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PREFACE.

IN preparing these SERVICES the Editor has had the valuable counsel and assistance of the Publication Committee of the Unitarian Sunday School Society. The aim has been to provide Sunday School Services varied in structure and rich in liturgical and musical forms. They have been compiled for the use of schools which are wedded to no exclusive methods of conducting their worship, and which will claim and exercise great freedom of selection.

By having one hymn printed in its proper place in several of the Services, it is made practicable to go through the Service to the final singing without turning to the Hymnal or opening another book for a suitable hymn to be sung. In a few of the Services suggestions are offered to the superintendent with reference to additional Scripture lessons. Similar readings might be made a regular part of every Service. On the other hand, in schools where brevity is desired, the shorter Services may be used, or portions of the longer Services omitted; but it is earnestly recommended that each school become familiar with such Services as are chosen for use. Frequent repetition of a Service is necessary, in order that the responses, both verbal and musical, may be well rendered; and also that around familiar words and well-known melodies associations may cluster which shall kindle the glow of devotion. A single Service might be used to advantage once, or even twice, each month of the school year.

The Infant-Class Services — two of which have been arranged from Services already in use — are designed to provide the pupils in the primary

department with simpler exercises specially adapted to their needs. A series of Infant-Class Songs, to be used in connection with these Services, will be found in the Hymnal.

The reverent attention of all — pupils and teachers — should be given to every service, that worship in the Sunday School may be a united offering of joyful praise and heartfelt prayer.

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