

The meeting was opened by prayer from Rev. Mr. Marling.

SINGING: (Children led by Mr. Newlands,) "WORK FOR THE NIGHT
IS COMING."

The children were now addressed by Mr. Marling, in these words ;
"Two or three years ago at 6 in the morning I had occasion to go to the Church. On my way I saw a little girl walking slowly and looking anxiously from side to side. In answer to my question as to what was the matter, she said, "I have lost my ring—the ring my mother gave me." She had been at a meeting the night before, and had dropt the ring. I helped her. We could not find it. I left her looking for it. A few days afterwards in passing down the street I met a little girl whose face I felt I had seen somewhere—I could not tell where. It was a face lit up with smiles. I was not left long in doubt. She ran eagerly up to me and said, "I've found my ring."

From this we can learn two lessons. One about Christ seeking a sinner, and one about the sinner seeking Christ. Every sinner was made to be a *gem*. But you know that man has fallen, that he is lost, that we are all lost and would remain so if it were not for Christ. "The Son of Man (that is Christ) came to seek and save that which is lost." Christ thinks every one of us a precious gem, and like the little girl he is in *earnest* in seeking for us. You remember about the woman who lost her money and after finding it went on her way *rejoicing*. There is joy in Heaven over every sinner that comes to Christ. Christ rejoices. Christ means you to be a gem. *He* came all the way from Heaven to seek and to save you.

Again, Christ says, "I love them which love me and they which seek me early shall find me." What a delightful and cheering promise this is! The little girl was determined to be the first on the street; she was afraid others would be before her and pick it up. She did not *put it off*. Dear children, *now* is the time to seek the Saviour. Do not *put it off*. Some say, "But it will keep us *so* sober." No, it will keep us from doing *wrong*. It will make you happy—very happy. There was once in the British Army a fine handsome man, a colonel. He was a favourite with every one. He was a leading man in every company. He was thought to be the luckiest man in the army. But on returning to his lodgings he would often say to his dog "O Bruno I wish I was you." He laughed in company, but he was miserable when alone. He became converted. He sought Christ and found him, and was happier, far happier ever afterwards. This was Colonel Gardiner. Yes children you would be really happy too, The sooner you become happy, the sooner you love Christ the better.

SINGING: (Children) "LOOKING TO JESUS"

Mr. Jeffery followed, selecting as the basis of his remarks, St. Matthew 23rd chapter, verses 37 and 38, "O Jerusalem thou that stonest the prophets, &c."

"Oakville was once a much smaller place than it is now—on e a