

DEAR MRS. SARGINSON,

We, the officers and teachers of the First Methodist Church Sunday-school assembled, desire to express our heartfelt sympathy with you in the unspeakable loss you have sustained in the death of your beloved daughter. We know that we cannot enter into the feelings of your heart in this sad bereavement, but we knew her to love her by reason of association in the Sunday-school and in other Christian work. We shall miss her familiar form and cheerful smile from our gatherings, but we shall ever cherish in our memories her fidelity to the Saviour she so fondly loved. While we shall miss her we are conscious that you will miss her more, and our hearts instinctively turn to you in your trial. We are comforted in this, that you are sustained by the presence of the same Jesus who wept with the sisters of Bethany. He has called your loved one to His home in heaven. Our prayers will ascend to God that His grace may cheer and comfort you, until you shall join her in the land where parting is not known.

"Loyal, faithful to the duties
God assigned; when Jesus came,
Found His servant zealous, earnest,
Working for His cause and name."—J. H.

Signed on behalf of the Sunday-school,

THOMAS MORRIS, JR., Supt.

W. G. MOORE, Sec'y.

Mutual Improvement Society.

I have much pleasure in submitting the first annual report of the society. On the 26th of February, 1891, the Sunday-school committee succeeded in forming a Mutual Improvement Society in this church, and we ought to be thankful for that. During the year the society has held thirty-seven regular meetings which have been extremely well attended and which have proved very beneficial in many ways to us all. The lady members of the society have given seven very successful socials during the past term—social they continue to do. Two concerts given by the society were well attended, and although they may not have been a 1. concerts, yet they were greatly appreciated by our audiences. At the first concert no charge was made, but at the second a silver collection was taken at the door, which netted us a handsome return for our labors. The society's picnic held at the Beach was much enjoyed by all and it is our intention in our next attempt to surpass our first efforts

if that can be possible. An "At Home" in honor of the anniversary of the society was held in the Sunday-school parlor, at which the members and their friends and Rev. Mr. VanWyck with Mrs. VanWyck spent a very pleasant evening together. The sleighing-party held under the auspices of the society was a "howling success," that is if you take into account the noise of fish horns and bugles and the screaming of the ladies as the horses dashed rapidly down some of the steep hills. There has been a marked improvement in the number of members taking active part in our meetings, which has greatly increased the interest in the society. The treasurer's report for the year shows a marked improvement. I cannot close without an urgent appeal to the members not to forget our paper, the *Mutual Improver*, and to send in more and better contributions. Our paper will prove a grand help to us all if we care to make it so. The average number of members on roll was twenty-four, and the average attendance eighteen. The total number now on roll is twenty-eight. Let us give a LONG PULL, a STRONG PULL and a PULL ALL TOGETHER, and we will make our society one of the finest in the city.—RALPH RIPLEY, Sec'y.

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