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*Round Top and Square Top, or the Gates Twins.*  
By JOSEPHINE R. BAKER. Pp. 343. Boston: Congregational Sunday-school and Publishing Society. Price, \$1.25.

"Round Top and Square Top" were the pet names of the Gates twins. Without its being disagreeably forced upon young readers, the fact is made evident that the twins are children of Christian parents and are under good, strong and wise government, and are the better for it. Those who fell in love with Dear Gates will rejoice to meet with her again in this sequel to her own story.

*The American Magazine* for December is a Christmas number. Its leading article, by Wm. H. Ingersoll, discusses the peculiarities of the accepted likeness of Christ, and recount the legend of its origin. This likeness is traceable in the sacred art of all Christian nations from the beginning of our era. Mr. Ingersoll will more especially describe the endeavours of distinguished American painters and sculptors to represent this ideal. The article is abundantly illustrated.

*The Popular Science Monthly* for December contains articles by Professor Huxley, Grant Allen, and the Duke of Argyll; and an interesting bit of autobiography, entitled "The Boyhood of Darwin," from the forthcoming "Life and Letters" of the great naturalist.

ALBION W. TOURGÉE begins in the December number of *Lippincott's Magazine* a series of short stories, under the general heading of "With Gauge and Swallow." Each story will be complete in itself, though all revolve around a common centre of interest.

LUCY C. LILLIE gives some personal reminiscences of Jenny Lind-Goldschmidt in the article which she contributes to the December *Lippincott's*.

*Wide Awake*, for 1888, begins the year with the richest holiday number yet made, and follows up the months to come with unrivalled riches. If you want particulars, write for a primer prospectus; sent free. If you want the holiday number, the news-stands will have it November 19th (20 cents), or write for that. D. Lothrop Company, Boston, are the Publishers.

ALL the doors that lead inward to the secret place of the Most High are doors outwards—out of self, out of smallness, out of wrong.

## Opening and Closing Services.

### I. Silence.

### II. Responsive Sentences.

*Supt.* God is our refuge and strength,  
*School.* A very present help in trouble.

*Supt.* Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed,

*School.* And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;

*Supt.* Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled.

*School.* Though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof.

*Supt.* There is a river the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God,

*School.* The holy place of the tabernacles of the Most High.

*Supt.* God is in the midst of her;

*School.* She shall not be moved:

*Supt.* God shall help her,

*School.* And that right early.

### III. Singing.

### IV. Prayer.

### V. Scripture Lesson.

#### 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.* Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle?  
*School.* Who shall dwell in thy holy hill?

*Supt.* He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.

### 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.