

Sunday. One reason assigned for this is—the school being held so far to one end of our city. I hope, sir, that our congregation will, ere long, make an effort to procure for this important branch of the Church-work, a building in some central position, where the young can more conveniently assemble to learn their duty to God and man, and be brought under the practical influence of the wise man's words. "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."

Mr. Cousens also read a statement of the finances of the school. The amount of cash on hand on the 13th March, 1858, was £9 2s 8d, and the receipts since that period up to the present time amounted to £9 14s 8d—making in all £18 17s 6d. The expenditure during the same period amounted to £18 14s 9d, leaving a balance of 2s 8d on hand at this date.—Of the expenditure, £14 4s. 9d was for books and other matters connected with the library.

Mr. Heubach then stepped forward, and, on behalf of the teachers, read the following brief address to Mr. Cousens, and presented that gentleman with a handsome Bible and Prayer Book, as a testimonial of their respect and esteem:—
TO WILLIAM COUSENS, Esq., Superintendent of C
C Sunday School, Ottawa.

We, the teachers of Christ Church Sunday School, Ottawa, have much pleasure in presenting you with the accompanying Bible and Prayer Book, as a mark of our esteem for you, and in appreciation of your indefatigable exertions as our Superintendent.

We trust you may be long spared to fill your present position, and that God may bless you and your family, is the earnest wish of
Yours very sincerely,

Geo. Heubach,	George May,
Henry Horne,	Sarah Foster,
L. J. O'Connor,	Saml. Hunter,
James Tracy,	L. Perrins,
Geo. Keating,	M. May,
C. Blasdel,	M. Christie,
A. H. Yielding,	M. Fotsyth,
W. Johnston,	J. S. Lauder, Rector.

Ottawa, 29th Dec. 1858.

The two volumes are printed and bound in the very best style, and are a valuable present. In the cover of each volume is inserted a silver plate, with the following words neatly engraved thereon:—

"Presented by the Teachers to Mr. Wm. Cousens, Superintendent of Christ Church Sunday School, 1858."

Mr. Cousens expressed his thanks briefly but cordially. He expressed his surprise at being made the recipient of such a gift, he little expected such a mark of their approbation. He assured them that he received this mark of respect with extreme thankfulness, and felt an honest pride and satisfaction in accepting this testimonial of their appreciation.

Judge Armstrong came forward and expressed his intense satisfaction at witnessing such a seemingly delighted and happy gathering, but not alone on that account was he gratified. He said he regarded Sunday School teaching as being essential and necessary to the progress of the Church, and a proper knowledge of the religion which Christians profess. The proper training of the young he regarded as being of the utmost importance—it was a sacred duty; and to that end he knew of no more efficient means than the Sunday School—there they were taught wholesome and lasting truths,—there were sown the seeds of truth, morality and religion, which in time would produce fruits meet for Salvation. In view of these facts, it became them to improve

every advantage at their command and to foster and encourage every effort put forth for the establishment and maintenance of Sunday Schools. He then addressed himself particularly to the children, and closed some suitable and appropriate observations, by impressing upon them the necessity of being steadfast, persevering and honourable in all their occupations and transactions. After paying some graceful and well-merited eulogiums to their respected Pastor for the zeal and energy displayed by him in advancing the interests and making more efficient the Sunday School, as well as for his attention and solicitation for the spiritual and physical well being and advancement of his flock, his Honor resumed his seat.

After the applause which the Judge's appropriate and feeling observations had called forth, had subsided, two fair, bright-eyed, rosy-cheek'd damsels approached the chairman, (the Rev. Mr. Lauder), having borne before them a beautiful and substantial present for him, in the shape of a large Cake. They were accompanied by Mr. Cousens, who read the following address:—

To the Rev. J. S. LAUDER, Rector of Ottawa, &c.
REVEREND AND DEAR SIR,—We, the children of Christ Church Sunday School, beg of you to accept the accompanying Cake, with which we present you, as a small token of our love for you as our Pastor. We hope you may be long spared to exercise your ministrations amongst us, and that the Sunday School, to which it is our privilege to belong, may increase more and more to the glory of our Heavenly Master.

(Signed) WILLIAM COUSENS,
On behalf of the children of Christ Church Sunday School, City of Ottawa.

One of the charming young creatures, on behalf of her school fellows, in a very graceful manner, presented the Rev'd Gentleman with their offering. The Cake was then, whatever it may be now, a very handsome one; it was "four stories" in height; chastely ornamented in pure white, bearing on one side the following inscription, in raised letters of Gold:—

"TO OUR PASTOR,
From the Children of Christ Church
Sunday School."

To the close observer, the Rev'd gentleman appeared to be taken somewhat aback by this manifestation of feeling on the part of the little fair ones. He then addressed them nearly as follows:—

My dear young friends, I may truthfully say, as Mr. Cousens said a few moments ago, that you have taken me by surprise, for I never heard any thing of this presentation nor saw any thing of the Cake to this moment. Indeed, so much am I surprised, that I can hardly refrain from laughing. There is only one regret about this,—it (pointing to the cake) is destined to vanish. I can hardly find suitable words to express my indebtedness; but after demolishing this present, I doubt not I will long preserve a kindly remembrance of you in my mind. Children, I sincerely thank you for this substantial present.

Three young graces then came on the platform (Misses MacCarthy, Workman, and Cousens) and sang in an exquisite manner, the following song and chorus, the first named playing the accompaniment on the melodeon, and each one in turn singing the solo:—

OUR PASTOR.

Pure and sacred is the love
We to our faithful Pastor bear:
Kindly o'er his little flock
He watches with a father's care.
Tenderly he leads the erring ones
To duty's path of peace;
Pointing upwards to that home,
Where sorrow shall for ever cease.

Chorus.

Heaven bless the name we hold so dear.
Our Pastor and our friend;
Ever shall our grateful prayer
At night and morn for him ascend.

With the social group he joins
Their innocent delight to share,
And the sparkling eyes of youth
With gladness bid him welcome there;
For he hath a cheerful word for all,
And old and young rejoice,
While they greet his quiet smile,
Or listen to his kindly voice.

Chorus.

Heaven bless, &c., &c.
By the sufferer's weary couch,
How oft with lifted hands he kneels,
And the silent tear-drop tells,
The grief his tender spirit feels.
From the Holy Book of truth he reads,
The promise God has given,—
Come ye heavy laden—come,
And ye shall find a rest in heaven.

Chorus.

Heaven bless, &c., &c.

The Rev. Dr. Lewis said he rose to address the assembly with some degree of diffidence. The audience was composed of persons of different ages, and it was no easy matter to address them so as to be understood by all; but he would endeavour to employ such language as would be understood by both young and old. He was a visitor, and the inscription on the banner before him—"Welcome to our visitors"—gave him encouragement. He said that every discerning christian must admit the advantage of Sunday Schools, and he congratulated all concerned in the present exhibition—nothing in the course of his lengthened ministerial duties gave him more real satisfaction than the present exhibition, as he might very properly term it. He remarked that it was to be deplored that there were too many persons in the country belonging to the church destitute of a proper knowledge of the first principles of the christian religion, and asserted that in the Sunday School chiefly was the real means of religious instruction to be found. He said there was only three means to which they could look for assistance in the matter of religious instruction—in the Common Schools, by the parents, or by the clergy. He regretted to say that from our present system of Common School education they had little to expect or to hope in the matter of religious instruction; in too many instances the parents of children were themselves so ignorant of the first principles of christianity that they were utterly incapable of imparting knowledge of christian truths; and to say that the minister could look after the religious instruction of every little one in his usually extensive parish, was utterly absurd. Their chief hope, then, lay in the Sabbath School. He said the church got on badly before the institution of Sunday Schools; and he was proud to say that Sunday Schools had their origin in the Church, as had every good and great and holy movement since the Reformation. He next spoke of the influence of Sunday Schools, and how they were operating in England and elsewhere. In Britain the staff of Sunday School teachers outnumbered the entire army, the navy, and the whole civil service—in England alone there were 300,000 Sunday School teachers; and, asked the R. Dr., who can estimate the amount of good that such a noble army of christian teachers can accomplish? He had often heard it observed that children who had regularly attended the Sunday School were no better than many of those who had never attended such a school; but that was no argument at all—they