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ST. JAMES' SUNDAY SCHOOL FEAST, TORONTO.

The annual festival of St. James' Sunday and Parochial Schools was held on Wednesday the 8th instant, at the School House, corner of Church and Adelaide streets. The children met at six o'clock in the lower school room, where a magic lantern was exhibited to them. Many of the pictures were very instructive, and several relating to Astronomy were ably explained by Mr. Freeman, one of the Sunday School teachers. The children were delighted, many of them having never seen a similar exhibition before. At half-past seven they ascended to the upper school room, where an excellent tea provided by Mrs. Webb, awaited them, to which the children did ample justice. The room was decorated with ever-greens and flags of the different nations with much taste, while the bright happy faces of upwards of 400 children assembled there made it a most interesting sight. After tea they sang a few hymns and were then addressed by the Rev. S. T. Boddy, assistant minister of St. James' Church, and afterwards by the Lord Bishop, who closed the proceedings with the benediction. Her Excellency Lady Head was present and nearly a hundred visitors. General satisfaction was given and many thanks are due to those ladies and gentlemen who so ably assisted in the entertainment.—*Colonist.*

MEMORIAL OF THE LATE REV. R. BLAKEY, RECTOR OF PRESCOTT.

PRESCOTT, Jan. 10th, 1859.

A meeting of the congregation of St. John's Church, was held this day, in the school-house, to take into consideration the subject of erecting in the Church now being built in this town, a stained-glass window in memory of the late Rector, the Rev. Robert Blakey.

The Rev. Richard Lewis, M.A., lately inducted as Rector of the Parish, having taken the chair, the assistant minister, the Rev. E. W. Beaven, M.A., was requested to act as secretary.

The following resolutions were then submitted to the meeting and carried.

I. That this congregation remembers with gratitude the long and valuable services of the late Rev. Robert Blakey, Rector of the Parish.

II. That a memorial stained-glass window be erected in the new Church to his memory.

To this resolution the following was proposed in amendment, "that a marble slab be erected in the new Church to his memory," which having been lost the original resolution was adopted.

III. That as a suitable window cannot be procured for less than \$600 (£150), we pledged ourselves to endeavour to raise that amount.

IV. That the Rev. R. Lewis, Rector, Rev. E. W. Beaven, Messrs. Hooker, Ellis, Shaver, French, Dunham Jones, Herrey, Knapp, Sims, T. Robinson, and Dr. Jessup, be a committee to collect subscriptions and manage the whole business.

V. That a subscription be now opened for the purpose, and that Chas. Shaver, Esq. be appointed treasurer, and the Rev. E. W. Beaven, secretary of the committee.

VI. That a copy of the proceedings of this meeting be sent to Mrs. Blakey, to the papers of the town, and to the "Ecclesiastical Gazette."

The subscription list was then opened and \$160 (£40) subscribed in the room.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FESTIVAL

On Wednesday evening Dec. 22nd, a feast was given to the children connected with Christ Church in this City, (Ottawa), in the Temperance Hall. The Hall was nicely decorated. The upper end of the room was neatly festooned with evergreens and flowers, and in the centre of the wall, surrounded by evergreens, hung an admirably got up painting, somewhat in the shape of a crest. At the top, in a scroll, appeared the words:—

"Suffer little children to come unto me," and beneath, in another scroll, were the words:

"Christ Church Sunday School," while in the centre appeared in bold characters, the words:

"They that seek me early shall find me"

On either side was placed an angelic looking creature, each blowing a trumpet, from which issued the words respectively: "Peace on earth,"—"Good will towards men." On one of the side walls hung another painting, descriptive of life's journey. In the foreground appeared a high hill, leaning against which were two tablets bearing the figures "1858" and 1859."—Around the foot of the hill winds a path, along which weary pilgrims of all ages are seen marching along. High up on the top of the hill, very conspicuous, stands a finger-post, bearing the words "TO ETERNITY," in which direction the pilgrims seemed moving. At the foot of the room on a large banner were inscribed the words, "Welcome to our visitors," and around the room were hung various and appropriate mottoes. The hall was not so elaborately decorated as we have seen it, yet it appeared to much advantage, and the decorations displayed correct taste. In the centre of the room were ranged several tables, around which were congregated 260 as fine, intelligent, healthy looking children as could be found. On either side and at the foot of the hall a space was reserved for the visitors, which was soon densely crowded.

About 6½ p.m. the proceedings commenced by the singing a hymn by the whole assembly, after which the Rev. Dr. Lauder asked a blessing. The children were then permitted to partake of the refreshments provided, which they did with zest and a will that was amusing to behold.

On the platform we noticed the Rev. Dr. Lewis, the Rev. Messrs. Lauder, Johnston, Har-

ris, Butler, and Loux, Judge Armstrong, Drs. Hill and VanCortlandt, Jns. FitzGibbon, Esqr., and the Superintendent and several of the teachers.

After the children had partaken of the good things so profusely provided for them, the Rev. Mr. Lauder assumed the chair, and Mr. Cousens, the Superintendent, read the following statement of the progress of the school:—

Mr. Chairman, I thought it might prove interesting to the members of our Church (especially to those who are parents), to lay before them this evening a statement of the progress of an institution of great moment to them, and particularly to the children, for whose benefit it was designed. This institution, as you are aware, is our Sunday School, which had a small beginning, but thanks to Almighty God, without whom all our efforts are fruitless and vain, who has stirred up a living zeal in the hearts of the teachers of the school to be active and diligent in the good work. We have seen it progress until it now assumes a place (as regards numbers) of some importance among Sunday Schools. I however hope, sir, that this will only prove a farther stimulus to all connected with our Sunday School to persevere until we shall have all the children belonging to our congregation not only brought under the influence, but also as regular attendants of our Sunday School, and as one of the means to attain this end, I would appeal to parents to aid us by their countenance, in not only causing their children to attend regularly, but also to become occasional visitors themselves, thereby shewing their children how deep an interest they take in that teaching which opens up to the view of their children, the path that leads to life eternal. I might say more on the subject, but I will leave it to others more competent than myself. I have taken a statement from the Sunday School register, commencing May, 1856, shewing the average attendance each month, and summing up all; then the average attendance during each year:—

Average Monthly attendance	Collections for the year.	Average Monthly Collections.
1856... 71	£2 7 10	or £0 3 11
1857... 116 or 63 p'r Cent over '57	£ 2 4	or 10 2½
1858... 149 or 28 "	" 58 11 10 1	or 10 1

Our teachers number 29. I might at the same time say that we have a library containing about 150 volumes—besides which we have a good supply of Catechisms for the children, and books for teachers, to aid them in the instruction of their classes. The attendance, as read to you, shows a steady increase. I might remark that it was about the month of June, 1857, that a few teachers associated themselves together in this good work, and being toll off in Committees to the several wards of the city, searched from house to house where they could find members of our Church, and urge on them the necessity of sending all their children to our Sunday School. We have now a register of all the children attending our Sunday School, and they number over 300. But as you may perceive, our attendance on any Sunday has not exceeded 216, so that we have about one-third who absent themselves each