

Special and Continued Mercies.



E would ask our readers to rejoice with us and to give thanks, for the Lord our God has of his abundant mercy very graciously poured out the blessing upon us. For a long time indications have been that our labor was not in vain in the Lord. Four were baptized in September and December. But the special manifestations of God's saving power was with the closing Sabbath service of 1883. Several then confessed Christ. In the Sunday School the spirit of the Lord is very evidently working, and several have already united with the Church, others are enquiring respecting the way of life.

One of the most marked features is the quietness of the work; it is powerful and progressive, not the spasmodic upheaval of special meetings. So far we have not held any extra services, but in our regular gatherings even the sceptical are convinced that God is working. Many who were least concerned are now among the rejoicing ones in Christ Jesus. During the past few Sundays we have seen the Tabernacle filled as never before, filled until not another could gain admittance. The first Sunday it thus happened the text was strangely in harmony; read Joel iii. 14. Not only is the main part of the building filled, but the pastor's study has had to be thrown open, and also the infant class-room to accommodate the people who eagerly crowd in on Sunday evenings. The brethren have sent in an order to the factory for 100 extra chairs. Who would like to help us pay for them by buying a chair? It now looks as if we shall soon have to appeal to our friends, for outsiders are already saying, the top of the building *must go on* to afford more ample accommodation for the congregation. If God thus wills, and continues to pour out the blessing, we shall feel ready to take the increase of labour and responsibility, knowing in some way or other, means will as heretofore be provided. Already the workers in our Sabbath-School have commenced by their *ju-j-breaking* to break in upon the 3000 dollar original mortgage on the lot, which we must first get rid of, and it can only be done by *faith in God and faithful labour for God*. Who would like to help? We heard a brother say last Monday, you can put me down for \$20. Another said, I will be good for \$100 for the main building.

PROFESSOR C. W. Hutson, of the University of Mississippi, declares that the girl student is in the great majority of cases, sooner and better able to acquire knowledge than the boy student; that her mind is, generally speaking, quicker, brighter, more alert than that of man at the same age—between 12 and 20. "The average girl student," he adds, "is also more ambitious, more devoted to study for study's sake, more responsive to the effort to excite her interest."

TROUBLES frequently meet us in the way of duty. They are designed to try our constancy, courage, and sincerity. Think not you are going wrong, because tried; but wait on the Lord, and he will save thee.

The Study Table, New Books and Exchanges.

In this department we give short reviews of such New Books as publishers see fit to send us. In these reviews we seek to treat author and publisher satisfactorily and justly, and also to furnish our readers with such information as shall enable them to form an opinion of the desirability of any particular volume for personal use. It is our wish to notice the better class of books issuing from the press, and we invite publishers to favor us with their recent publications.

Declamations and Dialogues for Sunday-Schools, by Prof. J. H. Gilmore, of Rochester University. Published by Henry Sumner & Co, Chicago, U. S.

What to get for the next concert is often a serious difficulty to the Sunday-School teacher. The professor has certainly done something, and done it well, by way of providing for such a perplexity, and to meet the want. We decidedly like what we have read, and commend it.

Life of Christ, by Rev. James Stalker, M. A. By the same publishers. It is in the form of a Hand-Book for Bible classes. Showing much freshness, and pithiness in the handling of an oft-used theme. By the beauty of its language, it adds new interest to the study of the God man, Christ Jesus, *the altogether lovely one*, whose goodness neither tongue or pen can ever fully set forth.

The Missionary Review, Editor Rev. R. J. Wilder, Princeton, U. S., is welcomed not only as an addition to our exchange list, but because we find it is racy, and all alive on missionary topics.

Vick's Illustrated Monthly Magazine, Rochester, N. Y. is a new friend sent from the great nursery and we like this number, and hope to gather some advice from such a practical florist beneficial to the growth of *Buds and Blossoms*.

Phrenological Journal. We are glad to give it a welcome to our list, and enjoyed the analysis on the Oratorical Type of Character, and expect to find much profitable reading.

We will notice other exchanges in due course.

Send books for Review to Editor's address; see page 2 of cover.

Proceeds of Jug-Breaking Concert.

Infant Class.—Ira Hubley, Percy Davies, Wm. McNally, Edith Bartlow, Ida Longard, Mabel Dalrymple, Stanly Covey, Alice Collins, Bertie Smith, Geo. Howe, Mable Langille, Hattie Halliday, Bettie Covey—\$13.26. *C. Hubley's Class*.—C. Hubley, 59c.—*Mrs. Byers' Class*.—Terassa Langille, Bessie Barnstead—\$2.80. *C. Hartland's Class*.—Frances Hughes, Minnie Baker, Edith Sudlow, Evelin Irish—\$3.20. *Mrs. Aacry's Class*.—Miss Edwards, E. Murry, J. Murry, Miss Rozie, Bella Spry, Ella Hubley—\$7.32. *Mr. Davies' Class*.—Silas Hubley—\$1.80. *Miss Smith's Class*.—Ella Covey, Bertha Longard, Emily Smith, Mrs. Corkum, Minnie Howe, Louisa Covey, Ada Covey—\$25.76. *Mr. Langille's Class*.—Miss Canavan, No Name—\$1.54. *Mr. Street's Class*.—Ernest Avery, No Name, Willie Howe—\$1.99. *Miss McKay's Class*.—Jennie Woodaman, Edith Murry, \$4.06. *Mrs. Philips' Class*.—Mary Mason, Flora Gabriel, Josephine Street, Flora Lang—\$5.13. *Miss Collishaw Class*.—Miss Collishaw, Jessie McEwin, Sophy Dickson, Annie Byers—\$5.00. *Mrs. Rhude's Class*.—Edward Nickerson, Robert Baker, Orton Covey, Artimus Langille, Mrs. Rhude—\$4.52. *Annie Hubby's Class*.—Maggie Otner, Ella M. Hartland, Annie Hubby, Luella Dickie, Nettie Isnor, Mary Hiltz, addie Irish, Minnie McEwan—\$3.54. Broken Jugs Sold—\$3.28. Door money made a total of \$105.13. Miss McLauchlan, Josephine Street, \$1.25.