

### The Sunday School.

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### A Visit to Hamilton.

The Editor of the CANADIAN EVANGELIST and the readers of the S. S. department will please pardon this space being given over this week to a letter concerning my visit to the church and Sunday school at Hamilton, on Dec. 31st, 1893. All of us are interested in the progress of the mission points in Ontario, but we hear so little about our cause in the Ambitious City, that I take this means of acquainting the brethren with the work there—A Hamiltonian myself (a citizen of no mean city), the success of the cause in Hamilton is of special interest to me, and being so well pleased with what I saw of and heard concerning the work there, I want to say a few things about the Church of Christ on Wilson St., which I am sure will be encouraging to all the supporters of the cause in Ontario, even our good friends in that little town near Scarboro in York county. At the present time, when the mission treasury is low, and money is scarce with the people—it will give confidence to us all to know that good work is being done at the mission points, and that every dollar contributed is given to a good and growing cause, and therefore well spent.

The city of Hamilton is solid, progressively conservative if you please. Its financial institutions are strong. Its manufactures extensive. Its churches, schools and public buildings are of a high order, and a drive through the city or a ride over the street railway would lead an observer to see at once that Hamilton people do things well, that they are prosperous, intelligent and cultivated, and that the Ontario Board has acted wisely in planting a mission in that city. Under no circumstances should we waver in our support to this mission, so long as support is needed, which, I hope, will not be long. The Disciples of Christ in Hamilton may not succeed in converting the whole city over to New Testament Christianity, but the little church, and its able pastor, will be a power in the city for leavening the thought of the Lord's people in their desire for a solution of the problem of Christian Union. Very recently this subject has been a live one in Hamilton, as the readers of the series of sermons on that topic in the James St. Baptist Church are aware, and I hesitate not to say that the case, as stated by Geo. Munro, was the only scriptural and feasible solution of the difficulty, and that this opinion is shared by many others. Brother Munro enjoys the confidence of his preaching brethren. They have elected him Vice-president of the Hamilton Ministerial Association. I frequently see his name as being present at church gatherings, and when I say that the church on Wilson St. confide in him and love him and his good wife for their work's sake, every member will bear me out. Brother Munro is an optimist. He believes in the ultimate triumph of the Gospel, that it is the power of God unto salvation to men and nations, and that applied Christianity is the only remedy for the questions and ills of the day, and that we are not fighting in a dying cause, but that we shall triumph by and

with the forces now at work. This was the burden of his sermon on the morning of the Lord's day, Dec. 31st, 1893. The attendance at this meeting was good. The brethren told me that many strangers attend the meetings every Lord's day, especially in the evenings. One young man was received into the church that day. The Sunday school is prospering. A brighter looking lot of boys and girls could not be found than were those I was privileged to address for a few minutes that afternoon. "God Save Young Canada." Bro. Wheeler, the superintendent, has a number of excellent teachers, but could use more. The school was divided into two parts for review, with Miss Rioch in charge of the juniors and Geo. Munro of the seniors. The plan worked well. It is impossible to make a review interesting and profitable to a whole school in one room. I was not privileged to attend the meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E., but I know they have some active members. Altogether the cause in Hamilton is most hopeful, and what should be encouraging to the supporters of Ontario missions is, that some of the brethren and sisters in the church at Hamilton are making great sacrifices in order that the good work may go on. Brethren, hold this fort.

J. A. ALKIN.

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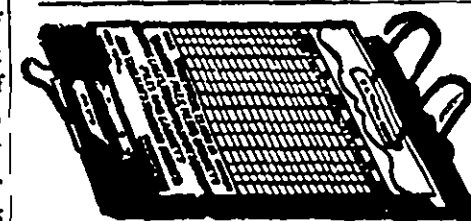


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