

rival churches in many small communities, with the divisions of families and neighbourhoods, and jealousies of churches, a feeling of loving brotherhood will everywhere prevail, and that soon every hamlet and village throughout the land shall have its Sunday-School and preaching place; and that every Indian tribe shall hear the Gospel of Jesus.

We believe that the Union movement will give an impetus to our Sunday-School work such as it has never had. "We want to plant a Sunday-School in every neighbourhood where there is none. Even where there is no preacher, wherever there is a true Methodist with the love of God and of immortal souls in his heart, let him gather the children together on God's day, and instruct them in God's Book. Let him send to the Sunday-School Board of our Church at Toronto, through its Secretary, the Editor of the BANNER, and he will receive a grant of Sunday-School papers and Lesson Helps according to his need and according to the ability of the Board to help him."

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The Lesson Commentary on the International Sunday-School Lesson for 1883, by Rev. J. H. VINCENT, D.D., and Rev. J. L. HURLBUT, M.A. New York, Phillips & Hunt, and Methodist Book Rooms, Toronto, Montreal and Halifax. Large 8vo, pp. 312, Illustrated. Price \$1.25.

Of all the bound volumes of Lesson Helps that we see—and we see a great many—we like this the best. It gives the best thoughts of the world's best thinkers on the world's best book. In the list of nearly 300 authors quoted is embraced almost every great writer from Origen down to Whedon and Schaff. In addition are numerous illustrative notes, references to other books, and maps and engravings.

The same house furnishes the neat little Berean Question Books for Beginners, Inter-

mediate and Senior Classes, at 15 cents each. They are wonderfully cheap for the amount of helpful matter they contain.

A Family Flight over Egypt and Syria, by the Rev. E. E. HALE, and Miss SUSAN HALE. Fully illustrated, 2nd Edition. Boston: D. Lothrop & Co., and Wm. Briggs, Toronto. pp. 388. Price, \$2.50.

We are glad to see that the holiday gift-books for young people are taking a much more instructive, and not less interesting form than the fairy tales and Munchausen stories of our own boyhood. In the volume under notice, for instance, the Rev. Edward Everett Hale, one of the best writers of New England, and his accomplished daughter, describe the adventures of a party of tourists in a "Family Flight" over those old historic Bible-Lands, Egypt and Syria. The story is charmingly told, a great amount of useful information is given, and the profuse and handsome illustrations—there are over 250 of them—teach through the eye and cultivate the artistic taste. The cover is fairly ablaze with vermillion and gold.

The prince of young folks monthlies, "*Wide Awake*," by the same publishers, is clubbed with the *Methodist Magazine* for \$1.50, full price, \$2.50.

At Home in the Holy Land, a Tale illustrating Customs and Incidents in Modern Jerusalem, by Mrs. FINN, pp. 491. New York, T. Y. Crowell & Co.

The writer of this charming book enjoyed the advantage of several years residence in Jerusalem, and its chapters were all written in the early morning hours in that city. It gives in the form of an interesting story a vivid account of Modern Jewish life in Palestine—which after all is very much like ancient Jewish life as well. Few even of modern travellers have had the insight into the home life of the people which this book reveals. The tourist sees only its outside and the street life. The author takes us into their houses, and makes us for the time one of the family. This will be an admirable book for Sunday-School libraries.

Zigzag Journeys in the Occident; the Atlantic to the Pacific, by HEZEKIAH BUTTERWORTH. Quarto, pp. 320. Boston: Estes & Laureat. Toronto: Wm. Briggs. Price, boards, \$1.75; cloth, \$2.25.

It was a happy idea of Mr. Butterworth, who is almost the pioneer in this kind of literature, to set out with a party of young friends in his "Zigzag Journeys" in Europe, the East, and classic lands. The sterling value of the series is shown by the fact that nearly 100,000 volumes of them have been sold, and they have been largely used in schools for collateral reading. The resources of the great publishing house by which they are issued are employed in the sumptuous illustration of the volumes. A glimpse of Canada is given in the young folks' visit to Montreal. The wonderland of the Yosemite and boiling springs is well described with pen and pencil.