

organizations exist in the congregation, whose several names in a measure indicate the character of the work engaged in by each: The Epworth League of Christian Endeavour; the Junior League; the Missionary Committee; the Woman's Missionary Society, with its attached Band; the Sunday School Missionary Society; the Ladies' Aid Society; the "King's Daughters;" the Dorcas Society, and the Central Relief Committee. The seed sown has expanded, under the fostering hand of God, into a large and prosperous church; the successes of the past are full of encouragement for the future, and "the best of all is, God is with us." The music has ever been a distinctive feature. The congregational singing is excellent and hearty. A large loyal and efficient choir under the leadership of Prof. Earle, renders impressively the best Church music, and leads the great congregation in "Holy Song."

#### THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

In the year 1820 Mr. Walter Johnson, of Scotland, arrived in the colony, and spent a year "with a design to establish Sabbath Schools, and investigate the religious interests of the country." He records that "the single Sunday School in existence," on his arrival, "was that of the Methodists at Charlottetown," and that his most ready helpers in his work belonged to the Methodist Communion.

As early as 1737 John Wesley gathered the children in Savannah, Georgia, for religious instruction, and in 1786 Bishop Asbury organized the first Sunday School in America. The early Methodists in Charlottetown were "baptized by the same spirit, and believed the same things." They availed themselves of every means which could promote the work they had undertaken—the spread of scriptural holiness throughout the land—and notably adopted the Sunday School. They appreciated the great importance of the Christian education of the young, and set apart a portion of the Sabbath to "teach the Word," and to train the children in "the nurture and admonition of the Lord." And as a result, in all the history of the church the Sunday School has been an active and energetic department of work, putting its stamp of Christian beauty and blessing upon the children, and teaching lessons of love and gentleness which have filled the homes of the congregation with happiness, sweetness and song. The school is at present large, prosperous, and well organized—having a staff of 52 officers and teachers, and 537 scholars in its three departments. John A. Moore, Esq., and James Paton, Esq., are the efficient Superintendents, and under their able management the School is doing a grand work in assisting to train the children of the church, and in scattering seeds of blessings in the homes of the congregation.

#### CHURCH EXTENSION.

The First Church has from its organization been the home of men and women "full of good works and alms-deeds." They organized Sunday Schools, conducted evangelistic services in different parts of the city, until 1871, a building was secured and a cause organized—which has since developed into the active and growing congregation of Grace Church, whose origin and history will be found elsewhere.

In 1889, in the eastern part of the city, Kensington Hall was erected and set apart by the First Church for mission work. A devoted band of workers make the Hall the centre of their visitation of the sick and relief of the poor, Sunday School and Home-department work, and "cottage meetings." The school