

J. H. Teale. We regret to find from the *Baptist Beacon* of Salem, Oregon, that Mr. Teale has just resigned his charge. The *Beacon* says, under date of January 1st:—

"VICTORIA, B. C.—We regret exceedingly, that Rev. J. H. Teale has resigned the pastorate of this church, to take effect in January. He thinks he will be able to remove the floating debt from the church before leaving. This will be a blessed result to reach, and his whole pastorate and other work in British Columbia must be considered as one of the most successful it has been our privilege to record. Now this important field will be destitute of a pastor. But God will certainly send them a man as he did before. May God bless the church and out-going pastor, is the prayer of many hearts."

PRaisEWORTHY.—The following, which we clip from the *Globe*, speaks well both for master and employees. Some of our readers outside the city may not be aware that the Mr. Wilmot Castle mentioned is the eldest son of the esteemed pastor of Jarvis-st. church.

AT AN ENTERTAINMENT AND SUPPER given on Friday evening, Jan. 10th, by Mr. Wilmot Castle, of the firm of Castle & Parker, dyers, to the employees of the firm, the latter all signed the temperance pledge.

FREE FROM DEBT.—The munificent act of liberality on the part of the Hon. Wm. McMaster, which, on New Year's Day, set the Jarvis-st. Baptist church free from all claim of man, has already been proclaimed through the newspapers.

It was on New Year's Day, and at the New Year's morning prayer-meeting; it was gracefully and piously done, and it thrilled with holy joy the crowded audience, grateful that God had put it into the heart of Bro. McMaster to release from its last pecuniary obligation to man the handsome edifice just three years ago opened for public worship and that cost \$100,000. It was a happy New Year in Jarvis-st. church.

The generosity of Bro. McMaster grew contagious, and, having attacked Deacon Elliot and a number of others, accomplished, in an incredibly short space of time the extinction of a debt of \$800 that had been assumed by the church in the matter of the Parliament-st. chapel.

We don't wish to be uncharitable, but we sincerely wish that this fever that has attacked these brethren in Jarvis-st. may attack others, and rage until it has spent

itself upon the last chapel and society debt in the country, and exhausted the susceptibility of our churches and people to the disease. In short, we would like to see the disease stamped out.

JARVIS-ST. SUNDAY SCHOOL.—The *Annual Teachers' Meeting* took place on the evening of January 6th. The attendance of teachers was large and the meeting enthusiastic. The principal business was receiving the Annual Reports, and the election of officers for the ensuing year. The Secretary's report will be found in full in another column. It is published in the *HELPER* by the unanimous request of the meeting. The Treasurer's report may be summarized as follows:

RECEIPTS.	
To balance from last year.....	\$104.77
Collections for year (main school) boys.....	\$162.16
Collections for year (main school) girls.....	169.51
Collections for year, junior department.....	48.32
	379.99
Bank interest on credit balances.....	4.76
Total.....	484.52
EXPENDITURE.	
By donations to Dorcas Society.....	\$ 30.00
Orillia B. church.....	20.00
F. M. Society.....	150.00
W. C. Mission.....	15.00
Home Mission Convention.....	100.00
P. O. orders, postage, &c.....	75
	\$335.75
By balance on hand.....	153.77
Total.....	\$489.52

The Librarian's report was necessarily very brief, the library having been closed during the year for want of books. This will soon be remedied however, the church having subscribed over \$600 for the purchase of a new library. The number of scholars' papers provided monthly was 612; and teachers' papers, 42. (The *CHRISTIAN HELPER* was adopted as the paper for the teachers at the December meeting.)

The following were unanimously elected officers of the School for 1879:—*Superintendent*, Dr. Buchan; *Secretary*, J. H. McKinnon; *Assist. Sec.*, Alex. Patterson; *Treasurer*, F. Lobb; *Librarian*, J. Richardson Hewitt.

The following Committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements and selection of books for the new library:—The Superintendent, the Librarian, brethren T. Dixon Craig, Wm. Elliot, J. G.

Scott, D. E. Thomson, sisters Mrs. R. W. Laird, Mrs. H. H. Humphrey, Mrs. E. H. Roberts, Miss Elliot, Miss Burnett, and the pastor.

The annual festivals were appointed to take place as follows:—The junior department on Thursday, p.m., the 16th of January; and the senior on the following week.

The meeting closed with devout thanksgiving to the Lord of the vineyard for His blessing on all the work done during the year, and especially for the *fifty-four* scholars who had found the peace the Gospel brings and united with the church.

"HOW TO KEEP A LIBRARY."—The publishers of the *National Sunday School Teacher*, from which we copied an excellent article last month on this subject, have sent us a kind note of appreciation for our "giving due credit," &c. They state that within a few months they have improved on the tickets and cards, and have made a better cut of the blackboard case and re-written the directions. They invite us to become their agents here for the introduction of the system. We shall be glad to furnish all necessary information as to prices of cards, tickets, &c., and to aid in introducing to our schools what appears to us the simplest and most complete and effectual method of keeping a library with which we are acquainted.

BIRTH.

At 166 Seventh street, Boston, Mass., on the 29th of December, the wife of Maurice S. Collins, late of Toronto, of a daughter.

Contributed Articles.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FINANCES.

A Paper read before the Toronto Sabbath School Association Institute, December 10th, 1878.

By C. A. MORSE, Esq.,
Superintendent of Alexander-st. Baptist S. School.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND CHRISTIAN FRIENDS:

The subject you have assigned to me this evening has at least the merit of being a new one. In all the Associations and Conventions I have attended, I do not remember to have heard the subject of S. S. Finances presented or discussed. We have had discussions as to the best methods for raising monies for carrying forward conventional and associational work, but finance as applied to the S. S. pure and simple, has not, so far as I know, been discussed. The subject of money and its proper use is the foundation of success in any business. No business, whether it be banking, mercantile, me-