

If the men allow the school to go down, its collapse will be the last straw of discouragement, and if the camel's back is broken thereby there need be no surprise. We do not anticipate such an inglorious ending, and we trust all who gave their countenance to the school in the first place, will for their own sakes and for the sake of those who are anxious to improve themselves, be more punctual in their attendance. It should not be necessary to point out the benefits to be derived from the school, they are self evident. We hope to have a more favorable report regarding this matter for our next issue.

#### SABBATH SCHOOL.

The Sabbath School being held in the Massey Memorial Hall, every Sunday afternoon, is reported to be in a very satisfactory and prosperous condition, the attendance being all that could be expected at the beginning, and continually on the increase. If the happy faces of the children, good lively singing (under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Johnston), and the animated and genial tone of the school generally, are any indications of what its future will be, we think it safe to predict a continued increase in attendance and interest.

On Thursday evening, 14th instant, those interested in the working of the school, met at the residence of Mr. W. F. Johnston, for the purpose of further organization. Thus far the school has been conducted as an independent and self sustaining one. And until the question be decided as to whether it will continue to be carried on in this shape, or become attached to some one of the neighboring churches, the workers resolved to form themselves into a provisional staff, and made the following appointments accordingly, viz.: Superintendent, Mr. J. G. Turton; Secy-Treasurer, Mr. W. T. Bambridge; Teachers, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. Sheridan, and Mr. Alex. McKee.

Last Sabbath, 17th inst., an adult Bible class was formed, to which all persons taking an interest in the school and preferring to be pupils rather than teachers, will be cordially welcomed.

#### MUSICAL.

The band continues to be so fully engaged that its musical life is one long business trans-

action, and the members of the orchestra are helping the band. There is nothing therefore to record except very windy weather, in fact a perpetual "blow."

## HISTORICAL DIARY.

### DECEMBER.

1st....King Thebaw of Burmah surrenders his army and forts to the British forces=Heavy fighting at Lima, South America.

3rd....Col. Harvatovich, appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Servian forces=Renewed fighting between Servia and Bulgaria.

4th....Thirty-two persons killed by an earthquake in Algeria=Archdeacon Farrar sails for England=A British force defeats 4,000 rebels in Egypt.

7th....1,500 Tailors locked out in New York.

8th....Opening of the United States Congress=Death of Wm. H. Vanderbilt=Morse's Soap Works, Toronto, burned. Estimated loss, \$100,000.

9th....Bulgaria rejects Servia's Peace Proposals=The remains of Louis Riel, removed from Regina to St. Vital's.

10th....Forty Servians shot for mutilating themselves to escape military service. The British elections result in the return of 334 Liberals, 248 Conservatives, and 81 Nationalists, with 7 seats yet to be declared.

11th....Intense cold prevails in England.

13th....The will of the late Wm. H. Vanderbilt provides that each of his eight children shall receive \$10,000,000=Fourteen lives lost in a burning tenement in Plymouth, England.

14th....Extensive gold deposits discovered in Zululand.

15th....Fearful railway accident in Georgia, 12 persons killed=More fighting between French and Black Flags in Tonquin=The Pope protests against the French Government stopping the stipends of priests interfering in the recent elections.

16th....The French Minister of Ecclesiastical Affairs sustained by the Chamber of Deputies in his action against the priests=The International Commission to survey a provisional boundary between Servia and Bulgaria goes to the scene of its labours=Startling assassination plot discovered in San Francisco.

18th....The Singer Sewing Machine Co., close their works at Elizabethport, N.J., throwing 2,500 hands out of employment

19th Hydrophobia scare in Jersey City.

21st....Meeting of the Orange Grand Lodge in Dublin.

22nd.. Peace concluded between Madagascar and France

23rd....Seventy-five miners killed in a Colliery explosion in Wales=Magee who attempted to blackmail the Prince of Wales, committed for trial.

24th....The French Chamber of Deputies vote the Tonquin Credit=Twenty-seven deaths from small-pox reported at Longue Pointe Asylum.

25th....The Pope proclaims 1886 a year of Jubilee.

26th....Terrible gale on the Atlantic=Death of the Archbishop of Armagh, Primate of Ireland.

28th....About twenty men and women wounded in