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PUBLISHERS' NOTE.

OUR denominational literature, so rich in most particulars, has been seriously deficient in books especially adapted for Sunday-school libraries; while it has been extremely difficult to find, outside the denomination, books of a distinctively religious character, unblemished by objectionable theological dogmas.

The Sunday-school Society, desirous of doing something towards remedying this defect, offered, last May, *three premiums*, of \$100, \$50, and \$25, respectively, "for the best three manuscripts of books calculated for Unitarian Sunday-school libraries, and adapted to children under ten years of age." Of course these were designed as a beginning only; the intent being to publish a few choice books each year, till a large and valuable list should be obtained.

In response to the offer, twenty-nine manuscripts were handed in, and carefully read by the committee. The three selected, as, on the whole, most nearly meeting the requirements as to age, style, adaptability, &c., were as follows:—

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First Premium. — WATCHWORDS FOR LITTLE SOLDIERS.
By Miss SARAH H. FOSTER, Portsmouth, N.H.

Second Premium. — LITTLE SPLENDID'S VACATION. By
Mrs. C. W. T. FRY, Chicago, Ill.

Third Premium. — FORREST MILLS. By Miss LOUISE
M. THURSTON, Lynn, Mass.

Beside these, the committee recommended the following for publication, as being — some of them, at least — equal, or possibly superior, to the Premium Stories as *stories*, or even as *religious stories*, but not quite answering the specified conditions of age, &c. : —

1. DAISY'S MISSION; or, The Sea-bird's Flight
to Alaska.
2. FATHER GABRIELLE'S FAIRY.
3. STORIES FOR EVA.
4. FAITHFUL TO THE LIGHT.
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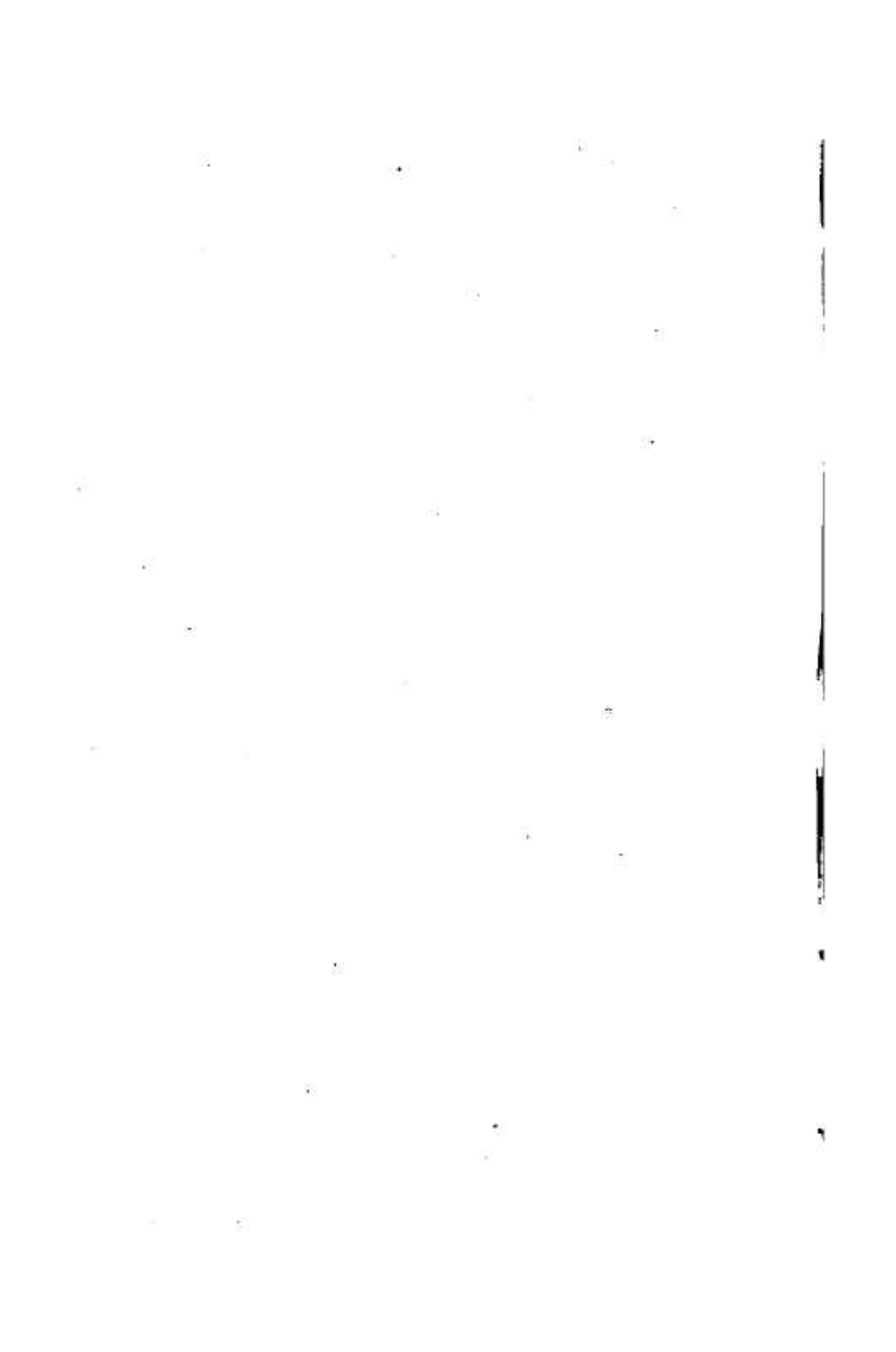
These, the Society expect also to publish this spring; and hope, in due time, to follow by others of like character.

26, CHAUNCEY STREET,
Feb., 1868.

TO PARENTS.

THE Bible verses which serve as mottoes to the stories and poems in this little volume, are all taken from our Saviour's own words. The book is intended to illustrate and enforce these.

Let the children learn such verses by heart: teach them to repeat the sacred words again and again, and apply them to every day's events. Words thus early impressed upon the mind, will, in maturer life, rise unbidden in the memory, like the promptings and promises of a friend ever at hand. A mind stored with living words like these will be a priceless treasure to your children, — Watchwords in the campaign of life; Passwords into the kingdom of heaven.



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