

# SUNDAY SCHOOL BANNER

for  
TEACHERS  
AND  
YOUNG PEOPLE.

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## "Working for Jesus."\*

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Working for Jesus, Toiling or Jesus ?

None need be trifling or stand in the way,  
Can you not whisper words full of kindness,  
Cheering the heart, driving sorrows away ?  
Hasten to rescue lone ones despairing,  
Go to the homes of the sorrowing poor ;  
Feed thou the hungry, comfort the dying,  
Bind up the wounds of the sick and heart-sore.

Working for Jesus, earnestly working,  
Helping the feeble ; in kindness and love,  
Seeking for those who despair of salvation ;  
Tell them of joys that await them above.  
Time now is flying,—night now is o'er us,  
Soon will our labours be ended below.  
Why should we linger, work lies before us,  
Then forward to duty, go, fearlessly go !

Working for Jesus, just now for Jesus !  
Let not the beauties of Charity fade,  
Hark to the cries of those now in darkness,  
Perishing millions are needing our aid :  
While in the vineyard now we are toiling,  
Hope cheers us onward with courage to dare :  
Trusting we soon with the blessed departed,  
All their rewards and their raptures shall share.

Newbury, Ont.

\* May be sung to the tune of "Singing for Jesus."

## Children in the Church.

THEIR reception into the church is sometimes most forbidding, not to say cruel. Much hesitation is often exhibited ; their conversion is questioned ; their evidences are doubtfully weighed ; they are made to feel more like culprits than Christ's dear little ones. When they are received into the church, it is with such a mental preservation and prophecy of failure as invites defeat. They feel it and lose courage. They understand they are to be watched and criticised, rather than cheered and encouraged. Children in our churches—why sir, they are orphans ! Oh, how I have pitied them. Their failure to reach the highest style of piety is no marvel. Too many of us think a converted child is a little old man or woman. We apply to them rules and standards which belong to mature life. We put the lad of ten into his grandfather's coat, and expect him to walk with all the decorum of a veteran.

It cannot be denied that more interest is commonly taken in winning children to a Christian profession than in training them when they are professed disciples of Christ. Many a Sunday-school teacher seems to think his greatest work accomplished when his scholars have fairly connected themselves with the church. Yet the watch and culture of young disciples is made so important and exalted a work by our Lord that he declares the giving to one of them a cup of cold water only shall not be un-