

having a much larger attendance than theirs, which had only given \$268 to the Missionary Society, and he hoped the Pioneer School would always keep to the front in this respect.

At the Monday evening service, the attendance was very large, the church being well filled. The singing of our grand old hymns by the scholars was an inspiration. The Rev. Dr. Potts filled the chair. Dr. Carroll gave some interesting reminiscences of the founding of the school sixty-three years ago, and of its progress since. It was then the only school in the city, but many others had swarmed off, though leaving it still more vigorous than ever.

The report stated that the use of the Honor Roll (see advertisement in another page) had greatly improved the regularity of the attendance, and with the banner presented by Mr. Boustead for competition by the classes, had more than doubled the recitation of verses. We hope similar plans will be adopted elsewhere. The programme of the evening, which was very successfully carried out, was as follows:—Addresses by Rev. George Cochran on "Sunday-School Work in Japan;" W. H. Howland, Esq., on "The Best Way to Get On;" W. B. McMurrich, Esq., Mayor, on "A Day of Mourning at Cleveland;" and Rev. S. P. Rose on "The Wisdom of Soul Winning;" interspersed with music by the choir.

Winter Work in Sunday-schools.

The time of the year has arrived when the schools are arranging their plans for winter work. We hope that the claims of the cause of missions will not be overlooked. We are glad to know that several schools have adopted the constitution of the Juvenile Missionary Society,

proposed by Dr. Sutherland, the Missionary Secretary of our Church. The result has been a very great increase in the missionary income of those schools. If your school has not adopted it, write to Dr. Sutherland, at the Mission Rooms, Toronto, for a copy, and for any information you may want. It is far better and more satisfactory than the plan of sending the scholars out at Christmas with collecting cards, although that plan should not be abandoned till a better one is adopted.

The plan adopted in the Metropolitan and other schools, of having regular class collections of definite amounts, from one to five cents per Sunday, has also operated very successfully. Above all seek to cultivate in the minds of the young people a sympathy with Christian Missions, and of Christ's great work of saving the world.

Home Study.

WE believe that there is no greater mutual quickener for scholar or teacher than the careful home study of the Sunday-School lessons, with the help of whatever aids you may be able to get. For those who have leisure for more than this—and this includes almost every one—some definite plan of home study, especially during the long winter evenings, should be adopted. Many young people—yes, and old ones too,—waste and worse than waste their time in profitless, foolish, or even pernicious reading. As a help to a useful and instructive course we would recommend the cheap Lyceum Library, only twelve cents a volume, advertised in the *Pleasant Hours*, and the "Required Reading" of the Sunday-School Reading Union, also in the *Pleasant Hours*. For older scholars and teachers we strongly recommend the C