

Technical and Bibliographic Notes / Notes techniques et bibliographiques

The Institute has attempted to obtain the best original copy available for filming. Features of this copy which may be bibliographically unique, which may alter any of the images in the reproduction, or which may significantly change the usual method of filming, are checked below.

L'Institut a microfilmé le meilleur exemplaire qu'il lui a été possible de se procurer. Les détails de cet exemplaire qui sont peut-être uniques du point de vue bibliographique, qui peuvent modifier une image reproduite, ou qui peuvent exiger une modification dans la méthode normale de filmage sont indiqués ci-dessous.

Coloured covers/
Couverture de couleur

Coloured pages/
Pages de couleur

Covers damaged/
Couverture endommagée

Pages damaged/
Pages endommagées

Covers restored and/or laminated/
Couverture restaurée et/ou pelliculée

Pages restored and/or laminated/
Pages restaurées et/ou pelliculées

Cover title missing/
Le titre de couverture manque

Pages discoloured, stained or foxed/
Pages décolorées, tachetées ou piquées

Coloured maps/
Cartes géographiques en couleur

Pages detached/
Pages détachées

Coloured ink (i.e. other than blue or black)/
Encre de couleur (i.e. autre que bleue ou noire)

Showthrough/
Transparence

Coloured plates and/or illustrations/
Planches et/ou illustrations en couleur

Quality of print varies/
Qualité inégale de l'impression

Bound with other material/
Relié avec d'autres documents

Continuous pagination/
Pagination continue

Tight binding may cause shadows or distortion along interior margin/
La reliure serrée peut causer de l'ombre ou de la distorsion le long de la marge intérieure

Includes index(es)/
Comprend un (des) index

Blank leaves added during restoration may appear within the text. Whenever possible, these have been omitted from filming/
Il se peut que certaines pages blanches ajoutées lors d'une restauration apparaissent dans le texte, mais, lorsque cela était possible, ces pages n'ont pas été filmées.

Title on header taken from: /
Le titre de l'en-tête provient:

Title page of issue/
Page de titre de la livraison

Caption of issue/
Titre de départ de la livraison

Masthead/
Générique (périodiques) de la livraison

Additional comments: /
Commentaires supplémentaires:

This item is filmed at the reduction ratio checked below /
Ce document est filmé au taux de réduction indiqué ci-dessous.

10X	12X	14X	16X	18X	20X	22X	24X	26X	28X	30X	32X
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

THE SUNBEAM

ENLARGED SERIES.—VOL. VIII.]

TORONTO, NOVEMBER 5, 1887.

[No. 23.

THE MAGNET.

MASTER FRED has just had the present of a horse-shoe magnet, and he is showing his sister how curiously it attracts the scissors, or anything made of iron or steel. If he were to sprinkle some iron filings, or tacks, or needles on a sheet of paper and pass the magnet to and fro under the paper, it would be very curious to see the objects on the paper following the unseen magnet beneath.

CHINESE BABIES.

A CHINESE baby's cradle is a kind of basket made of straw very thickly twisted. In shape, it is something like an hour-glass. There is a hole at the top and one at the bottom. The little baby is put in at the top. Under the basket, on the floor, is placed a pan of heated charcoal, to keep its little feet warm. How very nice this must be in cold weather. It has rattles to play with, as babies at home have.

Baby's head is often shaved, and its hair, as soon as it is an inch or two long, is braided into a little tail! This tail is tied with a bit of silk or red cord. Sometimes baby has two little tails, one on each side of its head; sometimes one only, sticking out of a round hole in the top of the cap.

A baby's cap, in China, is not made of muslin or lace. It is a stiff band of silk or



THE MAGNET.

velvet. Little tinkling bells are sometimes added, and so "baby has music wherever it goes." There is generally a little image of a *bush*, or idol, just in front, which the poor heathen mother thinks will protect her dear baby from harm.

In the summer the babies wear scarcely any clothes, but in winter, in the north of China, the babies' clothes are padded so

thickly with cotton that they look like little bolsters! Can you fancy a fat, brown baby, muffled up in thick clothes, and a dark cap fitting closely to its head, with a round hole at the top for its little braided tail to pass through? Such is a Chinese baby in the cold winter days!

Our readers will be interested in this account of their brothers and sisters in China. "What!" I think I hear some one say, "are they our brothers and sisters?" Yes, they are; and therefore we ought to take an interest in them. Then pray for them, and help to send them the good tidings about Jesus, who said, "Suffer little children to come unto me."

A MOTHER'S REPROOF

A YOUNG man, who, when an infant, had lost his father, remarked to a person in conversation: "Whenever I was guilty of disobeying my mother, and she called me to account, she would talk to

me seriously, then kneel down in prayer and tell God all about my conduct, and the consequences of my course. I used to feel at such times as if my heart would burst, and I have often said, 'Mamma, whip, but don't talk to me and pray for me.' Ah," said he, "it was the talking and praying that affected me more than the whipping, though all were necessary"

A CHILD'S THOUGHT OF GOD.

They say our God lives very high !
 But if you look above the pines,
 You cannot see our God. And why ?
 And if you dig down in the mines,
 You never see him in the Gold,
 Though from him all that's glory shines.
 God is so good, he wears a fold
 Of heaven and earth across his face,—
 Like secrets kept, for love, untold.
 But still I feel that his embrace
 Slides down by thrills, through all things
 made,
 Through sight and sounds of every place :
 As if my tender mother laid
 On my shut lids her kisses' pressure,
 Half-waking me at night, and said,
 " Who kissed you through the dark, dear
 guesser ?"
 ELIZABETH BALRETT BROWNING.

OUR SUNDAY-SCHOOL PAPERS.

PER YEAR—POSTAGE FREE.

The best, the cheapest, the most entertaining, the most popular.

Christian Guardian, weekly	\$2 00
Methodist Magazine, 60 pp., monthly, illustrated	2 00
Methodist Magazine and Guardian together	3 50
The Wesleyan, 11 days, weekly	1 50
Sunday School Banner, 32 pp., 8c., monthly	0 20
Berean Leaf Quarterly, 16 pp., 8c.	0 06
Quarterly Review Service, by the year, 21c. a dozen; 2 per 100; per quarter, 6c. a dozen; 6c. per 100.	
Home and School, 8 pp., 4c., fortnightly, single copies	0 25
Less than 20 copies	0 25
Over 21 copies	0 31
Pleasant Hours, 8 pp., 4c., fortnightly, single copies	0 25
Less than 20 copies	0 25
Over 21 copies	0 31
Sunbeam, fortnightly, less than 20 copies	0 15
20 copies and upwards	0 12
Happy Days, fortnightly, less than 20 copies	0 15
20 copies and upwards	0 12
Berean Leaf, monthly, 100 copies per month	5 00

Address: WILLIAM BRIGGS,
 Methodist Book & Publishing House,
 73 & 81 King St. East, Toronto.
 C. W. COATES, 3 Leary Street, Montreal.
 S. F. HURDIS, Wesleyan Book Room, Halifax, N. S.

The Sunbeam.

TORONTO, NOVEMBER 5, 1887.

HEAR WHILE YOU MAY.

LET people use their ears for God's glory, while they can hear. I have an intimate friend, once a church member, who strayed from grace and became an infidel. He tried to prevent his wife from attending church. They live in the country, and he would not let her have a horse and chaise. She said to him, "I will serve the Lord." She took her children by the hand and led them to the house of God. The neighbours, knowing the state of affairs, would often take them home. On the Sabbath before the fourth of July, a thunderbolt struck that man, making him deaf in one ear and injuring the other. Now the latter is recovering so that he can

hear with one ear. It is an awful judgment. I sent him word to save his soul by listening to the gospel with the one ear, and thus it would be more blessed to him than the two ears had been. "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear."—*Truth in Life.*

ONE DROP OF EVIL.

"I DO not see why you will not let me play with Will Hunt," pouted Walter Kirk. "I know he does not always mind his mother, and smokes cheap cigars and pipes, and once in a while swears, just a little. But I have been brought up better than that. He will not hurt me. I should think you could trust me. I might do him some good." "Walter," said his mother, "take this glass of pure water and put just one drop of ink in it."

"Oh, mother! who would have thought one drop would blacken a whole glass so?" "Yes, it has changed the colour of the whole, has it not? It is a shame to do that. Just put a drop of clear water in it and restore its purity."

"Why, mother, you are laughing at me! Not one drop, nor a dozen, nor fifty, will do that."

"No, my son; and therefore I cannot allow one drop of Will Hunt's evil nature to mingle with your careful training, many drops of which will make no impression on him."—*Juvenile Missionary.*

MAY'S REBUKE.

BY K. H. H.

LITTLE May Williams had been given a pair of chickens, to her great joy. One morning she came dancing into the house, nearly wild with delight, because her hen had five tiny chickens. These proved a great source of amusement and interest to May.

"What makes 'em lift their heads ev'ry time they drink, mamma?" asked she.

"That's their way of saying 'Thank you' to God, or 'grace,' my dear," said mamma.

"Why doesn't Tray say 'grace' mamma, when he drinks?" asked May.

"He hasn't sense enough," replied mamma.

Then she left to go into the house to her work, and her talk with May passed out of her mind. But not so with May. It made an impression on her mind never to be forgotten. Often she was heard to say to Tray, when 'e drank: "Tray, you hasn't got sense enough to say 'grace.' I doesn't think it nice of you."

One day her mother took her to dine at Mr. Mell's house. Mr. Mell was a pro-

fessed Christian, but neglected to say "grace," like many other Christians. At May's house "grace" was never omitted. The meal began without prayer. May watched proceedings for a while, and when she saw Mr. Mell set down his glass she spoke up: "You is like our Tray, Mr. Mell, you hasn't got any sense!"

Every one at the table gazed at May in astonishment. But the sober little face forbade any one believing the remark was meant to be saucy.

At last Mr. Mell said: "Why, May, what do you mean?"

"'Cause Tray hasn't got sense enough to raise his head and thank God for his eating, like my little chickens has," said she, gravely.

Mr. Mell coloured with shame, and inwardly thought May was right. From that time on he never neglected "grace" at his table.

WHY I AM GLAD.

BY W. H. SHULTS.

I'm glad the Bible tells us,
 The story of God's love;
 And how it brought the Saviour
 Down from his home above.

I'm glad he loves us children,
 And said, "Come unto me,"
 Oh help us, now, dear parents,
 His lambs we want to be.

I'm glad we have dear teachers,
 To lead us in the way;
 And tell of heaven and Jesus,
 On every Sabbath day.

I'm glad for all this kindness,
 Which God has shown to me;
 So I will always love him,
 And try his child to be.

TONGUES.

"I WISH I had not said that."

"I always do speak before I think."

"I didn't mean it."

"A fellow can't say a thing but what she flies out about it."

These are every-day words—yes, and a hundred-times-a-day words. What do they mean? Simply that one of the temptations against which we guard ourselves least, is the temptation to let our tongues say their own say in an irresponsible fashion, without much thought or intent. Is it their own say? Yes; but they are only repeating what the heart has told them, as little children express their opinions gathered at the breakfast-table. Watch yourselves. Watch your tongues.—*The Well-Spring.*

FOR LITTLE CHILDREN.

THERE'S a Friend for little children,
Above the bright blue sky,
A Friend who never changes,
Whose love will never die.
Unlike our friends by nature,
Who change with changing years,
This Friend is always worthy
The precious name he bears.

There's a home for little children,
Above the bright blue sky,
Where Jesus reigns in glory,
A home of peace and joy,
No home on earth is like it,
Nor can with it compare,
For every one is happy,
Nor can be happier there.

There are crowns for little children,
Above the bright blue sky,
And all who look to Jesus
Shall wear them by-and-by;
Yea, crowns of brightest glory
Which he shall sure bestow
On all who loved the Saviour,
And walked with him below.

There are songs for little children,
Above the bright blue sky,
And harps of sweetest music
For their hymn of victory;
And all above is pleasure,
And found in Christ alone;
Lord, grant thy little children
To know thee as their own.

LESSON NOTES.

FOURTH QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO
MATTHEW.

A.D. 28.] LESSON VII. [Nov. 13

CHRIST'S WITNESS TO JOHN.

Matt. 11. 2-15. Commit to mem. vs. 2-6.

GOLDEN TEXT.

He was a burning and a shining light.
John 5. 35.

OUTLINE.

1. John's Question.
2. Christ's Answer.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

Who heard of the great miracles of Jesus?
John the Baptist.
Where was John the Baptist? In prison,
fifty miles away.
Whom did he send to Jesus? Two of
his friends.
For what did he send them? To ask
Jesus if he was the true Messiah.

Why did he do this? That he might
strengthen the faith of his followers in Jesus
as their promised Saviour.

What was Jesus's reply? Go and tell
John the things you have heard and seen.

What were some of these things? The
blind made to see, the lame to walk,
and the deaf to hear.

What other great works had Jesus done?
He had healed the lepers, and raised the
dead to life.

To whom had Jesus preached the good
news of the kingdom? To the poor.

Why did Jesus wish John to know these
things? Because they were the things the
prophets prophesied the Messiah would do
when he came.

Of what, then, would they convince John
and his friends? That he who had done
them was the true Saviour.

Why did Jesus offend some of the Jews?
Because he did not make himself a great
earthly king and conquer the world.

How did Jesus testify of John? (Repeat
the GOLDEN TEXT.)

What did Jesus call him? The greatest
of all the prophets.

Who did Jesus say should be greater
still? The humblest believer in the
kingdom of heaven.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

Answer thoughtfully—

Are you a messenger for Jesus?
At home, at school, at church?
Are you hearing and BELIEVING the word
he sends to YOU through the Bible?
Are you trying to grow more like him?
"Search me, O God, and know my heart."
DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The Messiah.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

Where will the righteous enjoy this life?
In heaven.

What sort of a place is heaven? Heaven
is a place of light and glory.

A.D. 28.] LESSON VIII. [Nov. 20.

JUDGMENT AND MERCY.

Matt. 11. 20-30. Commit to memory vs. 27-30.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are
heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
Matt. 11. 28.

OUTLINE.

1. Judgment
2. Mercy.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

What cities did Jesus rebuke? The
cities of Chorazin, Bethsaida, Capernaum.
Why did he rebuke them? They refused
to repent and believe in him.

What had he done for them? Many
mighty works.

What did he tell them? That God would
surely punish them.

How would he punish them? More
severely than he punished the wicked cities
of the heathens.

Why would he do this? Because they
had heard the Son of God and seen his
wonderful miracles.

How will God judge each one of us at
the last day? According to our advan-
tages.

For what did Jesus thank the Father?
For revealing his truth to plain, uneducated
people.

Why did Jesus call them "babes?"
Because they felt their weakness and need
of strength and help.

Why will not the wise and great receive
Jesus? They are satisfied with their own
strength and knowledge.

Whom does Jesus call to him? (Repeat
the GOLDEN TEXT.)

What is it that makes us weary and
heavy laden? The burden of our sins.

How will all other burdens feel when
Jesus takes away our sins? Easy and
light.

Why does he want us to wear his yoke?
Because it will make us happy.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

The yoke of Jesus— Easy and light.
The yoke of Satan— Heavy and hard.
Which will you choose to wear?

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—Retribution.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

How will good men live there? Good
men will live in heaven in perfect joy
forever.

LEAVING THEM TO GOD.

In West Africa a society in England has
started a school for native children. One
day in that school a little girl struck her
schoolmate. The teacher found it out, and
asked the child who was struck, "Did you
strike her back again?"

"No, ma'am," said the child.
"What did you do?" asked the teacher.
"I left her to God," said she.

A beautiful and most efficient way to
settle all difficulties, and prevent all fights
among children and among men. We shall
never be struck by others when they know
that we will not return the blow, but "leave
them to God." Then, whatever our enemies
do, or threaten to do, to us, let us leave
them to him, praying that he would for-
give them and make them our friends.



A CAFFRE CHIEF.

WHAT a queer-looking fellow this African chief is. If he would take some of the dress off his head and put it on his body it would be better. As soon as these savages become Christians they put on decent clothing. Thus the Gospel benefits both their bodies and their souls.

A KNOWING DOG.

It is queer how dogs know, or seem to know, even more than some children who are pretty well advanced in years.

The following is the story of a dog who not only understood language, but took a rebuke from his mistress quite as readily as some boys and girls receive the reproofs of their parents.

A lady called on his mistress the other day. During her call, Lion came in rather shyly, lying down on the parlour carpet, and went to sleep. The conversation ran on, and the visitor said finally:

"What a handsome Newfoundland you have!"

Lion opened one eye.

"Yes," said his mistress, "he is a very good dog, and takes excellent care of the children."

Lion opened the other eye, and waved his tail complacently to and fro along the carpet.

"When the baby goes out, he always goes with her, and I feel perfectly sure that no harm can come to her," his mistress went on.

Lion's tail thumped up and down violently on the carpet

"And he is so gentle to them all, and such a playmate and companion to them, that we would not take twenty pounds for him."

Lion's tail now went up and down, to and fro, and round and round, with great, undisguised glee.

"But," said his mistress, "Lion has one serious fault."

Total subsidence of Lion's tail, together with the appearance of an expression of great concern on his face.

"He will come in here with his dirty feet, and lie down on the carpet, when I have told him, time and time again, that he mustn't do it."

Here Lion rose with an air of the utmost dejection and humiliation, and slunk out of the room, with his late exuberant tail totally crestfallen.

FISHERS OF MEN.

"WHAT did Jesus mean when he said to Peter and Andrew, 'I will make you fishers of men?'" That is what Tommy said to his papa, as he took a bright, shining fish from his hook, and put on a bait to catch another. "I will tell you," said Tommy's papa. "You go to Sunday-school. You have a nice teacher, and every Sunday she tells you something about Jesus. She tries to teach you how to obey and love Jesus. Now have you ever brought any other boys to the school, that they may learn to love the Saviour?" Tommy looked thoughtful, and soon said, "I think I understand you, papa. I will go and invite other boys to come to the school, and so help to bring them to Jesus. Then I shall be a 'fisher of men.'"

LITTLE PIERRE'S "I AM'S."

LITTLE Pierre began going to school before he was six years old. He learned so fast that it was only a few weeks before his teacher said to him one morning, "Come here, my little man, and look on my Bible. I think you can read this verse. It looks as if it were meant for you."

The little fellow did his best, and slowly read, "I am that Bread of life." Miss Sheldon told him these were the words of Jesus—that just as we need bread to keep us from being hungry and starving to death, so we need Christ's love and favour to keep us from suffering and dying forever.

The school was reading in the Gospel of John, and each morning after that, when they came to a similar declaration of our Saviour, Miss Sheldon would say, "There is another verse for Pierre," until the child had not only read but learned seven verses

or parts of verses, which the other scholars called "Pierre's I Am's."

There was another little verse in the tenth chapter which he liked very much, the teacher said, "Because that was so grand they kept it for the copestone, and always recited it last."

Who will learn and repeat them every day?

"I am that Bread of life."

"I am the Light of the world."

"I am the Door of the sheep."

"I am the Good Shepherd."

"I am the Resurrection and the Life."

"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life"

"I am the True Vine."

"I and my Father are one."

—Early Dev.

STRAYING LAMBS.

How many lambs are straying,
Lost from the Saviour's fold!
Upon the lonely mountains
They shiver with the cold.
Within the tangled thickets,
Where poison vines do creep,
And over rocky ledges,
Wander the poor lost sheep.

O who will go to find them?
Who, for the Saviour's sake,
Will search, with tireless patience,
Through brier and through brake?
Unheeding thirst and hunger,
Who still, from day to day,
Will seek, as for a treasure,
The lambs that go astray.

How sweet 'twould be at evening,
If you and I could say,
"Good Shepherd, we've been seeking
The lambs that went astray:
Heart-sore, and faint with hunger,
We heard them making moan,
And lo! we come at night-fall,
Bearing them safely home."

—MRS. E. H. GATES.

TEMPERANCE.

WHY do we have temperance Sundays, temperance papers, temperance societies, temperance pledges, and so on, through a long list? Why, indeed! The answer is a sad one. It is because the terrible demon of intemperance is abroad in our land, and he intends to lay his fiery hand upon you, bright-faced boy; upon you, merry-hearted girl, just as soon as he gets the chance!

Ah! then, it is a subject that must interest you! How to keep out of his way, and how to help rescue those who are already in his clutches, is the very lesson that we need to learn!