

Now as to the causes of thankfulness.

First and of most importance, a real spiritual awakening amongst our young people, which is manifested in increased activity along all lines of usefulness.

2. A growing Sunday school, indeed a full Sunday school, and no space to grow, because we have no money to enlarge our building and no more can be crowded in.

3. More outside hearers at our services than ever, but we have room enough yet for more.

Then we are in peace, are earnest, hopeful, active and trusting in the Lord.

Our standing in the eyes of the community is of the highest, and I hope it is good in the eyes of the Lord, which is of more importance still. We have had four baptisms during the last month and two confessions last Sunday night.

JAS. LEDIARD

Devotion of the Ontario Churches to the Ontario Co-operation.

Our union as a people is not an ecclesiastical one: it is not a dogmatic one; it is something better than either, and it is Scriptural. It is simply the union of co-working (working together) with one another and with Christ for the advancement of His cause.

It has been said, "You can't hold together, for you haven't a creed." Through our Missionary Society, the only working bond among our churches, we are to demonstrate the falsity of this prediction.

The Cecil Street Church in Toronto has had a prosperous year, as the readers of the DISCIPLE have noted from time to time, and as may be seen from our annual reports. Last year we gave a liberal offering to the Co-operation, and we are planning to do as well, or better if possible, this year. We have not forgotten that the first Lord's Day in May is the date for the offering. We are making the work of the Co-operation a matter of prayer. It will be remembered that last year we published a series of subjects which we used in our prayer meetings previous to the offering.

The following are our subjects for this year.

April 15th—Prayer for the Ontario Co-operation. "We are laborers together with God." 1 Cor. viii. 9

April 22nd—Beginning at home and working outward. "Ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem and in Judæa, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." Acts ii. 8.

April 29th—Prayer for the Churches of Christ in Ontario. "Finally, brethren, pray for us that the word of the

Lord may have free course and be glorified." 2 Thess. iii. 1.

We are anticipating the June meeting with pleasure, hoping to enjoy the fellowship of many brethren from all parts of the Province.

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The Sunday School.

COMMITTEE: James Lediard, Geo. Fowler, Miss L. Picher.

Annual Sunday School Report, Cecil Street, Toronto.

We have on the roll 214, an increase of 38 over last year; with an average attendance of 139, an increase of 26 over last year's average.

49 new scholars during the year were added, while there were 11 withdrawals.

During the year, besides paying for the usual expenses, we have given \$10 to Church Building Fund and \$1.50 to Children's Shelter.

During the year we have contributed regularly to missions, taking an offering every Sunday, and have raised \$50.46, half of which goes to Foreign and half to Home Mission work.

The Bible class, under the able leadership of Bro. Lhamon, has become a large factor in the school, while the infant class, under Mrs. Malcolm, is about one-quarter of the whole school. We need a Sunday-school room for our growing Sunday-school and growing needs. And when we get it, our Sunday-school will go forward with greater bounds than in the past.

The above is a synopsis of our annual report, read on March 24th at the annual church meeting.

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Young People's Work.

FOR CHRIST AND THE CHURCH.

COMMITTEE: W. W. Coulter, H. L. McKinnon, Miss A. M. Hall.

"Diligent In Business."

"Ye serve the Lord Christ." Col. iii. 24.

Paul in his epistle to the Romans tells them to be not slothful in business, but fervent in spirit, serving the Lord. We should, therefore, work diligently in singleness of heart, not with eye service as men pleasers, but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart. With good will doing service as to the Lord, and not to men.

It is said that "the world owes every man a living," but it is also true that every man owes the world a certain amount of good, honest work. 2 Thess. iii. 10.

We must be about our Father's business, and the King's business requires haste. This life is all too short, there is no time to waste, no time to spend idly or carelessly. As the old monk expressed it, "I shall pass this way but once, any good therefore that I can do, let me do it now; let me not defer it or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."

The main business of a Christian's life is to win souls to Christ. Not that all are called to be preachers or teachers, for many souls are won by the consistent life of a lowly Christian, who has no gift of eloquence, but whose deeds are like those of his Master. Men read the lives of Christians more than they read the life of Christ. Let us therefore give all diligence to serve our Lord aright. Let us do day by day the things God gives us to do. Let us care nothing for praise or blame so long as we have done what we knew to be God's will; we must leave the result in His hand and be content.

The Arabs have a proverb like this: "There are three things which never return—the spent arrow, the spoken word, and the lost opportunity." Some one has said that the only sad moments in eternity will be those spent in thinking of the good we might have accomplished and did not.

It isn't the thing you do, dear,
It's the thing you leave undone,
Which gives you a bit of a headache
At the setting of the sun.
The tender word forgotten,
The letter you did not write,
The flower you might have sent, dear,
Are your haunting ghosts to-night.

The stone you might have lifted
Out of a brother's way;
The bit of heartsome counsel,
You were hurried too much to say.

The loving touch of the hand, dear,
The gentle and winsome tone,
That you had not time or thought for,
With troubles enough of your own.

For life is all too short, dear,
And sorrow is all too great,
To suffer our slow compassion,
That carries until too late.
And it's not the thing you do, dear,
It's the thing you leave undone,
Which gives you the bitter heartache,
At the setting of the sun.

Let us then gird on our armor and with renewed zeal and earnestness enter the fight, being ever watchful to embrace each opportunity to do good.

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