

Be Always There.

Now that "the harvest is past and the Summer is ended" let there be no more empty seats at any of the regular services, Sabbath or week evenings.

The hot weather is trying and enervating, and there is at least some excuse for less regular attendance than usual, but if so, we have that excuse no longer. Now let us every one whenever there is an appointment to meet God and hear His message through His servant, "be never wanting there." It is always cheering and inspiring to our minister to see every place occupied, and for his sake we ought to be there. But there is a far more important reason why you ought always to be in your place in Church, and that is because God will be there *expecting to meet you*. Oh! how often He must go disappointed away after having waited all through the service "with melting heart and laden hands," to meet with you, and to satisfy you with His bounty! Often He has some special message just for you, and yet you miss it! Let us every one "To the work! To the work!" For truly, time, precious time is flying and souls are dying. Let us be up and doing, "for the time cometh when no man can work!"

Our New Pipe Organ.

The congregation will be eager to know why the new organ is not as announced in last number of the Echoes already in place and when it is going to be put in.

The makers found that they were not able to have it ready for the date originally fixed upon which explains the delay, but word has just been received that we may depend on its being ready for use before the end of this month. Consequently the Committee has arranged to have the opening on Nov. 4th and 5th. It will be dedicated on Sabbath, and on Monday night a Grand Recital and Musical Concert will be given.

Prof. I. A. Thomas of this city will preside at the Organ on that occasion, and in addition to members of our own Choir, Mrs. Wikstrom and Mr. Sydney Grant will sing.

Now since the Organ must be paid for when put in, the money must be gotten together just as soon as possible.

The collectors will be out on their rounds *this week*; will subscribers therefore be ready for them with the money. Those who have not as yet been canvassed will be seen very soon and if anybody is overlooked it will not be intentional; but such a thing is easily possible in as large a congregation as ours; so that if any one has not had an opportunity of contributing would they kindly make this known to Mr. Michael Turnbull, or Mr. Thomas Patterson, Chairman and Secretary of the Organ Committee, or to Mr. Sutherland, Treasurer. There yet remains a considerable part of the \$1000 needed, not provided for. The Committee therefore would make hereby an urgent appeal to all to do their *very best* so that if possible we may be able to open the organ free of debt. Many of those who have already subscribed may be able to

add to their subscription. Let all who can, do so. Every dollar will be needed and probably more. As a congregation we have a good name for giving though we are not rich. Let us sustain that good name in this special effort. Moreover our organ is for the service of song in God's House. Our zeal for His glory should move us to make a determined and self-sacrificing effort to prevent any one from having a Mortgage on it. Let us therefore do this as unto Him and in His Name!

The Election of Aldermen.

There has never been a more important municipal Campaign, than the one which will end in the election of January 1st, 1895. The Temperance people and Christians, last year, elected a majority of the Aldermen of the present Council. As a result, some 30 liquor Licences have been cut off. Now the liquor men are banded together in a determined effort, in which they are ready to spend and be spent in order to succeed in getting a majority in next year's Council, in order, not only to prevent further reductions, but to repeal the Reduction By-Law already passed, and quite likely they will even go the length of putting the number up even beyond what it was before. There are 75 Tavern Licences now, and a majority in the Council could increase that number to 125, or thereabouts.

Consequently it is incumbent on the Christian Citizens to go to work in earnest, and pray, and work at any sacrifice, in order to defeat such an unholy effort. Disgrace enough has been brought on Christian Hamilton, by the drunkenness and rowdiness of some of our City Fathers in bygone and present times. What will it be if the liquor interest of the City should elect in our faces a majority of the new Council? And they will do so unless the Christian people stand shoulder to shoulder presenting an unbroken and determined front. Some body must do a great deal of earnest pleading, and unpleasant self-sacrificing work if the day is won. On which side will you stand, reader? For God and home and good government, or for Satan and sin and the reign of rum in our City Hall? Christ our Royal Master expects every man and woman to do his or her duty for the City, as well as for the Church and the Home and private purity. There is no doubt that He has an interest in this as in every fight with evil in our City. Let none of His followers be found missing from the ranks under His leadership! It is vain to say that reducing the number of licenses does not curtail the drinking. If it did not the Brewers, etc. would not so earnestly fight it, as they are doing. They are not fools. They know what affects their pockets. Therefore let no one be led astray with the mistaken notion that "Reduction does not reduce." Even liquor men will tell you that, to get you "off the scent." They have always said in the same way, that Prohibition does not prohibit," but they go right on fighting it to the bitter end. Why? Can there be any reason but one?

Have you gone to the meeting of your ward for organization and work? Be sure and be at the next meeting you hear announced, and do what in you lies to help on this good cause.

Rev. W. Meikle, M.A., Evangelist.

It has been announced before in these columns that we were likely to be favored with a visit from this honored servant of God, and we have been disappointed. We are glad to be able to announce this time without fear of similar disappointment that Mr. Meikle will be here next month, likely on the 7th.

All the Presbyterian Churches in the city are uniting in a series of special services to be conducted by him. The plans for this civic campaign are not yet made, but it is likely that services will be held in our own Church for the West end, for ten days or two weeks, a similar length of time in the East end, and the rest of the time in the centre of the city.

Who can estimate the benefit that will result from a union of all our Churches, in an aggressive movement of this kind, and if all enter heartily into the work by prayer and effort what quickening of spiritual life and what saving of souls will there not be?

And, whether as congregations or as individuals all will depend on the heartiness with which we take hold and help—being present at all the meetings ourselves and graciously "compelling others to come" with us—as to how much benefit we receive from them. God will not fail to be there. Every night He'll be there, and there to sanctify and save by His grace and power.

Mr. Meikle was born in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, in 1856, of a godly and devoted mother to whom he owes almost all—under God—that he is and accomplishes in the Master's service. As a boy he was a pretty precocious youth, full of activity and mischief, and not a little wayward. Though clever at school he did not like study, and at the age of fourteen his mother apprenticed him in business with a firm in Halifax. Here he kept away from Church and Sabbath School, and drifted into bad company, intemperance, gambling and other sins, and thus knows only too well the ways of wayward young men with whom in his Evangelistic work he has exceptional popularity and power. He took typhoid fever and lay in unconsciousness for three weeks and then some months in convalescence at home. After this he was apprenticed with a druggist in New Glasgow, and here again, he, with a circle of other young men lived a very reckless and intemperate life, almost breaking his mother's heart. For some years this went on, he the while rapidly advancing on the down grade. He organized a five and drum corps and gave theatricals to raise funds. In all this he was not only leader but hero among "the boys."

About this time Evangelistic services were begun in New Glasgow, such as he is coming to hold here. He and a companion attended in a half drunken state for fun, but ere long he was glad to ask the very people of whom he had been making fun to "pray for him." One night he went in to the Inquiry meeting and there resolved to break with sin and seek God. It was not until he had passed many days or weeks in great agony over sin and his inability to find peace, and had almost despaired, and was thinking of returning to his sinful excesses that the truth dawned on him that Christ had done all for the sinner and that he must receive pardon and peace and power to live a new life as the free gift of God's grace. This great truth became an inspiration to him, and he with others began to seek the salvation of others, and held Evangelistic meetings in the adjoining country.

In the Autumn of 1875, he returned to school, and about a year after this his sainted mother was taken away in death saying, "Willie, I can die easier now that you are a good boy." It was a terrible blow to him. He thought he could never smile again. Yet this drew him nearer to the Saviour, and he went on with his studies and his evangelistic work.

In 1877, he, in company with Rev. Mr. Murray of this city went to Queen's College, Kingston, where he graduated, M.A., in 1881, when