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The Christ, the Church, and the Child. By Carey Bonner, General Secretary, Sunday School Union. London, 1911. James Clarke & Co. Cloth boards. Crown 8vo. 2/6 net.

The American psychological experts, like Coe, Starbuck and Hall, now have a worthy English colleague in Secretary Bonner, of the Sunday School Union, London.

The alliterative title of this fresh and practical volume was the theme recently discussed by Mr. Bonner on the Ridley Lectureship, in connection with the Regent's Park College, London.

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Of the 4,000 cases examined, 86% of the males and 87% of the females reported their conversion at definite ages.

The estimate given by 400 ministers of the proportion of Sunday School Scholars in new church members received during the past three years is 48%.

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Many are the Christian workers on both sides of the Atlantic who will be grateful to Mr. Bonner for his illuminating discussion.

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Sunday School Essentials. By Amos R. Wells. W. A. Wilde Co. Boston and Chicago. \$1.00.

Few men have written more extensively or more wisely on Sunday School principles and practices than has Mr. Wells, author of *Sunday School Problems*, *Sunday School Success*, etc. In his new book, Mr. Wells endeavors to present what every Sunday School teacher and superintendent needs the most in order to win success. The author says that "the thoughts and