

proved the truthfulness of God's word that "here we have no continuing city." Her home life was that of a loving wife and mother; she cheerfully shared in the privations of a backwoods settler, and was a genuine partner of the sorrows and joys of her husband's life. But hers was pre-eminently a mother's heart. She was the parent of sixteen children, eleven of whom survive her, all of those personally known to the speaker occupying prominent positions. Rev. Alex. Gilray is pastor of one of the most important Presbyterian churches in Toronto; Thomas occupies the position of reeve of Euphrasia, the most honoured office in the gift of the municipality, and her daughters are school teachers. Doubtless this was the result of careful training, for as we sow so shall we reap in this respect also, and thus her children rise up to call her blessed. Referring to the deceased a religious character, the speaker said that, like the patriarch's wife, Mrs. Gilray would refuse to say she was perfect, but there was abundance to indicate that her heart was in the right place. She was always a Presbyterian at heart. Having been brought up in that faith; she was a member of that church in Scot and, but on coming to Canada, as no Presbyterian church was near, she cast her lot with the Methodist church. Yet the old faith was still alive in her heart. But what was better than membership in any denomination, she was an active philanthropist, her delight being to visit the sick, no matter at what sacrifice. One of the evidences of true religion is: "Sick and ye visited me." "For inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these ye did it unto Me." Best of all was her personal faith in Christ. Although racked with pain she was able to give clear expression to her firm trust in the Redeemer. It was only in the same way that the best or worst of mankind could ever enter the kingdom of Heaven. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."

The reverend gentleman dwelt particularly upon, and made exceedingly clear, the means of obtaining salvation. His remarks throughout were most instructive and comforting, and we regret that we cannot give a more extended report.—*CON.*

Rev. A. H. Scott, the popular pastor of St. Andrew's church, Perth, has been presented with a complimentary address and a gown and cassock by the congregation.

ANNIVERSARY services were held on Nov. 4th, in the First church, Port Hope, of which Dr. J. K. Smith is pastor. The attendance was very large, and the services, which were conducted by Dr. H. M. Parsons, of Toronto, were grand and impressive, and very greatly enjoyed.

The induction of Rev. Mr. Somerville at Norwood passed off with every mark of success. Rev. Marcus Scott presided and the sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. MacGilliland; Rev. Mr. Thompson addressed the pastor, and Rev. Mr. Sutherland the people. In the evening there was a congregational reception presided over by Rev. J. K. Smith, D. D., of Port Hope. Among the speakers at which were Rev. Marcus Scott, the Rev. Dr. McIntosh, of Toronto; Rev. Mr. Anderson, of the Methodist; and Rev. Mr. Weaver, of the Baptist churches; and Rev. Dr. McClelland of Havelock. Words of hearty and kindly welcome were given by the Baptist and Methodist ministers to the new pastor.

The proceedings in connection with the annual meeting of the Harrie Presbyterian Society, held last week, were of a most encouraging character. There were nearly one hundred delegates in attendance. The reports were very satisfactory, and among the papers read were one by Mrs. Johnson, of Pontiangishere, on "Our Fallure, or the Greatest Lack in our Work;" one by Mrs. McCrae, of Guelph, on "Advice to Workers;" "A Model Auxiliary" and "Helpfulness of the Scattered Helper Scheme," were two subjects for discussion. Dr. Heaton, superintendent of the Provincial Dist. Asylum, presided at a public meeting held in the church in the evening. Rev. Neil Campbell, B. A., and Rev. J. Goforth, missionary to China, gave addresses.

Some Sabbath School Requisites.

BY REV. MARCUS SCOTT, B. A.

THE first requisite for a successful school is a *suitable building* in which to meet. Some buildings used in this capacity are hardly fit for dog kennels, let alone for Sabbath schools. Happily the days are past when low, damp, close basements are thought sufficient for this, surely of all departments of church work, the most important. Let the school-room be large, airy, and well lighted, adorn the walls by a picture or two, which will not cost much, and it will add materially to the look of the hall and give it a home appearance. How much would it add to the comfort and efficiency of some schools if a few dollars were judiciously spent in paint and Scripture texts which are cheap and beautiful, and the whole place made as if it were really the nursery of the church.

The second requisite for a successful school is a *staff of intelligent and devoted teachers*. The Solomon and Jetham of a congregation should never be sent as teachers into the Sabbath school. The school demands the very best the congregation can give. How many schools get this? The teacher should, to put it mildly, be fairly intelligent. He—it would suit the majority of schools better to say she, for in most schools we might say, as did Jeremiah in the streets of Jerusalem—"Wanted, a man,"—ought to have an intelligent acquaintance with the Bible he teaches, and he will be a poor and pitiable teacher who is ignorant of child nature and child-life. The writer once heard a teacher address a school as "you of the younger sex," and then he began to tell them of Samson pulling down the gates of Gaza when he wanted to get into the town. Every school should have a weekly, not weekly, teachers' meeting at which all teachers meet for the study of the lesson. Let that meeting be under the very best teacher the congregation can supply, be he superintendent or pastor, and let every teacher make it a matter of conscience of attending. Even of more importance than intelligence for a successful teacher is piety. I lately heard it said in a Sabbath school conference—I won't say where—that to be a Sabbath school teacher one need not be a Christian. That is almost enough to put such conferences out of fashion. Not only must the teacher be a Christian, but every Christian is not qualified to be a teacher. To be a successful teacher one needs to be much in prayer, much in secret communion with God, must spend much time in the prayerful study of God's Word, and be very much concerned with the state of his own heart in God's sight.

Good order is of necessity a Sabbath school requisite. A noisy, rowdy Sabbath school is demoralising for the scholars, discouraging for the teachers, and not very creditable to the superintendent. Good order is not merely the absence of noise. It means activity, life, interest and attention. "We are very harmonious," said a church member lately to a visitor who happened to be inquiring about the state of his friend's congregation. "Yes," said the visitor, "you are frozen into one!" The classes should be so arranged in the school that teaching may be done with the least chance of disorder arising. The aim should be a maximum amount of teaching with a minimum amount of noise. Order should always be secured without apparent effort. A noisy, fussy, bell-ringing superintendent will spoil the best organized school in the world.

A *weekly review* properly conducted from the platform is the last requisite I will mention in this short paper. Let this be done as often as possible by the same person. The superintendent is, or ought to be, the one best qualified for this part of the exercise. Only to be done well it needs many qualifications. It should, of course, be a review, and not a sermon or a lecture or anything of that nature. Let the lesson be simply, clearly, simply, and shortly reviewed, and the lessons will be impressed on the scholar's memory. The same style of review should not be adopted all the time, nor, for that matter, twice in succession. The writer well remembers a superintendent who began every

review by "Now what is the lesson about to-day?" While a well remembered question always began the review in another school thus, "How many persons are mentioned in to-day's lesson?" Vary the method, stick to the lesson, be clear and simple in style, and seek to impress and instruct the scholars, and the review will be not the least important part of the Sabbath school service.

CAMPBELLFORD, Ont., Canada.

A Tonic

For Brain-Workers, the Weak and Debilitated.

Horsford's Acid Phosphate

is without exception, the Best Remedy for relieving Mental and Nervous Exhaustion; and where the system has become debilitated by disease, it acts as a general tonic and vitalizer, affording sustenance to both brain and body.

Dr. E. Cornell Esten, Philadelphia, Pa., says: "I have met with the greatest and most satisfactory results in dyspepsia and general derangement of the cerebral and nervous systems, causing debility and exhaustion."

Descriptive pamphlet free.

Horsford Chemical Works, Providence, R.I.
Beware of substitutes and imitations.

THE TONIC OF THE AGE.

Professor Charles Fauvel, M.D.

ONE OF THE MOST DISTINGUISHED SPECIALISTS IN DISEASES OF THE THROAT AND NOSE—FOUNDER OF A LARGE FREE DISPENSARY IN PARIS.



Professor Fauvel was born in 1830, at Amiens, and now resides in Paris. For his high attainments in his profession he has received almost every mark of distinction that could be conferred upon him by his country or his country in medicine. These are his words, "Of all the tonics, none equal 'Vin Mariani.' I use it personally and for my family, and have prescribed it for more than twenty years with unvarying satisfaction to myself and patients." Vin Mariani is the only tonic-stimulant without any unpleasant reaction and which may be taken indefinitely. If you are tired, weak, nervous, irritable, if you feel a want of energy and have not a good appetite, just try "Vin Mariani." Surely a remedy recommended by thousands of eminent people the world over, is worth a single trial. Send stamp to Lawrence A. Wilson & Co., Montreal, the Canadian agents, and receive, gratis, a beautiful little album containing the photographs of many celebrities who have testified to the excellence of "Vin Mariani."