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We come to give these little children  
Of whom thy tender love is told;  
Remembering how came the mothers  
With children in the days of old.

Ah! they are more than birds and sunbeams,  
That fill our homes with song and light,  
The sweetness of whose tender presence  
Is round us in the day and night.

We give them, Lord, that in thy bosom  
The budding of their years may be;  
And wilt thou take them, as we give  
them,  
A token of our trust in thee?

**T**HE quadrennial Sunday School report, presented by Secretary Crews at the Conferences, gives ground for much encouragement. It is such an admirable document that we present it in this number of Banner. There is only one cause for regret, that is the lessened attendance at the Sunday Schools. But this is true also of the day schools. It is, we believe, the fact that there are several thousand fewer scholars in the day schools of the country than in previous years. We are glad to note the increased attention given to Sunday School matters in the Conferences. The strong resolutions on this subject of the Toronto and other Conferences will, we hope, lead to marked improvement along this line.

### We Come to Give These Little Children.

BY RALPH H. SHAW.

(Read by Geo. W. Bicknell, D.D., on Children's Sunday.)  
We come not, Lord, before thine altar,  
For newer tokens of thy love;  
For fresher waters from thy fountains,  
And blossoms from thy fields above.

We need not more than thou hast given  
Whereby thy boundless good to see,—  
We come, O Lord! to make apparent  
The fulness of our trust in thee.