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## Sunday School Banner

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### Young People's Day.

Bridge Street Church, Belleville, was well to the fore in celebrating it. The morning services began with a sunrise meeting at seven o'clock, followed by a praise and thanksgiving service at ten, and the customary morning service at eleven, the pastor, Rev. Dr. Crothers, preaching on the appropriate topic, "Youthful Dreams." At 7 p.m. a very bright and attractive platform meeting was held, at which addresses in reference to the special topic of the day were made by Rev. Dr. Crothers, Mr. William Johnson, and Mr. C. P. Holton. The report of the Intermediate and Junior Leagues showed a very healthy and gratifying state of affairs. Mr. William Johnson spoke on "Social Work and Reading Rooms," and his address showed him to possess a very deep acquaintance with and interest in his subject. The church of

the future must be open seven days in the week, and must look after strangers in the community with quite as much zeal as the charitable organizations look after the poor and needy. That is missionary work in its truest sense, and is being done in many places. Speaking of Bridge Street Church, with its library and reading-rooms, as a case in point, Mr. Johnson paid a tribute to the memory of the late Mrs. Nathan Jones, whose abiding influence had been felt in the work which had been multiplying and growing in efficiency from year to year, and which she was the direct cause of having started. Mr. C. P. Holton spoke on "Home and Foreign Mission Work." The home mission work of the E. L. of C. E., as enumerated by him, showed that the young people of Bridge Street Church were a great power for good in Belleville, while the fact that between the young people of Bridge Street Church and their confreres of Picton, and the students of Albert College, they maintained a missionary, Dr. Winch, who labored for the Master in the North-West amongst the Indians, and whose expenses were met by the three societies mentioned above, shows that they are progressive and alive to the needs of the work.—Belleville Intelligencer, 13th October.

### The Church versus The Saloon.

To be a child of God is to be an enemy of the saloon.

The stain of bar-room blood dishonors Christian government.

Any alliance with the liquor traffic will be an unholy alliance.

The church should see that civil law be brought in harmony with divine law.

To evangelize the ballot-box is the high commission given Christian citizenship.

"No more license, but suppression," is the battle-cry voiced by every Christian tongue, and heard in every Christian home.

The church is the divinely commissioned leader in all moral and social reform.

Shall saloonists dominate our churches, our schools, our culture, our enterprise, our capital, and subordinate the rights and interests of a patriotic and righteous majority to the lustful gainings of a selfish minority?

When the pulpit seeks to make men