

Wesley Church, and they had occupied the White Church first, then this Church and this School moved up there. After a while a Union took place and the two schools were united. The McNab Street Church was built and they moved almost bodily to the McNab Street Church. We attended there till they built the Centenary Church, when we moved there. Some years after that, in 1848, it was decided by the United Churches that they would open what was called a branch school, and that is the origin of this school. Mr. Jackson was superintendent then, and in June, 1850, I was appointed the superintendent of this Sabbath School, and I worked in harmony and great comfort with my friends here until I had a sunstroke in 1861. It was like losing a child to give up this Sabbath School, and it just tried me to my very heart. I loved my boys and I loved my girls, and I see the faces of four or five of my girls and boys here to-day. I have a picture of some of them here as they looked when they were young, which I will present to the Sabbath School if they will accept it of me.

It may be interesting to know how Hamilton looked when I was in this school. We had a two-storey frame building. There was a door on one side for the women to come in and a door on the other side for the men to come in. If you looked outside from Wellington Street, nearly down to Emerald Street, there were woods and common zig-zag fences, and on this side, just at the corner, a little way back, there was a hotel with three or four poplar trees, which some of you will remember, and then rail fences till you came up nearly to Walnut Street, and down by Catharine Street there was a marsh where we skated in the winter time. To light the church they had lamps with tin reflectors; everybody used to carry a lantern in those days to see their way home, and after church they would light their lanterns at the church lamps and make the best of their way home around that willow marsh. But if the church had not a very nice interior or entrance, the people who attended it were grand sturdy men and women. I was telling your superintendent the other day about a meeting that took place when the Rev. Wm. Ryerson, who is dead, held a protracted meeting and had scores and scores of people converted. I think the people that were converted then were more earnest, more useful and worked harder than they do now.

Now my dear boys and girls, may I speak a word or two to you? I was reading the

other day a little selection from a paper which said that if you walk on the railway track you will find, every now and then, certain signals, colored lamps, which are called danger signals. Now, in the path of life God gives us danger or warning signals. A His word, and I want to give you a signal to-day. God says, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth." That is a signal that God gave us to keep us from forgetting Him. There are three reasons why you should remember this warning: 1st—For the Lord's sake; 2nd—For your own sake; 3rd—For other's sake.

A little boy had a little dog, that was not at all a pretty dog, but it loved him, and he said, "I wish I could mind God as my little dog minds me." "He always seems so pleased to mind, and I don't." Now, dear boys and girls, the reason the dog minded the little boy was because he loved the little boy, and we should love God far more than the little dog loved the boy, because He first loved us. He loves you so much that He gave His Son to die for you.

I was very much impressed with a passage of Scripture I saw the other day. It was this, children, "From this day will I bless you." A beautiful promise; and who was that promise given to? It was given to the Israelites when they were commencing to build the temple, and the Lord said to them, "From this day will I bless you," and He says the same to every boy and girl who makes up their mind to do the Lord's will, and to remember his Creator in the days of his youth. It is a grand thing to have the blessing of God resting upon you.

For other's sake:—It is a sad thing for a man or a boy to live for himself. Nobody will have a happy life unless he tries to make other people happy. We are not to live for ourselves but to live for others. You will recollect when God blest Abraham he said he said he would be a blessing to all the world beside. It is our duty to be a blessing to others. He gives you the power many times to help, mother and father and brother and sister, and there is not a soul that has not been blessed by the blessing that God pronounced upon Abraham. Look at Paul, how he blessed others. Look at Jesus. The very key note of Jesus' life was others. would like to say a word to the teachers: was reading the other day that the great lay in teachers, why they were not successful was because there was a lack of earnestness and concern for the souls of their scholars on