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Sunday School Movements in America. By Marianna C. Brown. Fleming H. Revell Company, Toronto. 249 pages; \$1.25.

Miss Brown's time was well employed when she made this study of Sunday School movements in America. The book will go as a companion to Clay Trumbull's Yale Lectures, and gives, within its own lines, much information not otherwise readily accessible and which no one wishing to be really well informed on Sunday School matters can afford to be ignorant of. Chapters are devoted to Early American Sunday Schools, The American Sunday School Union, now almost a century old, The National Convention System, The International Lesson System, Institutes and the Chataqua Movement, The Sunday School Movement in the various Churches, and the Bible Study Union. A discussion of the true aim of the Sunday School follows and of its two most clamant requirements, which the author holds to be well qualified superintendents and teachers, greater emphasis being laid on the former than the latter. The general attitude is that of an enquirer, although there is some caustic criticism and helpful suggestion. The author voices a very general feeling that the present International Lessons do not take sufficiently into account the various grades

in the school. The International Lesson Committee has itself recognized this in its recent decision to issue a Beginner's Course and to propose an Advanced Course to the International Convention, which meets next year at Denver.

The Gospel in North Africa. By Rev. J. Rutherford, M.A., B.D., and Edward H. Glenny. Percy Lund, Humphries & Co., London, England. 248 pages, illustrated.

Mr. Rutherford, who is responsible for Part I. of "The Gospel in North Africa," which gives an account of the countries with their peoples and religion, is well qualified for his task by his residence for a time in Algiers and by his continued interest in the region and its needs. Mr. Glenny, the Honorary Secretary of the Mission, gives in Part II. the story of the rise and progress of the Mission. The volume makes no claim to literary finish. It is a plain unvarnished account from personal observation and the best authorities, of the sadly neglected populations of the northern portion of the Dark Continent, who, almost within sight of the shores of Southern Europe, have hitherto received but scant attention. The Mohammedan is notoriously hard to reach with the Gospel. His religion encrusts him with adamantine prejudice. But none the less he needs the Gospel as does every man on the face of all the earth; and it is the Church's duty to send it to him, as well as

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