

Religious Intelligence.

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Jarvis-st. Baptist Sunday School.

Thirty-fourth Annual Report, for the year ending December 31st, 1876.

A little over three years ago this School left the basement of the old room on Bond street that had become so dear to many of the members of this church, for many profitable and pleasant hours had been spent there, and it may be, some left with a lingering regret; yet, knowing that they were going to a more spacious and comfortable hall, joy abounded in their hearts.

It was then expected that the change would materially increase the attendance of the School. I need not say that this expectation has been fully realized. God has been with us during these four years, and while prospering the School in numbers, He has used the teachers as a means of leading many to put their trust in Jesus, and in no year has greater prosperity attended us than in the year that has just passed.

The Infant or Junior Division entertainment was held on the fourth of January, the children meeting in the S. S. Hall about 6 p.m. The tea, as customary on previous occasions, was omitted, and a magic lantern exhibition substituted, after which Band of Honor certificates were given to 151 scholars for regular and punctual attendance.

The Senior festival was held on the evening of January 11th; about 280 scholars partook of ten, after which a literary and musical programme was successfully carried out to the enjoyment of all.

The annual picnic excursion took place on the 16th of July to Oaklands, per steamer *Empress of India*, 412 scholars and 276 friends availing themselves of the pleasant trip.

Many strangers from different parts of the world have visited the School and addressed us, and our pastor has encouraged us with his presence as opportunity has presented.

Four new classes have been formed from the junior division during the year.

A number of changes have taken place among the teachers and officers, but willing hearts have been ready to fill up any vacancies and help to do their Master's will.

The total number of scholars on the roll is 614, as follows: 426 in the senior and 188 in the junior department; being 17 more than one year ago.

The average attendance was 284 in the senior and 149 in the junior department; total, 433, being 21 more than last year.

The largest attendance on any one Sunday was 516, on March 3; the smallest 211, on September 1st.

The number of teachers and officers on the roll is 24 female, and 21 male, total 45. Average attendance, 40.

Fifty-four of our number have acknowledged Christ as their Master, and have obeyed His command by being buried with Him in baptism. Two of this number since uniting with the church have become teachers, and are trying to lead others to a kind and loving Saviour.

Two of the scholars have been removed by death, may we hope to that glorious mansion above, where there is no parting.

In the senior department fourteen have attended every Sunday during the year, and to show our appreciation of their faithfulness I will here mention their names: Florence Colby, Ellen Gallagher, and Sarah Scott, in class P.; Mary Storey, class Q.; Nettie Castle, class L.; Clara Holmes, class O.; Bella Milne, class E.; John Webster, class S.; Alfred Webster, class G.; W. Sills, class 13; Kendal Castle, and W. Lugsdin, class 17; Charles Bansley, and Charles Williams, class 1. I would particularly mention Walter Lugsdin, as he has not missed a Sunday for two years.

The amount collected in the School for missionary purposes was \$379.09.

And now, in conclusion, as the School increases so equally increases our responsibility. We were formed for a higher purpose than to live for ourselves: God formed us for His own glory, and gave us a work to do for Him, and He will expect us to be faithful to the charge entrusted to us. Let us remember that youthful eyes are upon us, and the cause we profess to be followers of is judged by our actions, and that even the most insignificant among us are exercising an influence on some one around them, unconscious though they may be of such a fact. Let us be faithful and go forth to our work strong in the Lord and the power of His might. Let us not be discouraged if we meet with disappointments and annoyance; our duty is to reflect our Saviour's light, leaving in His hands the effect that light shall produce on others.

J. H. MCKINNON,
Secretary.

ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.

(For fuller particulars see *Notes of Canadian Baptist*.)

Baptisms reported during the month: Barnston, Que. 7; Bentinck 5; Brampton 2; Cape Rich 1; Leamington 23; London, *Adelaide St.*, 2; Montreal, *First 2*, *Oiled 4*; Orangeville 1; Onitla 4; Paisley 14; St. Thomas, *First 3*; Strathroy 23; Uxbridge 44; Wingham 1; Toronto, *Jarvis St.*, 8; *Parliament St.*, 2.

Pastoral changes. Rev. F. A. BRADY, late of Dunnville has become pastor of the *Fredericksburgh* church, P. O. Delhi. Rev. W. H. HAVLAND has changed pastorate from Bloomsburg to *Burich*. Rev. JOSEPH WILLIAMSON has accepted the pastorate of the *Selkirk and Decesville* churches. Rev. W. P. HAZLETON, late of Drumbo, has settled over the church in *Canada*. Rev. E. BOSWORTH has resigned the Queenston and Virgil churches and accepted the pastorate of *Mount Forest* church. Bro. CHAS COOK from Spurgeon's College accepts the call of the church in *Kingston*.

Ordination. Bro. W. H. LAW has been ordained at *North Bruce* of which church he is pastor.

Recognition Services have been held in connection with the Baptist churches in *Eugenia* and in *Wyoming*.

GENERAL.

THE SENTINEL OF POMPEII.—When Pompeii was destroyed, there were many buried in the ruins of it, who were afterwards found in different situations. There were some found in deep vaults, as if they had gone thither for security; others were found in the streets, as if they had been attempting to make their escape; there were some found in lofty chambers. But where did they find the Roman sentinel? They found him standing at the city gate, with his hand still grasp-

ing his weapon, where he had been placed by his captain. And there, where the heavens threatened him—there, where the earth shook beneath him—there, where the lava-stream rolled, he stood at his post; and there, after a thousand years had passed away he was found. So let Christians learn to stand to their duty, willing to stand at the post on which their Captain has placed them and they will find that grace will support and sustain them.

CARDINAL ANTONELLI'S will contained in its preamble the following sentence:—"Before everything else, I recommend my poor soul to the infinite mercy of God, trusting that through the intercession of the most holy immaculate Mary, and of my patron saints, St. Peter, St. Paul, St. James, and St. Louis, He may grant me remission of my sins, and make me worthy of the eternal glory of Paradise." The cardinal, who, next to the Pope, was the highest Catholic ecclesiastic, makes no mention at all of Jesus Christ, of whom the apostle Peter once said, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved."

The Pope has sent a letter to the American Catholic prelates saying he has read the address of the President of the Order of the American Union, "which breathes the most deadly hatred to the Catholic religion, and in which most villainous schemes are offered for its utter extirpation, were such a thing possible," and admonishing the Bishops to inform themselves of the "arts and schemes" of this and similar societies, "in order that they may the more readily guard the faithful from their wiles, and at the same time, adopt such means as will protect the Church from any damage which might result to her from the plots of these impious and godless men."

Among the petty acts of persecution which the Protestants of Spain have been annoyed with are the following. Three Protestants at Alcoy have been imprisoned for saying that Alcey was married, and had other sons besides Jesus Christ. In Malon the Sub-Governor entered the church during services, and stopped them "because the singing was heard outside." The same was done in Cadiz. In Ignatari the child of the leading Protestant was forcibly taken, when not yet 48 hours old, by the Mayor and village priest to the Catholic Church, and baptized according to the will and protest of its parents. The child died shortly after from the exposure, as is supposed. In Camunas the house of the Pastor was stoned by the members of a Catholic procession, and lives endangered. In none of these cases have any of the offenders been punished.

A little Cincinnati girl, when asked what God had made her for, replied, "To wear a red frock in my hat." Many an older person of her sex has, at all appearances, pretty much the same conception of heaven's designs.

Jerrold once went to a party at which Mr. Pepper had assembled his friends and said to his host on entering the room: "Mr. Pepper, how glad you must be to see your friends hustered."

The argumentum ad—Sam, you are not honest. Why do you put all the good peaches on the top of the measure and the little ones below? "Sam's reason, and de back gate chif-fy alop barf ash."