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S/ The summer schools are beginning. It would be very desirable to have all our schools open the whole twelve months. It is worth a trial and would succeed in many cases where, through custom, the school is now closed in winter. However, we welcome them to our circle of readers none the less heartily, because it is only for a part of the year and we trust that the Illustrated Papers will not be overlooked in ordering, and that arrangements will be made for continuing these to the scholars—and, why not the Lesson Helps also?—even after the school goes into winter quarters.

S/ There is a Twentieth Century movement in the Northern Presbyterian Church of the United States, which it is not too late for us to follow, viz., the ingathering of scholars into the Sabbath Schools. The aim of that church is to win half a million of new scholars as the offering of their Church to the Divine Redeemer at the entrance of the new century. The effort has been going on vigorously. There is the best part of a year before us still before the new century is ushered in. It might be well worth the consideration of the Sabbath School Committee and of the General Assembly, whether, by concerted action, we could not immensely increase the attendance at our Sabbath Schools of both younger and older scholars before the Twentieth Century dawns. It would be of immense value.

S/ It will be gratifying intelligence that the success of JEWELS and THE KING'S OWN (continuing *The Children's Record*) is assured, so far as the circulation is concerned. They have been received with open arms by our

schools and families, and no effort will be spared by the Editor to make them worthy. A feature which has been highly prized is the home flavor. And that flavor is of uncommon excellence. We need not blush for our Canadian writers, and it is the intention, whilst making use of all good material from whatever quarter, to develop our own resources also, in this respect. Our missionaries are already supplying us with capital material and we hope to make missions a very distinctive feature, especially in THE KING'S OWN.

## “If any Man Hear My Voice.”

Have any of us given Jesus Christ that place in our hearts and that power in our lives which He has been seeking to have? Have we given Him the place which we know that He ought to have had? Did we ever open up to Him all the avenues and intricacies of our life so fully that He was at home with us and we quite at home with Him? And has He ever and since been as a familiar friend, coming back and back to see us, so that we never think of having anything going on in our life without having Him with us? He fain would keep fast and festival with us; He fain would come to the marriage and the funeral, and share our sorrow or our joy; He fain would be on such terms with us that it made no difference when He did come, because we so knew Him and He so knew us. But, alas! we fear that it is more in pathos than in joy, that He still gives this old account of Himself, “Behold, I stand at the door and knock.” And if we asked Him about His