

instruction in the schools, and the tendency to cast aside the shorter catechism. He did not see any good reason why children should not be taught about Moses and other great Biblical characters as about Julius Cæsar and other historic personages.

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ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY fittingly commemorated on the night of the 2nd December the fifty-fourth anniversary of its existence. The ball in the Pavilion was one of the most brilliant of the many brilliant affairs of the kind that have been held under the auspices of the society. The biennial occurrence of St. Andrew's ball is always an important social event, which is looked forward to with a great deal of pleasure. The ball was the realization of all the pleasant anticipations that had been indulged in. Unlike some such events that had taken place in the Pavilion, it was not unpleasantly overcrowded. There were about four hundred ladies and gentlemen on the dancing floor. The hall was splendidly decorated, and high-class music was discoursed. Altogether there have been few more enjoyable balls held in the Pavilion, and the committee in charge of the arrangements are to be congratulated upon their success.

According to custom, the members of the society attended to business before pleasure. A brief meeting was held before the ball. It was a purely formal affair. The officers were installed, and assumed the duties of their offices. Dr. Daniel Clark took the presidential chair, with Dr. J. Thorburn as first vice-president and Mr. Allan Cassels as second vice-president, and Mr. George Kennedy as secretary. The following gentlemen were admitted into the society:—Messrs. Frank M. Gray, T.P. Galt, A. Mackenzie, J. S. Lockie, F. Ramsay, and D. J. MacMurchy. Mr. Hugh Macdonald was declared to be a life-member. The following message, signed by Dr. Clark, had been sent out to a score of St. Andrew's Societies in other places:

TORONTO, Nov. 30, 1890.

On this Holy Sabbath day Scotsmen forget not the high ideals of their fathers.—DANIEL CLARK.

This fraternal greeting was flashed over the wires to the Scotch Societies at Montreal, Quebec, Hamilton, Brantford, Halifax, Dundas, Winnipeg, Ottawa, Vancouver, San Francisco, Belleville, Buffalo, Alexandria, Milwaukee, St. Thomas, Trenton, Guelph, Detroit, Cornwall, London.