

appearance of the school, as well as to the comfort of both teachers and scholars. The congregation kindly voted to the school a sufficient sum wherewith to purchase these seats.

A new feature in our school is the formation of a catechism class and a normal class. The former is intended to drill the scholars more minutely on the catechism, and to give a better general idea of important Bible events and the general divisions of the Bible. It is largely attended and, under the tuition of Mr. Davis, gives every appearance of becoming a useful branch of our school work. The normal class is intended for the young ladies and gentlemen and *parents*. The idea being to take up for each Sunday one lesson in advance of the school, so that, in case any of our teachers are absent, the Superintendent can always secure persons who are well acquainted with lesson to fill the vacancies for the day. This class will be conducted, jointly, by Rev. M. Fraser and Mr. Wm. Givin.

During the past year we have been called upon to mourn the death of one teacher, Miss Aggie Gillespie, who taught an advanced class of girls; and one scholar, Maria Cunningham, a pupil of Miss S. H. McKean's class. This dealing with us by a loving Father should cause us to be increasingly active in His service, for we know not how soon our work will be done or how early in life those for whom we are laboring may be removed.

The scholars have been regularly supplied with papers every month, the older scholars receiving the *Northern Messenger*, and the younger the *Children's Messenger*. We believe the circulation of these papers among the pupils is of great spiritual benefit to them. We are happy to be able to report that the school has been supplied with the Moody & Sankey Hymn Books, and under the able leadership of our worthy Precentor, Mr. James Johnson, the singing has improved wonderfully.

The teachers meet every Wednesday evening after prayer meeting for the study of the lesson. As a general rule this meeting is well attended and is much appreciated by the teachers, as they derive great help in the preparation of their lessons from it. We hope that still greater interest will be taken in it during the ensuing year. Most of the teachers subscribe to the *Sunday School Times*, a very valuable paper published in Philadelphia, which contains well written helps to the lessons as well as other comments on Sunday-school work in its various branches.