

relieve each other. The book used is, "Hymns of Salvation," a number of which Mr. Hammond has composed himself. There are usually three meetings each day; one in the morning at ten, another in the afternoon at four, and one in the evening at seven. All the churches in the union are at the service of the Committee. A number of the meetings have been held in the City Hall. The evening meetings have all been held in the large Canada Methodist church. Last Sunday afternoon that great building was filled with women of all ages and stations. It was a strange sight (the presence of ministers was requested) many of the unconverted were in tears and anxiously seeking forgiveness and peace. In the evening the same building was crowded with men; there was not one woman present. The women met for prayer and praise in the Methodist Episcopal church, at the same time. The men's meeting was most solemn, and resulted in the conversion of large numbers. The great success which has attended the meetings has been due mainly to the spirit of unity and devotion which has prevailed amongst the ministers and Christian people. There has also been very much earnest prayer; the people have been brought out by newspaper reports, visitors, and hand-bills. And the speaker has been so popular and the meetings so powerful that when people have once come they could not remain away. The result has been that up to this time, between six and eight hundred have been converted; some of these infidels, drunkards, keepers of houses of ill-fame, and the worst characters of the place. There is scarcely a house but rejoices over the conversion of one or more of the family, and every church has been greatly strengthened. Mr. Hammond's work is genuine; he strives to keep down sensation. It is astonishing to us that so many should be converted where there is so much freedom, for the meetings are full of humour and pleasantness. A convert of the meetings is likely to stand, for he is not "born again" amidst excited and extraordinary circumstances. Mr. Hammond chiefly presents the truth by very clear and telling illustrations. He particularly dwells on the sinful state of man; crucifixion and redeeming love and power of the Lord Jesus Christ; he also continually brings to the front all the great evangelical doctrines and acknowledges the Holy Ghost as the source of all the power and success. Mr. Hammond is experienced, judicious, persevering, sanguine, skilful in the disposition of his forces, in the management of his audience, and in the arrangement and presentation of his subject. He has great gifts as an evangelist. He will leave here this week for Montreal. Before he came to Belleville he laboured most successfully in St. Catharines. Of course every one has heard of the great revival there and how the work has gone on since he left; we intend carrying it on here after Mr. Hammond leaves. The praises of God are on all our lips, "for He has done great things for us whereof we are glad."

A. O. COSSAR.

Belleville, February 26th.

## News of the Churches.

ST. CATHARINES.—The church here which has for some time been very much depressed from the loss of their minister Rev. Mr. Black, and other things which have tended to weaken them, are now looking up, and feeling quite encouraged. They have secured the services of "Friend Wetherald," who seems to be much beloved, and adapted to be useful, and who feels himself led by the Holy Spirit to take hold of this work. He approves of the Congregational simple forms and Gospel liberty. He accepted water baptism last Sabbath evening at the hand of Rev. W. H. Allworth, of Paris, who baptized three adults and admitted seven into fellowship, after which we all enjoyed the solemn service of the Lord's supper. It was a time to be long remembered by all who joined in it. The solemn services of the evening were introduced by "Friend Wetherald," who lucidly expounded the Scriptures, and preached an evangelical discourse on the compassion of Christ. The sermon was full of scriptural illustration, and was delivered with im-

passioned eloquence. "Friend Wetherald" has been led to take charge of this little church, he believes, by the Spirit of God. If the steps he has taken should lead to the severance of the tie between himself and the Society of Friends, among whom he is Moderator, as is probable, then God may lead to the further step of his accepting ordination among us, which the church of St. Catharines desire, being already greatly blessed under his ministry.

### TO A YOUNG CONVERT.

"As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in Him."—Col. ii. 6.

How blest are those who in life's early days,  
Receive Christ Jesus and shew forth His praise;  
Receive Him in His various titles given—  
Their Advocate, to plead for them in Heaven; [1 John ii. 1.]  
Their Burden Bearer, who in one dark day,  
Bore, on the cross, their load of guilt away; [1 Pet. ii. 24.]  
Their Counsellor, with wisdom to advise; [Isaiah ix. 6.]  
Their strong Deliverer passed into the skies; [1 Thess. i. 10.]  
Their bright Example, in the Scripture given,  
Marking the path that leads from earth to heaven. [1 Peter ii. 21-22.]  
Their Friend, that sticketh closer than a brother; [Prov. xviii. 24.]  
Their Guide so true that they will need no other; [John x. 4.]  
Their Helper, ever near at hand to bless, [Heb. ii. 18.]  
And aid them thro' this world's wide wilderness; [Heb. vi. 25.]  
Their Intercessor, whose atoning blood  
Pleads—and proclaims the pard'ning love of God; [1b.]  
Their Judge, at whose tribunal all must meet, [2 Cor. v. 10.]  
But in His righteousness they stand complete; [Phil. iii. 9, Col. ii. 10.]  
Their King, whose powerful sceptre rules by love;  
Their Law-giver, whose precepts they approve; [John xiv. 21.]  
Their great High Priest, whose perfect sacrifice  
Hath opened wide the gates of Paradise; [Heb. x. 14.]  
Their quiet, gentle, loving, humble Friend,  
Whose spirit to the lowliest could bend; [Isaiah xlii. 2-3.]  
Their merciful Restorer, when they stray, [Matt. xi. 29.]  
Diverging from the straight and narrow way; [Ps. xxiii. 3.]  
Their gentle Shepherd who, with constant care,  
Leads them in pastures ever fresh and fair. [Ps. xxiii. 3.]  
Their Rock of safety; their foundation firm, [Ps. xxxi. 2-3.]  
On whom their souls repose, secure from harm; [Isa. xxxii. 2.]  
Their Truth immaculate and Trust divine, [Rev. iii. 7.]  
In whom the Way, the Truth, and Life combine; [John i.]  
Their Treasury of universal good; [Col. ii. 3.]  
Pearl of great price (how little understood); [Matt. xiv. 36.]  
Embodied power and wisdom of the Lord; [1 Cor. i. 24.]  
Their "All in All" of excellence adored; [Gal. iii. 41.]  
O may you "walk in Him" while life shall last,  
And in His footsteps follow, till (when past  
The time of your probation on earth's sphere)  
Your spirit soars above to meet Him there.—SENEX.

### Religious News.

THE Church of San Giovanni, in Conca, Milan, dating back at least to A.D. 879, has been purchased by the Waldenses.

POMARE, the Queen of Tahiti and Moorea, died last September, in the seventieth year of her age. When she was born missionaries had just come to the South Sea Islands, but not a single convert had been won to Christ. When Pomare died she had been many years a faithful Christian, more than 300 islands had become wholly Christianized, and on nearly all the rest Christian workers were making known the Gospel.

THERE are signs that the childish fiction that the Pope is but a person in velvet fetters in the Vatican will soon be dispensed with. As a fact, Leo XIII. frequently drives incognito through the streets of Rome. On Christmas Eve, for example, his Holiness accompanied by Cardinals Di Pietro and Nina, slowly traversed the Corso, examining the windows set out with toys and presents for children, with a very natural interest. He then went to the Church of the Gesu and prayed a while before he returned to the silver dungeons at the other side of the bridge of St. Angelo.

THE useful work of the societies for the protection of children from cruel parents and guardians may be gathered from what is reported of the operations of the New York Society, in the words of Mr. Gerry: "The child beggars had disappeared. The miserable little flower girls, who used to haunt the theatres for immoral purposes, had disappeared. The employment of children in juvenile opera troops—that abomination—had been suppressed. The infamous padrone system, by which children of tender years were bought of their parents, and brought in droves to this country to be beaten, starved, abused, and worked well nigh to death, to support their lazy and infamous masters, had been crushed. The practice of sending children— young boys and girls—to pot-houses after liquor for their lazy superiors was also being put a stop to, and before a twelve-month rolled around the curse of baby-farming in New York would be unknown. What the Society chiefly wanted now was, some permanent locality, some building to which they could send their newly-rescued charges, to be fed and cared for until the courts disposed of them."

## The Sunday School.

### INTERNATIONAL LESSONS.

#### LESSON XII

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GOLDEN TEXT.—"Wherefore, by their fruits ye shall know them." Matt. vii. 20.

#### HOME STUDIES.

M. Matt. ii. 1-23..... Lessons I., II.  
T. Matt. iii. 1-17..... Lesson III.  
W. Matt. iv. 1-11; Luke iv. 1-13..... Lesson IV.  
Th. Matt. v. 1-26..... Lessons V., VI.  
F. Matt. v. 27-48..... Lesson VII.  
S. Matt. vi. 1-13, 24-34..... Lessons VIII., IX.  
Sab. Matt. vii. 1-29..... Lessons X., XI.

#### HELPS TO STUDY.

The subject of the quarter's lessons is

#### THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

Four divisions may be made under this general head: (1) *The Lord of the Kingdom*, (2) *The Subjects of the Kingdom*, (3) *The Principles of the Kingdom*, (4) *The Foundations of the Kingdom*.

I. THE LORD OF THE KINGDOM.—Lessons I.-IV. These four lessons are occupied with the earthly life of the Saviour up to the time of His entrance upon His public ministry.

Lesson I. The Infant Jesus.—Matt. ii. 1-12. Golden Text, Isaiah ix. 6.

1. Seeking and finding. (a) The sought One. (b) The true seekers. (c) Their object. (d) Their success.

2. Seeking in vain. (a) The false seeker. (b) His pretended object. (c) His real object. (d) His failure.

Lesson II. The Flight into Egypt.—Matt. ii. 13-23. Golden Text, Matt. ii. 13.

1. The Flight. (a) A dream. (b) God's care. (c) "Go, and he goeth." (d) A prophecy fulfilled.

2. The persecution. (a) Herod's wrath. (b) The "Massacre of the Innocents." (c) Another prophecy fulfilled. (d) Rachel's lamentation.

3. The return. (a) The death of Herod. (b) Another dream. (c) "Come, and he cometh." (d) A third fulfilment of prophecy.

Lesson III. Jesus baptized by John.—Matt. iii. 1-17. Golden Text, Matt. iii. 17.

1. The Baptist's Ministry. (a) The preacher and his subject. (b) A religious revival. (c) A generation of vipers descended from Abraham. (d) The doom of the fruitless tree.

2. The public appearance and baptism of Jesus. (a) The announcement. (b) The appearance. (c) The baptism. (d) The Trinity revealed.

Lesson IV. The Temptation of Jesus.—Matt. iv. 1-11. Golden Text, Heb. ii. 18.

1. The temptation to distrust. (a) Time, place and condition. (b) Tempter and temptation. (c) Successful resistance.

2. The temptation to presume. (a) A dangerous eminence. (b) A perversion of Scripture. (c) The Reply.

3. The temptation to deny God. (a) A magnificent offer. (b) The Bible again. (c) Victory.

II. THE SUBJECTS OF THE KINGDOM.—The beatitudes describe, not many classes, but one class, that is those who believe in Christ.

Lesson V. True Disciples.—Matt. v. 1-16. Golden Text, Matt. v. 14.

1. Marks of true disciples. (a) Consciously destitute. (b) Acquaintance with grief. (c) Mild and unassuming. (d) Anxious to be holy. (e) Kind. (f) Actuated by unselfish motives. (g) Desirous of peace. (h) Persecuted and calumniated.

2. Mission of true disciples. (a) To preserve the world. (b) To enlighten the world. (c) To glorify God.

III. THE PRINCIPLES OF THE KINGDOM.—Lessons VI.-VIII. In these three lessons the moral law and the substance of Old Testament teaching are taken in as principles of the kingdom, and their true spiritual meaning is expounded.

Lesson VI. The Truly Righteous.—Matt. v. 17-26. Golden Text, Psalm ii. 6.

1. The permanence of the law. 2. The spiritual nature of the law. 3. The practical nature of the law. 4. The necessity of speedy agreement with the law.

Lesson VII. The Tongue and the Temper.—Matt. v. 33-48. Golden Text, Matt. v. 48.

1. Christian simplicity and purity of speech. 2. Christian forbearance. 3. Christian benevolence.

Lesson VIII. Giving and Praying.—Matt. vi. 1-13. Golden Text, Matt. vi. 6.

1. The Christian's motive in giving. (a) How not to give. (b) How to give.

2. The Christian's object in prayer. (a) The hypocrite's motive, not his act, condemned. (b) Man's question: "What?" God's additional question: "Why?" (c) Vain repetitions.

3. The Pattern prayer. (a) The preface: "Our Father which art in heaven." (b) First petition: "Hallowed be Thy name." (c) Second petition: "Thy Kingdom come." (d) Third petition: "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." (e) Fourth petition: "Give us this day our daily bread." (f) Fifth petition: "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors." (g) Sixth petition: "And lead us