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AND
YOUNG PEOPLE.

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In a Bible.

TAKE this book, sweet sunny maiden ;
It is laden
Full with truths divine :
It has balm for every sorrow,
Jovously its pages shine,
For they borrow
Gems from God's unfathomed mine.

Of eternity, grace, power,
Every hour
Illustrates His love,
As we see His image painted
In this volume from above,
By the sainted—
Not in portions, or stray solitary nooks.

Of its chapters, where abundant,
Not redundant,
Truths accost thine eyes ;
Whereas'er we stop beseeching
For a spirit wise,
Outward reaching
With a pious patience, which may win the
prize.

Take it as the costliest treasure,
Which pours pleasure
In the prayerful soul :
It is precious, priceless, holy ;
Healing—it can make man whole :
For this solely
It is scattered broadcast e'en from pole to
pole.

Lovely maiden, read it ever ;
Oh, ne'er sever

From the ties it binds
Betwixt thee and heaven !
For such bounteous bliss man finds
Nowhere given,
As from faith God-sown through it in humble
minds.

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The Bother with the Library.

ONE of the most embarrassing problems, as well as one most frequently presented for solution, is that which concerns the reading habits of our children. Much dissatisfaction is manifested in reference to the library literature which we give our girls and boys under the name of Sunday reading ; and all sorts of prescriptions are offered, by the wise and the unwise, for reform, for abolition, and for the substitution of something entirely different. It is safe to say that many of these prescriptions are mere quackery, offered by people who know little about the subject, and who think less ; but who, seeing that an evil exists, have, often with the best intentions, jumped at an extemporized idea of a remedy.

One good soul finds his boy reading a work which is well spiced with fiction, and forthwith denounces all books that are not "founded on fact." Another finding his daughter of fifteen, on Sunday afternoon, deeply absorbed in a volume that has been brought from Sunday-school, samples it, and discovers, to his horror, that it ends in a marriage ! He at once