

were of two sorts—paddle and screw. Paddle steamers made a great noise and show. Propellers were quieter, yet both were impelled by the same motive power. In the Church we had both paddle and propellers—noisy and quiet christians, and yet both were influenced by the same Holy Spirit.

II.—*God's people should be free.* England paid \$100,000,000 to free the slaves, the United States paid in blood to the extent of 500,000 young men, besides incalculable treasure. An instance was cited as occurring in the Southern States immediately after the emancipation proclamation of Lincoln, in which a slave woman heard and believed. God made a proclamation to all sin-bound slaves of complete and perfect redemption. Sinners, believe and be saved.

III.—*Christians should be separate.*
1. Because they would be more useful. The world got members of the Church to associate with them and thus made excuses for their doings. 2. Because they would be happier. Some people had just enough religion to make them miserable. 3. Be separate because *it's safest.* Lot's experience in Sodom is a sad example. Most students aim at the minimum number of marks to pass instead of the maximum. The Christian was safest when he asked himself—how much can I do? What great things can I accomplish? A double track was safer than a single one, no danger of colliding.

IV.—*The Christian, like these Jews, is journeying.* The Jews did not propose to build their cities in the wilderness, they were continually journeying towards the Land of Promise. No Christian sought the world as a permanent place of abode. Don't set your heart upon it, we are only sojourners. In conversation you can soon tell where a man's heart is. The holder of bank stock talked about it. The ship-owner talked about storms and cargoes. "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." If your treasure is in heaven you'll talk about it. We talk about the goodness of men when they are dead. It is better to leave people after they die to the Lord, and we should talk about their goodness while they live. If we are about taking a journey we prepare for it, and talk about it, and our neighbors interest themselves also. We are all traveling to eternity. What preparation are we making? Heaven is the place where Jesus is, and not the centre of the universe or the solar system. Jesus is heaven to the believer. The light of heaven is the face of Jesus; the joy of heaven is the presence of Jesus; the melody of heaven is the name of Jesus; the harmony of heaven is the praise of Jesus; the theme of heaven is the work of Jesus; the employment of heaven is the service of Jesus, and the fulness of heaven is Jesus Himself.

V.—*Heaven is a gift.* None deserve

it, yet all are welcome to it, and we must accept it as a *present.* If we could obtain it by our works it would be merited by us. Heaven is big enough for us all, and Jesus is mighty to save. Don't say "I will not,"—COME! Hobab said "I will not go," but there is reason to believe he repented—ah! that's it, *repented.* Young men, repent; change your minds. Some men traveling by stage arrived at the hotel, and found all the rooms taken up; a fellow-passenger coolly ordered his valise, &c., to be taken off the stage, and though warned by others that the accommodation was all taken up, he calmly replied, "There's room for me." "How? why?" And he replied "*I telegraphed ahead.*" Young men, this morning in the secrecy of your own hearts, send up a message to God and thus secure your eternal salvation. Telegraph ahead and secure a place.

The congregation was very large, and the service throughout very solemn and impressive; quite a number gave indications of resolves to begin the Christian pilgrimage.

A CHILDREN'S SERVICE.—On Tuesday afternoon, April 3rd, between three and four o'clock, a most interesting children's service was held in the Church, conducted by the Rev. W. Meikle. The evangelist took for his subject "The Good Shepherd," and showed that The Good Shepherd *feeds* the lambs; *leads* the lambs; *knows* the lambs; *protects* the lambs; *marks* the lambs; *carries* the tired and sick ones in His bosom, and *gave His life* for them. The body of the Church was well filled with the young ones, who were greatly pleased, profited and instructed by the address.

THE CHILDREN'S SONG.

BY GEO. W. ARMSTRONG.

Judea's children once employed
Their youthful voices and God
praised;
They sang, and Israel's King enjoyed
To hear the hallowed notes they
raised.

"Hosanna to the King," they sang,
"That cometh from the Lord most
high."

And mountains, hills and valleys rang,
Re-echoing the children's cry.

Christ, then, was gratified to hear
Those Hebrew children sing His
praise,

He kindly lent a listening ear,
And spoke approval to their lays.

And now, we may His praises sing,
And raise to heaven a cheerful song;
Thus, joy into our hearts will spring,
And Christ in blessing will respond.

So, then, while on this earth we live,
We'll sing "Hosanna" to our God;

And in our youth our hearts we'll give
To Christ, to wash them in His blood.

Then, when we leave this world of sin,
And soar to worlds of bliss on high,
We'll sing in nobler strains to Him,
Who reigns enthroned above the sky.

THE SABBATH SCHOOLS.

MR. A. S. MCGREGOR, Superintendent.
MR. G. R. GAULD, Secretary.

April 1st.—Officers 3. Teachers, male 10; female 16—26. Scholars, male 125; female 118—243. Collection \$6.37.

April 8th.—Officers 3. Teachers, male 8; female 16—24. Scholars, male 146; female 126—272. Collection \$4.85.

April 15th.—Officers 2. Teachers, male 9; female 13—22. Scholars, male 141; female 138—279. Collection \$5.30.

April 22nd.—Officers 4. Scholars, male 125; female 117—246. Collection \$4.75.

April 29th.—Teachers, male 10; female 16—26. Scholars, male 130; female 105—235. Collection \$5.00.

LESSONS FOR MAY.

May 13th.—Matt. xxvi., 17 to 30.

Golden Text, 1 Cor. v., 7.

20th.—Matt. xxvi., 31 to 46.

Golden Text, Heb. v., 8.

27th.—Matt. xxvi., 58 to 75.

Golden Text, 1 Cor. x., 12.

June 3rd.—Matt. xxvii., 33 to 53.

Golden Text, Phil. ii., 8.

It is very gratifying to know that twelve of the boys in Mr. Robert Allen's class have decided to join the church through the agency of the Evangelistic Services conducted by Mr. Meikle. We shall be glad to hear of other cases if the teachers will kindly report them.

When Dublin Cathedral was reopened after restoration at the expense of a Mr. Wise, the Archbishop took for his text, "Go thou and do like Wise." Not to be outdone, a clergyman in his diocese, when opening a church built by a brewer, said that his text was to be found, Hebrews xxx.

James the First of England and Sixth of Scotland was, as everybody knows, not remarkable for vigor and steadiness. Having heard of a famous preacher who was very witty in his sermons, and peculiarly so in his choice of texts, the king ordered this clergyman to preach before him. With all suitable gravity, the learned divine gave out his text in the following words: "James First and Sixth, in the latter part of the verse 'He that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.'"

"I was at the manse the ither day," said the precentor to an old crony, "an' the minister and me got on the