

**Our Sixty-Eighth Sunday School
Anniversary.**

The services on Sunday, April 3rd, will long be remembered. In the morning Rev. G. W. Kerby preached from "Therefore with joy shall ye draw water from the wells of salvation."—*Isaiah 12: 3*. He adapted the sermon specially to the children and secured their best attention throughout. Rev. Isaac Tovell preached to a large congregation in the evening, on lessons from the life of Timothy. The afternoon meeting was addressed by Rev. W. E. Pescott, and the ex-superintendents of the school. Our present superintendent paid tribute to the faithfulness of his noble band of officers and teachers, and spoke of the love the children have for the lessons taught them in the school. He also referred to the sympathy and hearty cooperation of our pastor in all our work.

Rev. W. E. Pescott in his happy manner began by congratulating us upon our good looks. He then told Bunyan's story of "Mansoul" town. Mr. James Mathews, 1872-1881, referred to the time when the church was only able to contain a tenth of the number it will now hold. He hoped that the young people would do better work than those who had gone before them, because of the greater advantages they were enjoying. Mr. W. A. Edwards told of the origin of Sunday-schools by Robert Raikes, in 1780, and how only forty years later our own school was established where we now stand. He thought the soul of Robert Raikes would be gladdened could he see the strides Sabbath-school work was making, not only here but all over the world. Mr. H. S. Williams expressed himself as being glad to notice that the scholars of all ages in the school were becoming more deeply interested in the work of the church, through the medium of the Christian Endeavor. It was with much pleasure he noted the improvements made of late in the school. With these new privileges come greater obligations which we must not neglect to fulfil if we would receive a blessing. On Monday evening the church could not contain the large gathering, many were unable to gain admittance. The programme was an excellent one, and the credit is largely due to Miss Lizzie Murray and Miss Cora Small. Our Orchestra lent much to the enjoyment of the evening by the selections they rendered. Mr. W. H. Robinson, the popular leader, was presented on behalf of the teachers, officers and friends of the school, with a purse, and he made a happy reply. The programme was brought to a close at

9.50 P. M., and one and all voted it the best anniversary held yet.

ANNUAL REPORT.

In presenting the sixty-eighth annual report of the First Methodist Sabbath-school, the officers and teachers express gratitude to God for the many mercies bestowed upon us as a school. During the past year we were called upon to mourn the loss by death of two of our scholars, Miss Johanna Andrup and Miss Jennie Wright, also one of our most efficient teachers, Miss Sargison, but our loss is their gain, as they have entered into the rest which God has prepared for those who faithfully serve Him here. The progress made both numerically and financially is a source of much gratification. We trust that the truths imparted from Sabbath to Sabbath may result in an equally satisfactory manner. It was decided early in the year that no money should be raised by entertainments, but that a plan of systematic giving be adopted. The result has equalled our most sanguine expectations. Recognizing the fact that we must have increased accommodation, a building fund has been started, and the sum of four hundred dollars has already been applied. The Orchestra, under the leadership of Mr. Robinson, continues to be one of the most pleasant features of our school.

The number on roll is as follows:—Pastor's Bible class, 38; Boys, 206; Girls, 264; Infant class, 135. Officers and teachers, 51; total, 697. Average attendance: Pastor's Bible class, 24; Boys, 149; Girls, 189. Infant class, 98; Officers and teachers, 50; total, 510. An increase over last year of 67.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

To Cash on hand,	\$ 46 83
" Anniversary Collections, Sunday,	44 93
" " " Monday,	20 31
" Sunday-school Collections,	586 80
" Missionary Coll. by Juvenile Cds.	68 05
" Interest,	6 24
	\$779 46

EXPENDITURE.

By Anniversary Expenses,	11 00
" Subsc'pt'n to S. S. Workers Ass'n.	10 00
" General S. S. Collections,	5 00
" Grant to Orchestra for Music Exp's ..	62 50
" Picnic,	30 00
" Music books, Envelopes & Printing ..	8 90
" Periodicals,	124 16
" Tuning Piano,	4 00
" Repairing Hymn books,	3 00
" Blank Quarterlies & S. S. Record, ..	2 50
" Extra Quarterlies,	8 02
" Reading Desk,	10 00
" Subscription to Missionary Soc'y, ..	100 00
" Amount to credit of building fund ..	400 00
" Cash on hand,	38
	\$779 46

The following Officers have been elected for the ensuing year:—Superintendent, Thomas Morris, Jr.; Assistant Superintendent, Jas. Hamilton; Secretary Treasurer, W. G. Moore; Assistants, A. E. Baker, F. W. Gayfer, H. Gayfer, Jr., F. C. McIlroy; Leader of Singing, R. L. Whyte; Leader of Orchestra, W. H. Robinson; Pianist, A. Perry; Assistant Pianist, Mrs. A. E. Manning.

Respectfully submitted,

W. G. MOORE, Sec'y Treas.