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Editorial Notes.

SERVICES in connection with the 66th Anniversary of the First Methodist Church, were held Nov. 9th and 10th. The Birthday Anniversaries of the church are occasions that always give rise to many pleasant memories. "We may build more splendid habitations, fill our rooms with paintings and sculptures, but we cannot buy with gold the old associations." From the honored past in the history of our church we have already given some interesting reminiscences in this paper, and now we will only refer to one or two matters which have been conspicuous in the 66th year.

The Church site has been very greatly improved by the levelling of the old church yard and through the efforts of the young people another season will bring forth instead of the desert place one that the eye will gladly look upon. Within the church proper there has been nothing new except we may mention the floral decoration which is becoming a very important part of each Sabbath missionary work, but our S. S. room has

put on a new dress and when all shall be completed, it will be very creditable; above all during the past year the angel of death has visited our church with remarkable tenderness, and the great majority of those who were present at the last anniversary were present on this occasion. Rev. Mr. Langford, of Brampton, came to us again, and brought, as of old, a message to all hearts. The morning text was found in Isaiah 26-3, and the evening in Luke 5-5. The annual tea-meeting was held on Monday evening, and proved to be in every way a great success. After tea were served speeches were made by the Rev. Mr. Wakefield and Mr. Langford, the latter showing how little work each individual member had done during the past four years as brought out in the General Conference statistics and urged more stirring personal work for Christ.

The report of the Treasurer Dr. Smith was very satisfactory and appropriate music by the choir and orchestra made up the evening's entertainment, another Golden Mile Stone in the history of our church. Dr. Lyman Abbot says "let the old year bury its dead. Leave behind the depressing memories of failure, of defeat while you carry its lessons in your heart. Your real life is not behind but before you. It is the new year and not the old which is your opportunity."

"Sculptors of life are we with our souls uncarved before us."

WHEN we see a beautiful character whether in man or woman how our whole being seems to bow in reverence before it. We know there must be some power within which can take the common things of life, and bring forth from them this form of beauty. Like some plant growing in our garden which takes the common materials, the air, the moisture, the sunshine, and drinking them in brings forth the delicate leaf, the petals of purest white, the fairy stamens, and the delicious fragrance.

So God gives us the power to take the common things of life, and out of them draw the materials for a beautiful character. No one knows the capabilities of a human being