

ST. GILES' SUNDAY SCHOOL

As one comes to St. Giles', he wants to take a peep into the splendid new church. There he discovers a mixed Bible Class with an orchestra all its own which is softly playing while the offering is being taken. Beyond lies the splendid Sunday School building, with its fine equipment, and its hum of young life and long, double column Honor Roll hanging from the ceiling to the floor and containing 72 names. Intermediates and Seniors are together, finishing up their opening exercises, and there seem to be more boys than girls. One class of 14 to 17 year old boys files out to its own room for the study of the lesson. There are 60 of them, and the superintendent says their teacher knows and keeps in touch with each one. Downstairs are the Junior and Primary Departments, each with its own big room, and small classes about their own tables. In the Junior Department there are 130 scholars and 15 teachers and in the Primary, 160 scholars and 22 teachers and officers. The "mother" of the Primaries is a lady who passes from class to class, hears any scholar's woes or joys, and takes a class, helps a teacher or in any other way supports the hands of the superintendent of the Primaries.

LAIDLAW MEMORIAL

Great strides are being made in Laidlaw Memorial, in the East End. An institutional building has been built, with shower baths, gymnasium, lockers, week day library, suitable rooms and auditorium. The Primaries—150 of them taught by the deaconess—have their own room, as has the large class of Beginners. In the basement are the Juniors and Intermediates, and one class of boys from 12 to 14 years of age fills and overflows one corner. There are 25 on the roll of this boys' class; and all are present. Their teacher, who is also the chairman of the Board of Managers, has won their esteem and regard. Without a doubt he is the centre and nucleus of this fine group. The vestry is given over to the young men and the church auditorium to the Men's Brotherhood. A number of the Brotherhood wear the buttons of returned soldiers. They are deeply interested in the red hot evangelical appeal of the speaker of the day, a rugged Scotchman, who refers to his own conversion in Glasgow as he expounds the parable of The Good Samaritan. He has his own way of expressing himself. Such remarks as, "when a man depends upon the pleasures and rewards of this life, he reminds one of nothing more than Absalom's mule, which, when he sorely needed him, went out from under him and left him hanging by his hair in a tree," are apt to stick.

A glimpse at Sunday School life in Hamilton! It is young, buoyant and rich with the promise of great things.

JOHN MUTCH

EDITORIAL

Patriotic Sunday, and Its Programme

It is hoped that a very large proportion of our boys will be home from overseas by the 29th of this month, Patriotic Sunday, the nearest Sunday before Dominion Day.

Perhaps the most notable thing they are bringing with them is the spirit of comradeship. They have trudged in the mud together, fought in the trenches and in the open together, livened the gloomy days and black nights by their comradeship, done their wearisome duty in the navy patrols, been jolly comrades in their off hours and their "leaves;" and the gladdest meetings, other than those with their own "folks," are with old comrades from "over there."

Our boys have found the joy and the strength and cheer of getting together and being together. They have, all of them, been cheerier, stronger, braver, and more effective men by reason of their comradeship; and if this comradeship continues, as it certainly will, in their renewed civil life, and home life, and church life, all these will be greatly enriched thereby.