge and love of



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WARWICK CASTLE, the principal residence of the Earls of Warwick, is perhaps the most perfect and magnificent feudal fortress in England still used as a residence. It is beautifully situated on the Avon river, near the ancient town of Warwick. The castle is believed to have been founded by Ethelfleda, daughter of King Alfred. The interior, remarkable for its splendour and elegance, contains valuable paintings and curious specimens of armour. Here lived Richard Neville, the most famous of the Earls of Warwick, popularly called the King-maker. He was the most prominent person in the civil war of the Roses.

Montreal. Methodist Sunday Schools.

We have received from Mr. Jacques the indefatigable secretary of the St. James Street school, of Montreal, a statistical table of all the schools in the city. It shows most encouraging progress. The number in the schools is 3,546, an increase of 491 in the year; number of teachers 382, an increase of 52; the number taking the temperance pledge is 912; the number of conversions is 163; the missionary giving are \$4,657.01; an average of \$1.31 per scholar. This is a noble record and worthy of emulation.

"You did not pay very close attention to the sermon, I fear, this morning," "O yes I did, mamma." "Well, what did the minister say?" "He said the picnic would start at ten o'clock Thursday morning; and O ma, can I go!

God. On Christmas Eve, kind friends gave these poor children a Christmas treat—a good supper, such as perhaps they never had before, and a Christmas tree laden with gifts and books, and ablaze with lights. The Rev. Mr. Stafford, of the Metropolitan Church, and the present writer addressed the school, and great was the glee as the gifts were distributed and Christmas hymns sung. We were especially pleased with the mental alertness, the "cuteness" and promptness of the scholars, and the "vim" with which they sang and answered. Many of them earned their living by selling papers. One is a little motherless girl, nearly blind, who takes care of a brother much younger than herself. It was, we think, the gladdest Christmas they ever knew.

Compared with this humble school the splendid Christmas festival of the Metropolitan school was a brilliant affair. A beautiful responsive service was read by the school and superintendent, J. B. Boustead, Esq., with appropriate hymns led by a large orchestra of wind and stringed instruments composed of scholars in the school. The programme was elegantly printed in colours and the whole was a great success.

We were also the same day at the open service of the old Richmond Street school, of which the energetic superintendent, W. H. Pearson, Esq., has been in charge for thirty years. In that time 6,000 scholars have passed through the school. Many of them have gone home to heaven, and many are serving God in many parts of this continent, not a few of whom are ministers and missionaries of the Gospel. From it

too have sprung three or four other schools and churches.

In the evening we preached one of the Sunday-school anniversary sermons in the Wesley school, Dundas Street. Under the successful superintendence of Robert Awde, Esq., this school has grown in eleven years from twenty-five to over five hundred scholars. Mr. Awde presented to each teacher a beautiful illuminated Christmas card, bearing the following original verses:

Dear teacher, thine our motto be
For eighteen eighty-seven:
"Myself an offering, Lord, to thee,
To win my class for heaven."
So shall the year be happier far
Than all the years gone by,
And every soul shall be a star
To deck your crown on high.

The Queen Street school also issues a beautiful card with the following verses:

The year hath been crowned with his blessing,
His Spirit hath ordered our way;
Sweet favour and gladness possessing,
Through him we send greetings to-day.

Swift the years are passing by,
Human hopes 'thwarting:
Will this New Year drawing nigh,
When it bows, departing,
Have for us, such record on
Its flow unsullied pages,
As shall crown us, one by one,
Through God's eternal ages?

And this is the sort of work that is going on in every city and town and village and hamlet throughout the land. What a blessed privilege to be thus engaged! Let us not, fellow-workers, grow weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.