

Carter as the first fruits of his labors in the town. On the 19th of February a council of recognition was called, and the little band was recognized by the brethren as a Regular Baptist Church and a member of the body. Mr. Stobo then took up the question of a place of worship. The little house which had been used by the Baptist people was out of the town, and unfit. This was sold, and the present site purchased for \$1,000. It is a corner lot, and, without doubt, in many respects the finest site for a church in Brampton. On the site a neat little brick edifice, at a cost of over \$6,000, was erected. Since Mr. Stobo's pastorate, and during the ministry of Rev. W. T. Tapscott, improvements were made to the church at a cost of \$2,500, so that now the Baptists have a neat, modern and comfortable house of worship and on which there is a very small indebtedness. Rev. Mr. Stobo ministered to this people for three years and eight months. When he left them the membership was 60 and a good congregation.

The church has had as pastors since Mr. Stobo, Revs. T. G. Denchfield, J. Holtshauzen, J. Mackie, M. P. Campbell, W. T. Tapscott, R. R. McKay and W. J. Stewart. All these pastors did good work, were men of God and were abundantly blessed in their labors. The present membership, after a complete revision of the church roll, is 112 and congregation good.

The Sabbath School is in a healthy condition. Mr. Duncan McKechnie is the efficient superintendent. He is well supported by a consecrated staff of workers. The older people are (many of them) in the school still, and the pastor's wife has a class of young men studying the Blakeslee course of lessons. The pastor conducts the Bible Class and also a Bible Club of young people on a week evening.

B. Y. P. U.

A society of young people was organized by Rev. Mr. Tapscott. In the autumn of 1891 this society adopted the constitution of the B. Y. P. U., and is in a prosperous condition at the present time. President, Miss A. E. Joice. The membership at this date is 40.

BOYS' BRIGADE.

The present pastor has for some years been interested in this organization for boys, and on the 19th of March last called the boys together, had Rev. John Young, of Toronto, explain to them the nature of the organization, and told them if they desired he would organize a company. They all voted *yea* and about 50 names were handed in. It is hoped that this may prove helpful to the boys. The present pastor came to the church January 1, 1894.

W. J. STEWART.

B. Y. P. U. TOPICS.

WEEK BEGINNING MAY 6th — Topic — "The Sympathy of Jesus."

Lesson—John, xi., 33-36.

Let us view the circumstances of the passage from two distinct standpoints. First, the expression of his sympathy; second, the miracle performed.

The Jews saw Jesus' tears as shed for Lazarus, and said, "Behold how he loved him!" (v. 36). But the tears were not for him. Jesus had permitted him to die for a purpose (v. 4). He knew what he would do (v. 11). He also knew what the effect of the miracle would be (a) on the disciples, v. 15; (b) on the sisters, v. 40; (c) on others, v. 43 and v. 45. His tears were shed for the sisters' grief, v. 33; and the true rendering of verse 36 would be, "Behold how he loved them."

Lessons of practical application would be:—

1. His presence is an evidence of His deep affection for them. See verses 7, 8, 16.
 2. His sympathy is a sign of His true humanity. See v. 33.
 3. The miracle is a sign of His divinity. V. 37 and John, iii., 2.
- Let us apply these lessons—
1. He came to earth because He loved us. John, iii., 16.
 2. He now sympathizes with us, having been human Himself. Heb., iv., 15; Heb., ii., 17, 18.
 3. His divinity is every day manifest in bringing spiritual life where there was death. Eph., ii., 1; John, v., 24; Col., ii., 13.

Hymns—I am so Glad that Our Father in Heaven. Jesus Loves Me. This Loving Saviour, Saviour, like a Shepherd, Lead us.

WEEK BEGINNING MAY 13th — Topic — "The Testing of Peter."

Scripture—John, xxi., 15-17.

Notes—1. Simon son of Jonas, v. 15 (no longer Peter—Rock—Matt., xvi., 18). He has denied Him and becomes Simon once more.

2. "Lovest thou me more than these" love me? reminds Peter of his boast. Matt., xxvi., 33.

3. Christ (in verses 15 and 16) uses a word in His question which means to *love ethically*. Peter cannot respond with this word, but uses a word which means *personal attachment*. This fact gives the conversation a wonderful significance, showing to us Peter's impulsiveness repressed. In ver. 17, Christ uses Peter's word and asks "Lovest thou me" personally? Peter takes this new form of question as suspicion on Christ's part that even his personal attachment was not very strong, and he "was grieved." I do not believe Peter was grieved because of Christ's persisting in thrice repeating the question, but because the third time he uses Peter's own word as though suspicious of even his personal attachment. Peter's final reply, though vehement, "thou knowest all things," never rises above the personal, and he says, "Thou knowest that I am personally attached to thee."

4. The distinction of terms, "Feed my sheep" and "Feed my lambs," has reference to the distinction