

scholar's number and name are written, each scholar being supplied also with a Library Card, bearing his name and number. On this card he marks the numbers of the books he wishes to read, and places the card in his box on his way into school. While the school is in session the Librarian withdraws this card—among others—takes down one of the books asked for, charges it to the scholar, places the card in the book, and deposits both in the box. The scholar, on leaving the school, withdraws the book. After reading it, he returns it and replaces it in the box with the card. This plan is simple, easy and efficient, there being no disturbance of the school exercises such as is created by the distribution of books in the classes. In charging the books given out, Shute's Library Record, published by Eben, Sauter, Boston, U. S., is used. By this Record can be shown how many times any book has been taken out, and also in whose possession any book is at any moment. Thus a perfect check is kept on all the books. It also prevents a scholar getting the same book more than once. The Record is made up entirely of figures, representing the numbers of the books, placed in perpendicular columns, each scholar having a column. The black figures run consecutively from 1 to 1,000. A few only are here given, as a specimen:

1	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
20	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
30	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
40	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
50	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

When a book is taken out the light figure representing it is marked from right to left obliquely. If the book be No. 16, the figure 6, in the first line would be so marked. The black figures are not marked, but they are read before the ordinary figures. Book No. 505 would be indicated by marking the light figure 5 in the last line. At the head of each column is a calendar of the names of the months with the figures thus: January 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, to represent the several Sundays. The figure on the calendar representing the date is also marked when the book is taken out. When a book is returned it is credited by striking from right to left obliquely the figure representing it and the day it was taken.

The report mentions that 125 scholars use the Library, of whom no fewer than 30 belong to the Infant Class. It suggests that members of the Church who cannot attend the Sunday School be allowed the privileges of the Library, in order that it may be made more useful and kept pure; also that teachers should help the scholars in the selection of books.

#### The Work of the Year.

The Secretary, Mr. J. B. McArthur, presented the twelfth Annual Report showing the number of scholars on the roll to be: boys, 93, girls, 84, total 187; being an increase of 17 over last year. There have been 10 of the scholars baptized; 23 boys and 9 girls admitted to the school; 3 dismissed; and one Benj. D. Nudell, has died. 72 copies of the *British Workman* and 60 copies of *Morning Light* are taken. The Pastor, Rev. J. Denovan, has been present at 17 sessions, and on each occasion gave an address. The report refers to the resignation,

on account of frequent absence on business, of Deacon Lane, who served as Secretary for eleven years. On the 10th of March meetings for prayer and enquiry for the young were begun, and have been continued every Monday evening with marked success—some having found the way of life; while others are anxiously enquiring.

#### Election of Officers.

The election of officers for the year took place at and adjourned meeting on the 14th ult., resulting as follows: Superintendent, C. A. Morse; Assistant, A. Reeve; Secretary, J. B. McArthur, Treasurer, Jas. Wright; Librarian, Thos. Bengough; Assistants, E. W. Moyle, H. Dexter.

#### BROOK STREET MISSION SUNDAY SCHOOL.

##### A DOUBLE SURPRISE.

It is customary for the members of "Our Bible Class" to meet at each others homes for prayer and social intercourse. The teacher, Mr. W. E. Burford, having just entered into matrimonial alliance; and at the beginning of the year accepted the position of Railway Secretary (or Missionary) in connection with the Young Men's Christian Association, had desired that the first meeting of the year be at his new home. Accordingly on the evening of the 5th of February, eighteen of our members met at the teacher's residence 68 Lippincott Street. After the usual business, Mrs. Burford was asked to join us, when the following address was read:

MR. WILLIAM E. BURFORD,

Dear Sir and Brother,

Upon this the occasion of your leaving us as our teacher, to take up a larger, and we trust, a more useful sphere of labour in the Master's service; we, the undersigned members of your Bible Class of the Brook Street Baptist Mission, desire to give some token of our love to you, and our appreciation of your efforts as our teacher; and while doing so we would gratefully acknowledge the hand of God in guiding you amongst us.

We rejoice at the success which has attended your instructions, during the time you have laboured with us; when we remember that twenty six (26) have joined our much-loved denomination, and are now walking in the footsteps of our blessed Master.

It is pleasant to think of the unity and love which has characterized all our meetings; both of the Sabbath, and also the meetings which we held to talk of the best interests of the class. We have worked hand in hand for God's glory and the good of souls.

Many pleasant reminiscences come to our mind at this time, which we cannot now mention; but we now ask you to accept from us this pair of pictures and these two volumes upon the Old Testament, not according to their value, but as a slight token of our esteem for you.

And now, dear brother, we have to part with you as our teacher in the Sabbath School, yet we are glad that we still have the opportunity of receiving instructions from you; and we trust that "our Bible Class" at Shalesbury Hall will be as successful, yea, more successful than was the one at the Brook Street Mission.

To conclude, we pray, that God's richest blessings may ever attend you and your wife; that your life may be the "path of the just which shineth brighter and brighter unto the perfect day"; and when the Master shall call you home, you may

have many, many gems in your crown of rejoicing which shall shine as the stars in the firmament for ever and ever."

The prayer of your old scholars.

(Signed by 15 names.)

Bro. Burford made a most earnest and touching reply.

On the evening of the 25th February the home of Mr. and Mrs. Burford was again taken possession of; This time it was to do honor to the lady of the house. Mrs. Burford has been for some years past the successful teacher of the Infant Class at the Mission. She has by her loving, thoughtful and gentle manner endeared herself to her pupils; and on that evening testimony was given to this fact in a short address which was presented to her, accompanied by a *souvenir* of the continued affection and love of those who had left her class to seek their places in the *older* classes of the Sabbath School. The little company broke up after having thoroughly enjoyed themselves, at an early hour. Why should we not have more of such meetings? They will cement teachers and scholars in love and friendship, and leave an influence that will be felt through life.

In regard to "Our Bible Class" it might be stated, that when it was known that Mr. Burford would not be able to conduct the class on Sabbath afternoons (as he should then be engaged at the Railway Meetings at the Union or Nipissing Station) and just as impossible to get him of a week evening owing to his multifarious duties, being loath to lose his instructions, and some of our number, taking into consideration the fact that Bro. Burford's discontinuing his teaching would cause a few to absent themselves from the Sunday School altogether, interviewed him as to Sabbath mornings, found he was willing, and proceeded to hunt for a place of meeting. A room was found suitable for the purpose in the Y. M. C. A. building, and its use was kindly granted by the Association.

We are in no way separate from the "Mission" (although we do not meet there) as reference to a minute of our house-to-house meetings will show: "That the regular subscription on Sunday afternoon be continued (on our making our change) in the mornings; and the collection thus taken be finances of the class; and anything over its necessary expenditure (which is very light) be given to the Mission"—Carried by acclamation.

It is encouraging to notice that though our first meeting had only 11 present it has now increased just double viz., 22; and a steady increase is expected. We meet from 9.30 to 10.30. The first 15 minutes is occupied by what the teacher calls Normal Work, in which is endeavoured to study the chronology, names of the writers, compilers, etc., of the Books of the Bible; the character of the Book, evidences as to inspiration, etc. etc. Then the lesson for the day is taken up; when really "hearing and answering questions" is the order of the hour. Each session is opened and closed with prayer by the teacher or any one called upon by him; thus the young men make a beginning, and learn to take part in the social prayer-meetings of the Church.

Some of the Young Men, assisted by they are by this morning class, have taken classes