

spirit with self-denial; and they cannot better do this than by occupying their leisure with the prosecution of schemes, be they great or little, which tend to advance the Kingdom of Jesus Christ and the glory of God, ever holding in view as their incentive to persevering effort in the cause of Christ, those spirit stirring words of the angels' song, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will towards men."

#### SCHEME OF LESSONS.

It is a pleasing indication of the Catholicity of spirit of the generation in which we live, that one and the same scheme of lessons for the schools is in use in this City in all the Presbyterian Sabbath Schools, except that of the American Presbyterian Church. The scheme in use for the present year was selected by a joint committee of the two Sabbath School Associations of the Church of Scotland and of the Canada Presbyterian Church in Montreal, and was published by the Edinburgh Sabbath School Association as their scheme for A. D. 1863.

#### SINGING.

The singing of the scholars is a matter which is occupying the thoughts of the friends of the young. All enlightened Christian persons feel deeply the duty of giving utterance to devout feeling in singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, and there can be no more pleasing and edifying exhibition than the blending of youthful voices in the harmonious utterance of the beautiful hymns now so familiar in revival meetings. It is to be hoped that the practice will grow of cultivating the natural gifts of the scholars for singing, and that much care will be given to use such hymns and tunes as may be suitable to the joyous and hopeful temperaments of the young. It has well been observed that there is far too much monotony in our singing, and nothing can be conceived more unbecoming and incongruous than the singing of a hopeful song of praise to a slow plaintive tune, as is sometimes heard. Some of our schools are using the well known collection of hymns and songs by the Rev. Mr. C. H. Bateman,