

SABBATH SCHOOL CHILDREN HOLD ANNUAL GATHERINGS

New Year's Rallies of Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian and Congregational School Children Held Yesterday Morning and Were Largely Attended.

The Methodist. The tenth annual Methodist Sunday school New Year rally, which was held in Centenary Methodist church yesterday morning, was a rousing success, and those who attended were filled with enthusiasm for the work of the coming year. Eleven Sunday schools, consisting of Marsh Bridge Mission, Brookville, Silver Falls, Fairville, Zion, Carmarthen, Carleton, Portland, Esplanade, Queen Square and Centenary churches, were included in the rally, making a gathering of a thousand and young people. This rally is held annually under the auspices of the Methodist Sunday School Superintendents' Association and is an important feature of the young people's work in the city.

R. Duncan Smith, superintendent of the Queen Square Methodist church, acted as chairman; M. L. Harrison, leader of the orchestra; H. W. Bromfield, conductor of music, and Miss Alice Hest, organist. All the pastors of the Methodist churches and the superintendents of Sunday schools were in the hall.

The roll call of the schools was responded to by each school rising on the calling of their name and reciting a verse of scripture or singing a verse of some hymn. The honor roll, consisting of a list of over thirty names of young men who had paid the supreme sacrifice in the present conflict, was feelingly referred to by Rev. Thomas Marshall. A fine tribute to the fallen

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sons to be learned from it for the New Year.

On account of the severe cold weather the usual parade was not held after the meeting. A large collection that was taken up will go to aid the affiliated Sunday school children of Halifax.

The Presbyterians. The eighth annual New Year's Sunday school rally of the Presbyterian and Congregational churches was held yesterday morning at 10:45 in St. Andrew's church and was most successful, every school being represented. The school occupied the place reserved for it in the church and a large number of those not members of any Sunday school were also present to take part in the service.

Rev. J. H. A. Anderson was in charge of the service and was assisted in the devotional exercise by Robert Reid, who read the scripture lesson, and Rev. H. C. Fraser, who led in prayer.

After the opening exercises the New Year's greetings from the city were officially conveyed to the gathering by Mayor Hayes and this was followed by the roll call. Each school as its name was called responded either by a verse of scripture or some familiar hymn.

The address of the day was delivered by Rev. F. W. Thompson. Greetings were exchanged between this gathering and the Methodist and Baptist rallies. The enrollment report was read by J. B. Magee and the prize banner for the best attendance was presented to the Congregational school which had eighty-three per cent. of its enrollment present.

The patriotic numbers on the programme included "O Canada," the Salute to the Flag led by Rev. J. A. MacKeigan, and the National Anthem.

John B. Magee was chairman of the committee in charge of the programme and the committee was made up of representatives of each school.

NEW YEAR WELL OBSERVED IN THE Y.M.C.A. YESTERDAY

Annual "Open House" Programme and Reception Proved Very Attractive.

The annual "Open House" programme and New Year's reception at the Y. M. C. A. yesterday was in every way equal to any of previous years. An attractive programme card had been printed and distributed among the members and their friends. On the back of this was a New Year's greeting from the board of directors and the executive staff.

The main lobby was handsomely decorated. Spruce boughs covered the central pillars and were arranged in arches over the doors and the mantle. On the left of the entrance was depicted a very pretty camp scene, representing Camp Wagesegum on the Salmon River near Chipman which will open its second season next June.

The scene showed a tent containing two camp beds on a floor of boughs. Other camp equipment was arranged inside and during the evening several of the younger boys in camp attire were seen inside the tent. A realistic camp fire was also arranged outside the tent door near a miniature forest.

On the right of the entrance was an excellent reproduction of a Y. M. C. A. dug-out in the front line trenches. This was designed by W. A. Ross, the Y. M. C. A. military secretary for St. John, and exhibits considerable artistic ability on his part. During the evening, the Women's Auxiliary used this as a depot for serving coffee and cake.

At 8:30 a.m. a basketball game between teams from the third and fourth floor dormitories took place. What ever criticism a professional would have passed, the men entered heartily into the game and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The score was twelve to nine in favor of the third floor team. Following the game eighteen men sat down to the annual dormitory men's breakfast.

The interclass athletic meet at ten o'clock, between the Intermediates and High School was won by the former who secured 39½ points while the latter secured but 24½.

In the running high jump, Seeley came first, Josephine second, Wetmore and Napier tied for third, distance four feet, nine inches.

The track relay race was won by the Intermediates. Seeley, Jacobson, Stirling, Arnold, Cheeseman, High School, Wilkes, Pattison, Neider, Josselyn, McRae.

Seeley won the stamens broad jump with Napier second and Waddington third, distance eight feet, three and one half inches.

Waddington won the hop step and jump with McRae second, distance 22 feet, six and one half inches.

In the five lap potato race, Pattison came first, McRae second and Stirling third, time 27 seconds.

Waddington won the shot put with McRae second, distance 40 feet, five inches.

The High School won the water relay. In the plunger for distance, Jordan came first, Seeley second and Wetmore third, distance 31 feet.

At four p.m. the executive staff played volleyball with the boys of directors winning two out of three games.

A basketball game between the High School and Senior Boys at seven o'clock was won by the former team with a score of 29 to 17.

This was followed by an exhibition of class work in the gymnasium, basketball match between the ladies from Haverhill College and a basketball and a baseball match between two teams from the Senior Class.

The Y. M. C. A. orchestra furnished music during the evening.

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HILL—On Sunday, December 30th, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Hill, Rockland Road, a daughter.

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JOHNSTON—At the St. John Infirmary, Dec. 31st, 1917, Annie, widow of Ezekiel Johnston, of Upper Loch Lomond, (Boston papers please copy).

Funeral will be held from her late residence, Upper Loch Lomond, Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Caches will leave the residence of her daughter 27 Richmond street, at 10 o'clock Thursday morning. Friends invited. Service at her late home at 2:30 o'clock.

GREGORY—On December 31, 1917, Ellen Gregory, widow of Hugh S. Gregory, leaving one daughter and four sons to mourn. No flowers by request.

Funeral on Wednesday afternoon from her late residence, 178 Canterbury street to Trinity church. Service at 2:30.

BREEN—In this city, on the 31st ult., after a short illness, Thomas W. Breen, aged 84 years, leaving a wife and three sons to mourn.

Funeral on Wednesday from his late residence, 84 Moore street. Service at 2:30 o'clock.

SANCTION—In this city, Dec. 31, 1917, Arthur M. Sanction.

Funeral on Thursday at 2:30 from 23 St. James St., to St. John Baptist church, Broad street.

Both people were willing to expend \$100,000 on a plant in this city if they can secure the concessions from the city and the necessary. It is understood one of the things asked for was an amendment to the law compelling the St. John fishermen sell only to Canadian canners, but the city fathers refused to entertain this proposition.

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Representatives of Booth Canners of Eastport Ask Concessions from City—Formal Application Today.

It is understood that a proposal to build a sardine factory under certain conditions will be laid before the common council at its meeting this morning. Representatives of the Booth Canners, Eastport, held a private meeting with the mayor and commissioners on Saturday and talked over the situation, and while nothing definite was done at that conference, it is understood the matter will come officially before the council at the meeting today, when the concessions which the city will be expected to grant in the event of a factory being built will be outlined.

It was reported yesterday the

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WARMER SOON

Washington, Jan. 1.—Relief from the cold wave in the east was promised today by the weather bureau, and it began to grow slightly warmer to night. While the east is suffering from the cold, the western part of the country, except in the Pacific states, is enjoying decidedly warmer weather, with temperatures from five to thirty-

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