

ST. MATTHEW'S MESSAGE.

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We are only a little MESSAGE, but we come to you good naturely and hopefully, trusting that we may be big enough to fulfil a great and glorious mission.

We trust that the Christian Community will receive us graciously, criticise us charitably and aid us in becoming widely circulated. Kindly remember that in receiving us yourself and placing us in the hands of others, you will not only confer a favor upon the Society, from which we are sent, but you will assist in spreading abroad the "Good Tidings of Great Joy, which shall be to all people."

OUR FRIENDS.

Speaking of his social intercourse with the other members of our congregation, Mr. Edward Gardener said at a meeting of our Society recently that they seemed more like brothers and sister to him than merely members of the same congregation. Our esteemed friend, we believe, voices the experience of all of us in this regard.

There may be congregations who feel gratified because of handsomer edifices wherein to worship. There may be those who boast of wealthier supporters in their noble undertakings. But without disrespect to any others, let us glory in the manifestation of this friendliness among our people, let us encourage its growth and extend our cordial sympathy to all who shall at any time cast in their lot with us. "Love worketh no ill to his neighbor: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law."

ARE YOU SURE?

In the last sermon we were favored with by Bishop Baldwin, his Lordship remarked that Christ's followers were permitted to know that they were saved. It would be well if every church-goer would ponder upon this assertion, and those who have any doubt upon the matter, make it a

subject of earnest prayer. "Ask and ye shall receive; knock and it shall be opened unto you."

In answer to the question, "Are you saved?" the evangelist is often met by the response: "I think so," or "I am doing my best." To those who have become as little children, wholly dependent upon a loving Saviour for salvation, that peace has been given, which passeth all understanding, and a perfect assurance of a loving Father's everlasting care.

The annual meeting of the Western Ontario Bible Society, will be held in Victoria Hall, on Tuesday evening, April 2nd, at 8 o'clock. Rev. M. S. Baldwin, D.D., Bishop of Huron, President, will occupy the chair. Rev. G. W. Henderson, of Dresden and Rev. J. Downie, of Lucan, and others, will address the meeting.

We commend the business people, advertising in our columns, to the kind consideration of our readers.

OUR PARISH PEOPLE.

We are pleased to learn that Mrs. Thos. Clark is well again.

Miss Lizzie Standfield is visiting relatives in the country, for a few weeks.

Mr. Axton, who has been indisposed for some time, we are pleased to say, is about again.

The Choir is at present holding special practice, two evenings each week, for Easter Services.

The funeral sermon of the late Mr. French was very impressively preached by the pastor, at St. Matthew's, on March 17.

Mr. Samuel Clark, who has been very ill for some time, we are happy to state, is rapidly recovering.

Mr. Boudler, formerly basso of the choir has recently removed to Brantford. We regret his departure, but wish him prosperity and happiness in his new home.

We have reason to feel gratified that his Lordship, the Bishop of Huron expressed himself as highly delighted with the music furnished by the Choir, on the occasion of our recent Missionary Meeting.

Mrs. Wm. Childs, of Hamilton, is spending a few weeks with her father-in-law, Mr. Henry Childs. We trust she will be favorably impressed with the people of St. Matthews.

The congregation of Emmanuel Church are to be congratulated on securing the Rev. S. R. Asbury of Delaware, to address them on the occasion of the Missionary Meeting, Tuesday evening, March 26th.

Mr. Coutier has been at the trouble and expense of laying a much needed stone walk across the street, at the Church entrance. Mr. Coutier's thoughtfulness and generosity will be greatly appreciated by the congregation.

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