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About a year ago a well-written article was sent us for *The Banner*, "Should the Sunday School Close in the Winter," signed, "Sartor Resartus." As it was then too late for use at that season it was put on file for use in our October number. We have since learned that Sartor Resartus was that brave-souled young Christian worker, Mr. C. N. Evans, who since served his country in South Africa as faithfully as he served his God at home, and poured out the costly libation of his life upon the brown veldt of the Transvaal.

The amount of editorial forethought and forework in providing the lesson notes for the year are appreciated by few. The several churches prepare not merely their lesson notes a month in advance, but yearly issues of lesson helps and commentaries for the whole year. None of the churches surpass, none, we think, equal, the Sunday School literature of the greatest Methodist body in the world, the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States. Early in October came *The Illustrated Lesson Notes*, a volume of 400 octavo pages, reviewed in our last number. The same month came, first, *The Senior Scholar's Handbook*, neatly bound in leather, with lesson helps, maps, etc., for advanced students, then *The Young People's Lesson Helps*, a book of 233 pages, and *The First Lesson Book for Intermediates*, 208 pages, at the very low price of 15 cents each, by mail 20 cents. There is also a dainty *Golden Text Book*, with the lessons, Bible readings, facts about the Bible, in an elegant pamphlet at 30 cents per dozen.

The Christmas Guest.

REV. EDWARD A. RAND.

Cold, cold the night, white, white the
SNOW

Sharp flashing in the icy moon ;
And who as host will shelter give
My Lord and King who cometh soon?

No room for Him in all these homes
That are ablaze with festal cheer !
A palace each, but not one couch
For Him whose advent draweth near !

No host, no house ? Rise up, my soul,
Thou hast a chamber in this breast !
Make clean the room, set wide the door ;
Thy King shall be thy Christmas guest !