

books on organized Sunday School work. **The Secondary Division Organized for Service**, by John L. Alexander (92 pages, 50c. net), and **The Elementary Division Organized for Service**, by Mary Foster Bryner (127 pages, 50c. net). Each of these writers is, or was (for Mrs. Bryner has just retired from her official position, after very honorable service), the International S.S. Association's Superintendent of the Divisions named. Mrs. Bryner deals with the organization of the several departments for the children from birth to 12 years of age; and Mr. Alexander for those for Intermediate and Senior scholars (from 13 to 20 years). Each gives very full and up-to-date information as to the aims of the Departments, methods of organization, the special training of the teachers, etc.

The writers both accept, without question, the presently prevailing allocation of the 12-year-old child to the Junior, rather than to the Intermediate (or early teen age or adolescent period). The weight of the highest and most recent educational authority is to place the 12-year-old in the latter group, each group embracing three years: the Junior, ages 9, 10, 11, and the Lower Intermediate, 12, 14, 15. We venture to predict the early arrival of the whole North American Sunday School constituency at this classification.

Mr. Alexander is extremely positive in regard to his own best plans for the week day activities of the teen age classes, and in an ill-informed and discourteous (for an International writer) note on the well known Canadian Standard Efficiency Tests, condemns these as "a curious blend of Y.M.C.A. Bible study, Y.M.C.A. educational class work, individual tests for personal

development and a few group games, a confusion of personal and group development."

Clothing and Health, by Professors Helen Kinne and Anna M. Cooley (The Macmillan Company, New York and Toronto, 302 pages, abundantly illustrated, 65c.), is one of the excellent Home-Making Series, other issues of which have been noticed on this page. The books of this series are intended for use in elementary country schools, and in the homes from which the scholars of these schools come. All sorts of stitches, and how to do them; all sorts of garments and gifts, and how to make them; how girls may care for their clothes and repair them; and how they may select their clothes; and what they should wear: these are the matters treated of. The treatment is scientific and practical, and in plain words, and the diagrams and patterns are most instructive.

A Child's Book of Holiday Plays, by Frances Gillespy Wicks, is a quite charming collection of Plays for classroom use or for home or hall. The plays are well done and well printed, and simple but explicit directions for their production are given. One or two of the nine plays are evidently for American consumption. The rest will fit anywhere. The book, 209 pages, 50c., is published by the Macmillan's, London, New York and Toronto.

God's Minute is A Book of 365 Daily Prayers Sixty Seconds Long for Home Worship, by 365 Eminent Clergymen and Laymen, with a poem by Clinton Scollard and a prayer by Mrs. Alice Hegan Rice, author of Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch. (William Briggs, Toronto, 384 pages, 60c.).

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