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FOR six months the schools of Christendom have been studying the life and words of our Lord. We now enter upon another six months' study of the blessed life. What a privilege is this—to walk with Jesus day by day and week by week for a whole year! In such holy companionship how can we help but to catch His spirit, to follow His example, to be conformed unto His life! Let us seek His aid, that we may so follow Him that we may be conformed to His image and reflect His likeness, till the world—our classes, our friends, every one with whom we have to do—shall take knowledge of us that we have been with Jesus.

OUR readers will be glad to meet again the English Teacher's Notes in our pages. These were highly prized, and were much missed when omitted. We are glad that we shall once more enjoy these lucid and forcible expositions of the lessons.

IN consequence of the pressure on our space, by reason of there being five Sundays in January, the annual report of the operations of the Sunday-school Board and other interesting matter is omitted.

Beautiful Holiday Gifts.

WE have received from the famous Boston publishing house of Lee & Shepard a number of the standard hymns and poems, specially appropriate to the holiday season, beautifully illustrated. One of the most beautiful is Alfred Domett's grand Christmas hymn, "It was the calm and silent night." Another is that grandest of hymns, "It came upon the midnight clear, That glorious song of old" (No. 141 in our hymn book). Then we have Tennyson's immortal New Year's hymn, "Ring out wild bells to the wild sky," and a number of hymns dear to the heart of universal Christendom: "Abide with me," "Rock of ages," "Nearer, my God, to Thee," "My faith looks up to Thee," "Home, sweet home," "The breaking waves dashed high," "Oh why should the spirit of mortal be proud," Gray's immortal "Elegy," and "Curefew must not ring to-night." These are published in quarto, cloth, full gilt, for \$1.50; in alligator, in neat box, same price; also in "Golden Miniature" style, i.e., old gold cloth, with bright gold vignette, and in delicately tinted flexible covers, tied with silk ribbon, for 50 cents each. They may be ordered through the Methodist Book Rooms, Toronto, Montreal, and Halifax.

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