

their part, and concern to a teacher was like a mainspring to a watch, it was powerless without one."

After the singing of the anthem "The Lord is King," by the choir, the superintendent introduced Mr. Stannard, who said "That it had been 39 years since he had connected himself with this school, ten (1862 to 1872) of which he had been superintendent. In the latter part of May, 1851, he came from Guelph to Hamilton, and as he always made a point of working in the Sunday School wherever he was situated, the very first Sunday that he spent in Hamilton he went to the Wesley Church Sunday School, where Mr. Bickle, Sr., was superintendent, and a fact he thought very remarkable, he had no vacancy for a teacher, so he sent him to this Sunday School, where Mr. Bickle, Jr., was superintendent. He worked in great harmony with Mr. Bickle as a teacher and spoke very highly of him as a model superintendent; his fame extending to places beyond Hamilton and the school was the largest in the City of Hamilton when Mr. Bickle gave it up. For a while the school was left without a superintendent. At that time all the Sunday Schools of the City were under one Committee, who appointed the officers, and when his name was proposed, he well remembers the remark that one person made, "that he might make a good private, but he did not think he would make a good captain," However he said that if he obtained a fair majority of votes among the teachers he would consent to take the position, so he was appointed. He thought the 10 years in which he had control were years of prosperity to the school, because the teachers stood by him and all worked together in great harmony. Miss Bickle and Miss White, daughter of our Mr. R. L. White, were the organists in his time. The Sunday School was at that time noted for its missionary collections."

After the singing of a hymn by the school, Mr. Mathews said, "He had never attended Sunday School until he came to this country and was an entire stranger to Sunday School ways and methods, but the teachers and scholars stood by him and helped him. However, he had the same opinion now that he had then, that a good superintendent should have been brought up in the Sunday School and passed through every office until he came to that of a superintendent; then he would be capable of doing justice to the work. The Sunday School numbered 230 when he took charge of it, in 1872, and he thought the 9 years in which he had control

were prosperous years, for there was a large increase in numbers.

After the hearty singing of "All hail the power of Jesus' name," Mr. Edwards was introduced. He said "he had been superintendent for 1 year and 8 months (1882 to 1884). He had always had an ambition to have Mr. Bickle address the Sunday School during his superintendency, and although his wish had not been gratified, it had come in its own good time, and he felt there was a history in store for the school under Mr. Morris' Superintendency."

Mr. H. S. Williams said, "He had been superintendent for over 6 years, from 1884 to 1889, and he looked back with a great deal of pleasure to the events of that period. When he first came to the City he attended Centenary Church, but after he had a very severe illness he was unable to walk up there, so he occasionally dropped into our church, and finally when the school was left without a superintendent, the Rev. Mr. Langford went to him and asked him if he would take the position. As this was a very large school he felt it would be a very great responsibility for him to undertake, but after he had consented to do so he was made very much at home by all the teachers and officers. He recounted the anniversary sermons of the time in which he was superintendent, and spoke very feelingly of the teachers and scholars who had been removed by death each year, and those who had married, and gave prominent events in connection with the history of the school in those years.

After singing the hymn, "Nearer my God to Thee," Mr. Bickle requested all those who were present to rise, who were connected with him in the Sunday School and the following persons complied with the request, Mr. J. H. Stannard, Mr. Wm. Dicker, Mr. John Calhoun, Mr. Thos. Dickson, Mr. M. Brennan, Mr. Justus Griffin, Mr. John Gorron, Mr. John Skinner, Mrs. J. Smith, Mrs. John Gain, Mr. Geo. Fletcher, Mr. Jas. Atkinson, Mr. Harry Gayfer, Mrs. Hugh Murray, Mrs. Harry Gayfer, Mr. Wm. Howard, Mr. John Henry, Mr. Hugh Murray, Mr. John Mathews, and others whose names were not obtained. Mr. Bickle then pronounced the benediction with his voice choked with emotion.

In the evening the Rev. D. G. Sutherland D. D. pastor of Wesley Church preached taking as his text Psalms xix, 7-11, all who were present were delighted with the sermon and we regret that we have not space to report it in full in this issue.