

They have been well attended, and have been growing in interest and numbers.

The Library is, as it ought to be, both appreciated and prized by the scholars, judging from the number of books read, and the interest shown in obtaining them; but it is felt that a large addition, particularly of works suited to the older scholars, is wanted, in order to increase its attractiveness and usefulness. It is earnestly hoped that the funds of the school may be placed in such a state that this much-felt want may be supplied. In addition, the scholars have been supplied monthly with copies of one of the following papers, viz., *British Workman*, *Band of Hope Review*, and *Cottager and Artisan*.

The singing, this important part of our school service, has received special attention, and there is a marked and steady improvement therein.

A Teachers' Prayer Meeting has been held monthly, at the close of the school. To this meeting the scholars are invited to remain.

In March last, the first of our annual festivals was held in the basement of Erskine Church. It was well attended, notwithstanding the stormy state of the weather, and a very pleasant evening was spent by both teachers and scholars. On this occasion the balance of missionary collections for 1875, viz., \$30, was voted by the scholars to the Congregational Missionary Society.

The school was closed during the months of July and August, and again re-opened in September. Our Missionary collections for the year have amounted to \$58.44, which will be devoted to such objects as the scholars may indicate. The annual collection in aid of the funds of the school was made on Sunday, November 12th. Your Committee, on this occasion, made a humble request for \$250, but we regret to say that the amount received did not reach anything like that sum, being only \$98.68. To the kind friends who have assisted us, we beg to tender our grateful thanks. The amount received, we regret to say, is not sufficient to meet the working expenses of the school, until our usual time for collecting returns, next September, it having already been expended in paying off indebtedness incurred during the year just closed, and we find ourselves, in the beginning of a new year, with our work before us and our treasury, we regret to say, *empty*. Knowing the many objects to be collected for in connection with our Church (our Sabbath School nevertheless as important as any), we have deemed it advisable to defer