

Book Notices.

Father Lambert's Family; A Tale of the Olden-Time France. By MARY E. BAMFORD.

This is a touching story of the persecution of the Protestants in France in the stormy period extending from 1571 to 1598. It brings vividly before us the sufferings of God's elect in a manner which should make us doubly thankful for the civil and religious liberties we to-day enjoy. The main incidents are based upon historical data.

What happened on a Christmas Eve. By EMILY HUNTINGTON MILLER. New York: Phillips & Hunt. Pp. 276. Price \$1.

The accomplished author of "Thorn Apples" here tells a charming Christmas story, or rather a succession of Christmas stories. It is a book suitable not only for Christmas, but for all the year round. It shows how the spell of the Christ-child can melt the hardest heart, and stir the founts of feeling in even the coarsest nature.

When the War Broke Out; or, Sailor Boy Bob's Sister. By the REV. E. A. RAND. New York: Phillips & Hunt. Pp. 368. Price \$1.25.

Mr. Rand's stories are always interesting, instructive, and instinct with a positive religious teaching. They are much above the average Sunday-school book. This is a sequel to his "Sailor Boy Bob," and tells the fortunes of that interesting youth's interesting sister. It describes some stirring episodes of the late war.

The Sunday-School: Its Origin, Mission, Methods and Auxiliaries. By H. CLAY TRUMBULL. Pp. xiii, 414. Philadelphia: John D. Wattles. Toronto: William Briggs. Price \$1.50.

It is a worthy recognition of the place and power of the Sunday-school that one of its leading exponents should be requested to give this course of lectures at the venerable seat of learning at New Haven. And right worthily has he fulfilled his task. His many years' experience as editor of the *Sunday-School Times* has brought him intimately into touch with every aspect of Sunday-school work. He treats the subject very comprehensively. He traces it back to Jewish times, and shows its Christian adoption. He traces its history through seventeen Christian centuries till its modern revival under the Wesleys and Raikes, and illustrates its wonderful expansion. He shows it to be a divinely ordained complement of family religious instruction. He discusses its membership and management, its teachers and training, the pastor and the school, its auxiliary training agencies, preaching to children, its importance and difficulties, etc. The book is in Dr. Trumbull's best style, and its study will be of great benefit to all Sunday-school workers.

Opening and Closing Service.

I. Silence.

II. Responsive Sentences

Supt. I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD.

School. Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.

Supt. Jerusalem is builded as a city that is compact together:

School. Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the LORD.

Supt. For there are set thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

School. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.

Supt. Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces.

School. For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will now say, Peace be within thee.

Supt. Because of the house of the LORD our God I will seek thy good.

III. Singing.

IV. Prayer.

LESSON SERVICE.

I. Class Study of the Lesson.

II. Singing Lesson Hymn.

III. Recitation of Title, Golden Text, Outline, and Doctrinal Suggestion, by the school in concert.

IV. Review and Application of the Lesson, by Pastor or Superintendent.

V. The Supplemental Lesson.

VI. Announcements (especially of the Church service, and week-evening prayer-meeting).

CLOSING SERVICE.

I. Singing.

II. Responsive Sentences.

Supt. O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God!

School. How unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!

Supt. For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things.

School. To whom be glory forever. Amen.

III. Dismissal.

THE APOSTLES' CREED.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.