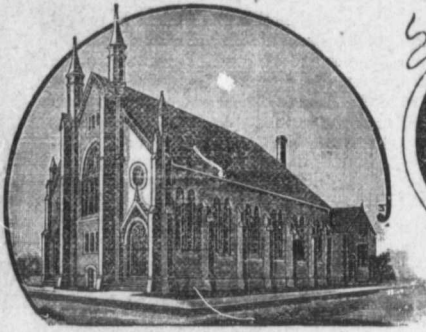


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Our Meetings.

SUNDAY—

9:30 a.m., Sabbath School in Mission, King and New Streets.
10:30 a.m., Prayer meeting in Schoolroom. All are welcome.
11 a.m. and 7 p.m., Public worship in the Church.
3 p.m., Sabbath School and Bible Classes. — Young Men's and Young Women's.

MONDAY—8 p.m. every Monday, the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.
The Earnest Helpers' Mission Band every 2nd week at 4 p.m.

TUESDAY—The Board of Management meets on April 2nd, May 7th, and June 4th, at 8 p.m.
The Auxiliary of Women's Foreign Missionary Society meets on April 9th, May 14th and June 11th at 8 p.m.
The Ladies' Aid meets on April 30th, May 28th and June 25th.
Boys' Brigade, every Tuesday at 7:30.

WEDNESDAY—8 p.m., the Weekly Prayer Meeting. On the first Wednesday of each month it is a Missionary Meeting.

The Session meets at 7:30 p.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

FRIDAY—Choir practice at 7:30 p.m.

Baptism will be regularly dispensed on the FIRST SABBATH each month at the morning service; also on the SECOND WEDNESDAY at weeknight service.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Note carefully the list of Elders' Districts and see who YOUR ELDER is and where he lives—then, when you are sick or in trouble, let him know.

The Synod of Hamilton and London meets on the 15th inst., at Woodstock. Mr. Shearer and Mr. Allen expect to attend as representing Erskine Church.

We congratulate the Ladies' Aid Society on the happy thought and the carrying out to so successful an issue of their recent "At Home." The ECHOES would say—make it annual, at least.

The ECHOES is glad to hear that each time the cards are passed at close of service some have been signed. There were seven the last time. May God bless these and lead many, many more to an early decision for Christ!

If you change your address this spring don't neglect to put your new address on one of the cards provided for that purpose in the Church and drop it in one of the new "Minister's Boxes." He carries the key of these and will get your card after the evening service.

We are glad to notice a substantial increase in the weekly givings for ordinary revenue during the last quarter. The average was \$58.85 per week. Let us do still better this quarter. Our average should never be less than \$60. If we all try to BE REGULAR AND NOT MISS ANY SUNDAY, doing just THE BEST WE CAN, we shall easily reach this amount for the rest of the year. Let us do it.

The Sunday School continues to grow. It numbers some days almost 400, not counting teachers and officers. The two Bible Classes and several other classes have to have "opening exercises" by themselves in the Church, there not being room for them in the School-room. It is only a question of a very limited time until we shall be forced to enlarge our Sunday School accommodation.

Next month—May—our first semi-annual special offering for the Debt-Fund will be called for. Let us keep it in mind and be ready for it. The congregation bought recently a lot adjoining the Sunday School on which to increase the size of our School-room, at a cost of nearly \$500. This must

be paid for this year, but that should be a small undertaking for a congregation numbering nearly 500 members, besides adherents.

A reference to the table of "Our Givings" will show that just \$28.85 has been sent in for the RECORDS; \$50 is required. Does this mean that the congregation expects Mr. Gill to pay the rest—\$21.15? Surely not! We suppose the rather that many of you forgot your special envelope last Sunday! It is not too late yet. Bring it with you next Sunday. The ECHOES will be ashamed to appear next quarter if this sum is not cheerfully made up.

The new "Minister's Boxes"—one in the vestibule for the gallery, and one at each inside door for downstairs—are for the dropping in of anything that you want the Minister to get, and no one else—such as a card you may sign saying "I DESIRE TO BE A CHRISTIAN," or a change of address, or if you are a stranger lately come to the Church, a card stating who you are and where you live—the Minister will be glad to call on you at his earliest convenience. Sign a card and drop it in one of the boxes.

The Ladies' Bible Class taught by Mr. Newlands, and the Men's, taught by the Minister, held a very successful social on Thursday evening last. They invited the teachers and officers of the Sunday School to join them. Altogether a most enjoyable and highly profitable evening was spent in refreshments, getting acquainted, and a programme of speeches, recitations and music. The judgment of the ECHOES is that these social events are a good thing—a means of grace.

The ECHOES rejoices to hear that the new Prayer Cards issued by the Board of Missions are being so well received and so generally signed. If four or five hundred of us are bound together in a resolve to "remember the cause of mis-