

at the next meeting, and that all Sabbath-school workers will come prepared to add something to the interest of the meeting.—*Guardian*.

THE sixty-second anniversary of the Bridge Street Church, Belleville, was held on January 19th and was very successful. Under the efficient superintendence of Mr. William Johnston the school exhibits the greatest prosperity. There are 415 scholars and 36 teachers and officers. The programme was an exceedingly interesting one and was very well rendered. The arrangement of the class-rooms and large schoolroom of this church is among the best we have ever seen. If there are any schools other than this that can trace a record of sixty-two anniversaries, we would like to know it.

From the Belleville *Daily Intelligencer* we glean the following items:—"The first Sunday-school of the city of Belleville was a union school, established in 1822 by a Mr. Osgoode, a Church of England missionary, in the old Pinnacle Street Church, and supported by all Protestant denominations. The exercises consisted in reading the Scriptures and the recitation of verses committed to memory by the scholars. No public prayers were offered up in the school, and even the hymns as sung by the old folks were not indulged in, it being considered advisable that singing should not form part of the exercises. Until Mr. Billa Flint came to Belleville, the school was only kept open during summer. Since that time it is, in one sense at least, an *Evergreen* school. As churches were built, denominational Sunday schools were commenced in connection with the churches, and the union school ceased to exist. From that parent school a goodly crop of thirteen schools sprang up."

Our Aims.

OUR Sabbath-school work and our Lesson Helps should aim at three things. First, the committing of a minimum part of the lesson. The present generation of children is not committing enough Scripture. Secondly, an acquaintance with the setting, with the external facts of the passage. A few careful comprehensive questions should help to this acquaintance. Thirdly, an earnest gaze into the very heart and soul which lives and breathes in the deeds and utterances of the divine word. Teacher and pupil should feel that every question here touches in some way the "issues of life," and that its right answer is worthy their best effort.—*Union Bible Teacher*.

We are happy to endorse the following recommendation:—"I heartily recommend *Wealth to Poverty*; or, *The Tricks of the Traffic*, by Rev. Austin Potter, as a very valuable Sabbath-school library book. The picture of the 'Drink Curse' is well drawn by Bro. Potter, and his work is calculated to interest and benefit old and young. Let the book have a place in every Sabbath-school library!"—*E. S. Rupert*.

Opening and Closing Services for First Quarter of 1886.

OPENING SERVICE.

- I. Silence.
 II. The Doxology.
 III. Responsive Sentences. [Psa. 121.]
Supt. I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills,
School. From whence cometh my help.
Supt. My help cometh from the Lord,
School. Which made heaven and earth.
Supt. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved.
School. He that keepeth thee will not slumber.
Supt. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.
School. The Lord is thy keeper:
Supt. The Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.
School. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.
Supt. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil:
School. He shall preserve thy soul.
Supt. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in
School. From this time forth, and even for evermore.

IV. Singing.

V. Prayer.

LESSON SERVICE.

- I. Class Study of the Lesson.
 II. Singing Lesson Hymn.
 III. Recitation of the Title, Golden Text, Outline, and Doctrinal Suggestion, by the school in concert.
 IV. Review and Application of the Lesson, by Pastor or Superintendent.
 V. Catechism Lessons.
 VI. Announcements (especially of the Church, service and week-evening prayer-meeting).

CLOSING SERVICE.

- I. Singing.
 II. Responsive Sentences.
Supt. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.
School. Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.

THE APOSTLES' CREED.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. *Amen*.

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