

tested, both sides showing by their familiarity with the history of the two great men that they had carefully studied the subject. The vote of the audience decided that the weight of argument rested on the side of the affirmative.

THE MISSION SCHOOL.

Our Mission School, on north Waterloo street, has met regularly every Sabbath afternoon at three o'clock in St. George's School House, with an average attendance of 60. Some scholars who came for the first two or three Sabbaths, from curiosity no doubt, have gone back to the schools they previously attended.

We have now an efficient staff of officers and teachers in charge of the school, as well as every necessary equipment for successful work, and the school is destined to take its place as one of the permanent institutions of the city.

We now seek for the kindly interest and co-operation of all the Presbyterian families in the northern section of the city. They can do much to make it a success by having their children join the school, and by looking up others, not now attending any school, and bringing in, or notifying any of our officers or teachers where to find them. This work has been taken up with the intention of making it, in reliance on the Divine blessing, one of the best Sabbath Schools in our city, and this can be done if our people residing in the north part of the city take an active interest in it. Old and young are cordially invited to meet with us on Sabbath afternoons at 3 o'clock, in St. George's School House.

The following is our present staff of teachers and officers:

OFFICERS.

Jas. Gordon, Superintendent.
H. E. Nelles, Treasurer.
R. Arthur Gordon, Secretary.
Miss Rhoda Gordon, Organist.

TEACHERS.

Rev. J. Gordon, Bible Class.
Miss Kate McIntosh, } Prim. Class.
Miss Katie M. Gordon, }
Mrs. Nelles. Miss Clarke.
Mrs. Telfer. Miss M. Ross.
Mrs. Wright. Miss Rhoda Gordon.
Mr. H. E. Nelles. Miss Burnett.
Mr. Robb. Mr. M. A. Jones.

The teachers meet every Friday evening at 8 o'clock, for study and prayer.

SHAKE HANDS.

Shake hands with somebody as you go out of church. The more of it the better, if it is expressive of real feeling and interest. There may be a great deal of the spirit of the Gospel put into a hearty shake of the hand. Think of

St. Paul's four times repeated, "Greet one another," after the custom then in use, and one which is expressive and even warmer feeling than our common one of hand-shaking. Why not give your neighbors the benefit of the warm Christian feeling that fills you to your finger tips, and receive the like from them in return? You will both be benefitted by it; and the stranger will go away feeling that the church is not, after all, so cold as he had thought it to be.

BAPTISMS.

On Sabbath, February 26th, the Sacrament of Baptism was administered, in the Bible Class room at 10 a.m., by the Rev. J. A. Murray.

McDOUGALL, Martha, Westminster, an adult, on confession of faith and consecration of her life to the Saviour.

KENNEDY, Florence Edna, daughter of William and Rollina Kennedy, born 18th December, 1887.

MURRAY, John William Robinson, son of John and Magaret Murray, born 22nd August, 1887.

BAND OF HOPE.

This important work in connection with our Sunday School has been revived, and two meetings have been held during the past month, the programmes being contributed principally by the junior members, and proved entertaining as well as instructive.

At the first meeting, Mr. James Gordon, Superintendent of the North Mission School, gave a very fine address, showing the baneful effect of intoxicating drinks on society; and at the last meeting, Dr. Irvine delivered an instructive talk on the physical effects of alcohol.

Thirty new members were added to our roll.

We hope that this work will be taken up energetically by the teachers and officers of the school as an important part of their duties, so that the seeds of temperance sown in youth may spring up, grow strong, and give us a grand harvest in the future of temperance men and women.

IS IT RIGHT?

Is it right to derive a revenue out of a traffic which no decent man defends?

Is it right to license a man to make paupers, and then tax sober men to take care of them?

Is it right to build churches to save men, and at the same time license shops that destroy them?

Is it right to license a saloon to teach vice, and then tax people for schools to teach virtue?

Is it right to teach your boy not to

drink, and then license a place where he may be taught to drink?

Is it right to take care of your own boy, and vote to license a place which will ruin your neighbor's boy?

Is it right for you to go to the polls and vote, without having studied the question seriously and carefully?

Is it right to teach your boy to be honest, and then vote to license a place where he may be taught to gamble?

Is it right to license a man to sell that which will make a man drunk, and then punish the man for being drunk?

Is it right to teach a boy to restrain his passions, and then vote to license a place where his worst passions will be inflamed?

Is it right to preach justice and charity, and then vote to license a thing which robs the widows and orphans of their bread?

A Quaker was advising a drunkard to leave off his habit of drinking intoxicating liquors. "Can you tell me how to do it?" said the slave of the appetite. "Yes," answered the Quaker, "It is just as easy as to open my hand, friend." "Convince me of that, and I will promise upon my word and honor to do as you tell me," replied the drunkard. "Well, my friend, when thou findest any vessel of intoxicating liquor in thy hand, open the hand that contains it before it reaches thy mouth, and thou wilt never be drunk again."

The membership of the Juvenile Temperance Societies in England now numbers over *two millions*. Leeds has the honor of being the birthplace of the first society bearing the title, "Band of Hope." This was formed in 1847.

MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

Three meetings were held during the month by the Committee, for the purpose of revising the list of subscribers to the Schemes of the Church, and for devising some means of furnishing members and adherents of the congregation, who have no sittings in the church, with envelopes for the monthly contributions to the Mission Schemes, as it is evident there are still a large number not contributing.

It was arranged that these envelopes should be sent to families not appearing as seat holders, to their address, through the mail.

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