

## New Sunday-School Books.

The Wesleyan Conference Office, London, England, issues an admirable series of Sunday-school books, which in elegance of illustration and binding and in cheapness of price surpass any others that we know. And what is of greater importance still, the religious teaching can be relied on as in harmony with Methodist doctrine, a quality of vital importance in these days of vague, indefinite, or doubtful doctrinal teaching. The books can all be had at the Methodist Book Rooms, Toronto, Montreal and Halifax.

Among the most recent of these books are: *Friends and Neighbours*, an interesting and instructive story for children, having quite a Christmas flavour; *Footsteps in the Snow*, a touching story of the loss and rescue of a little girl in a winter storm; and *The Little Disciple*, a true story, designed to teach youthful discipleship.

The Lutheran Publication Society, Philadelphia, add to their excellent "Fatherland Series" a story of child-life in Germany, by Hedwig Prohl, entitled, *Where is Heaven?* (pp. 230; illustrated; price \$1.) It will touch and soften and sweeten every heart. There is a charming chapter on Christmas in Germany, the true home of Christmas joys.

### THREE MISSIONARY BOOKS.

The literature of Christian missions is about the most instructive and inspiring sort for Sunday-schools. It brings one into more intimate acquaintanceship and intelligent sympathy with the mission field and mission work. Among the recent contributions to this literature are the following:

*On Horseback in Cappadocia*. Boston: Congregational Publishing Society, (pp. 333, well illustrated.) This is a graphic account of an actual missionary tour through one of the Turkish provinces of Asia Minor, by the Rev. J. O. Barrons, of the A. B. C. F. M. to Turkey. It gives a very vivid idea of the difficulties and dangers and hardships of mission work among a semi-civilized people. Much curious information is given.

The same house issues also in a neat box—price \$1 for the set—the *Well-Spring Series*, by Anna F. Burham. Four pretty little books for young children, in large type and short words, and with plenty of pictures. They will make the eyes of the little folk sparkle with pleasure.

*Pagoda Shadows*. By ADELE M. FIELDS. Boston: G. Corthell. Pp. 285. Price \$1.

This is a remarkable series of studies from life in China, given largely in the very words of Chinese women whose life stories are told by themselves. The status of woman is very low. Not one in a thousand can read, and girl babies are drowned with as little compunction as kittens. One woman confesses that she has killed eleven infant daughters. A native Christian testifies that nine hundred and ninety

men in every thousand at some time in their life have beaten their wives. The chapter on the work of evangelization through native Bible women is most inspiring; it reads like romance. And yet the author says that notwithstanding the encouraging results thus far attained there are still 2,000,000 heathen in China to every Protestant missionary. The most interesting and powerful feature of the book, and one entirely novel we think, is the personal testimony of a score of converts; in fact, brief biographies. Joseph Cook writes an introduction, giving this book high commendation. We have elsewhere more fully reviewed it.

*Our Missionary Heroes and Heroines; or, Heroic Deeds Done in Methodist Missionary Fields*. By Dr. DANIEL WISE. New York: Phillips & Hunt; Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. 291; illustrated. Price \$1.

This book will possess the greater interest to Methodist readers because it consists chiefly of etchings of the missionary heroes and heroines of English and American Methodism. The sketches are written in Dr. Wise's interesting and attractive style. They describe Mission life in India, China, Africa, New Zealand, the Tonga, Friendly, and Society Islands, Ceylon, and elsewhere. The record has all the fascination of romance. Its truth is stranger than fiction. It should inspire the heart, and will, we trust, lead some to the consecration of the life to mission work.

The Methodist Book Concern, New York, also issue in good season the *Lesson Commentary for 1885*, edited by DR. VINCENT and DR. HURLBUT. 8vo.; pp. 333. Price \$1 25 This annual series has become so well known and so highly prized as scarcely to need a word of commendation. It contains copious notes on each lesson, selected from the writings of over two hundred of the leading commentators and expositors of all the ages. The numerous maps and engravings throw much light on the lessons.

The same house issues also the three series of Berean Question Books—Beginner's, Intermediate, and Senior—20 cents each. Every scholar should, if possible, have one.

We have received from the National School of Oratory, at Philadelphia, "The Elocutionist's Annual," No. 12, pp. 200, price 30 cts., containing a selection of new and popular readings, recitations, etc. The selections seem very well made, and the book is superior to most of its class.

*How to See Jesus with Fullness of Joy and Peace*. By JAMES WILLIAM KEMBALL. Pp. 252. Boston: J. A. Whipple. Toronto: S. R. Briggs. Price, 75 cts.

This is a very beautiful, tender, and reverent little book of familiar letters on experimental religion. It has now reached the eighth thousand, and very many have testified to the spiritual blessing derived from its pages.