

Hymn for a Teachers' Prayer-Meeting.

"WORKERS TOGETHER WITH HIM."

MASTER of the vineyard, hear,
Seeking, may we find thee near;
Thou hast called us, Lord, to be
Fellow-workers here with thee.

Greater honor who could claim?
Vast the work and grand the aim!
And, though all unworthy, we
Thankfully would work with thee.

When our task seems long and hard,
Dim and distant the reward;
Give us faith, dear Lord, that we
Trustfully may work with thee.

When we sadly sow in tears,
When no sign of fruit appears,
Grant us patience, Lord, lest we
Wary in our work for thee.

In the deadly strife with sin,
Foes without and doubt within,
Grant us courage, Lord, that we
Steadfastly may work with thee.

When our labor thou hast owned,
Our poor work with blessings crowned,
Keep us humble, grant that we
All the praise may give to thee.

When our task on earth is done,
Life's last battle fought and won,
Call us home to rest, that we
Evermore may dwell with thee.

Book Notices.

Illustrated Notes, and Guide to the Study of the Sunday-school Lessons for 1892. By Rev. JESSE L. HURLBET, D. D. and ROBT. R. DOHERTY, Ph. D. Svo, pp. 396.

This series of notes has had a remarkable evolution from its first tentative volume to this splendid condensed commentary, replete with all the help which the numerous colored maps, engravings, critical and biographical references can supply. A goodly company of collaborators have been engaged in the preparation of the volume. It puts the same methods as the previous volume, methods which have been tried and perfected by experience. The lessons in the first half of the year are rich in archaeological research. It has been said that a spade is the best commentator. This is largely true of the dead and buried nations of antiquity, the deeds of whose mighty prime are discussed in the lessons of the first six months. The treatment of the growth of the Christian Church in the first century, as recorded in the Acts, furnishes a theme for very delightful study.

We are glad to observe some illustrations from our volume on the "Catacombs." In his commentary on the New Testament, Dr. Whedon also does us the honor to quote largely from that book. We heartily commend this volume as one of the best that we know for Sunday-school teachers and scholars. There are many illustrations and incidents with practical applications, which will be of great service in enforcing the truth of the lessons.

Boston Homilies; Short Sermons on the International Sunday-school Lessons for 1892. By members of the Alpha Chapter of the Convocation of Boston University.

This book is intended to supplement the other helps to the study of the lessons, not to supplant them. Each lesson is made the subject of a brief homily, designed to get at the very heart of the passage of Scripture and enforce its essential teachings on the heart of the reader. It was a very happy thought to select a number of the most brilliant graduates of the Boston University, one of whom, we are happy to say, is a woman, to prepare these homilies. They will prove of great value to schools, and especially to Sunday-school superintendents in assisting them to give the very pitch and point of the lesson to the school in a few words.

Sunday-School Prayer-Meeting.

DEAN SWIFT once went in his clerical robes to a palace, and waiting alone in a room whose walls were filled with large mirrors, saw himself reflected many times over. Looking at these many images of himself, he bowed and said, "A meeting of the clergy, I believe." So the teacher in his class is surrounded by many mirrors in which his influence can be reflected and multiplied. His example in the class, his life outside of the class, the books he suggests to be read, the deeds of helpfulness he inspires his class to do, visits at their homes, invitations to religious meetings, are all mirrors by which his teachings are repeated and his influence reinforced.

No more effective service can be devised for bringing the young people to Christ than a short prayer-meeting of the right kind held directly after the Sunday-school hour, and no better time can be found for a few such meetings than during the first few Sabbaths of the year. These meetings may be very short, not more than twenty minutes long. A few earnest words from pastor or superintendent are all that are necessary, urging the present claims of Christ's salvation, a few warm-hearted and very brief prayers, and an invitation to all who will to declare themselves for Christ. Thus the impressions of the Sunday-school hour are followed up; the net is drawn, and in it are often found many precious souls.—*Epworth Herald.*