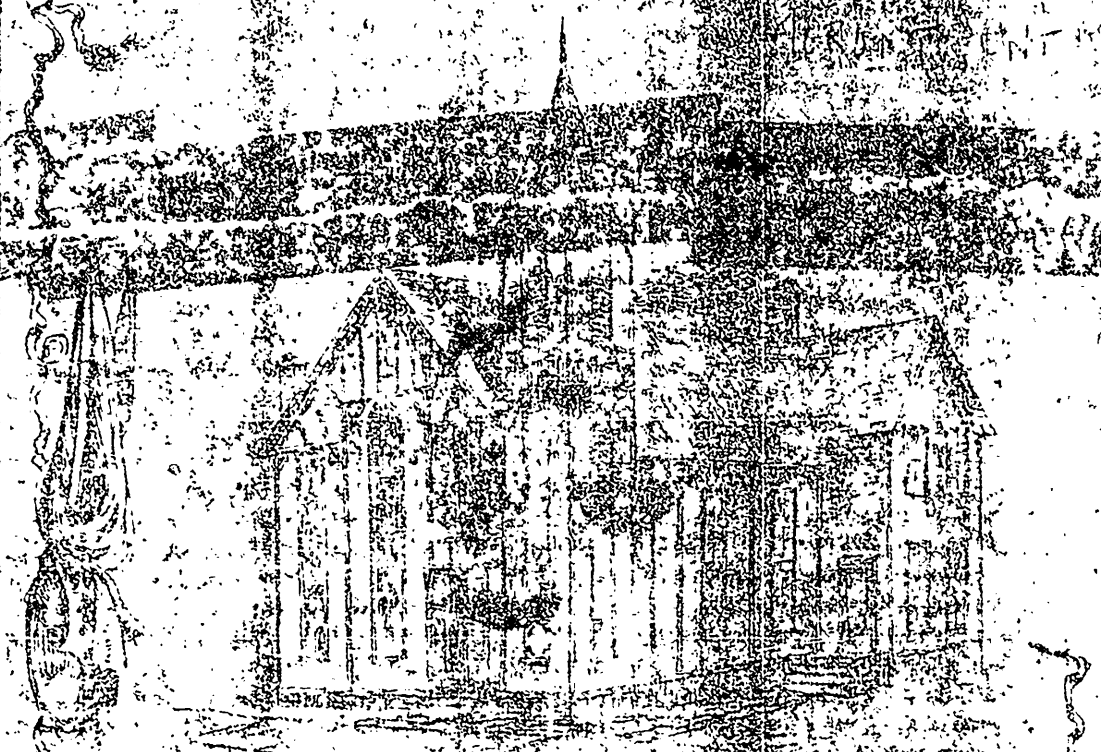


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The Editorial Committee take this opportunity of thanking those who helped us by contributing matter for this souvenir number of our paper, and for those who with very commendable push and tact successfully canvassed for the

our paper, also make the whole matter a pleasant and profitable success. We have tried our best to produce a fair and valuable paper for the church, the readers, and the advertisers. The Trustee Board have given a concise and reliable history of the congregation from the time it branched from the Dovercourt Church. Our esteemed pastor has written us a record of another phase of its history, and the different departments of the church have added their testimony, thus making it, we trust, interesting and profitable to all.

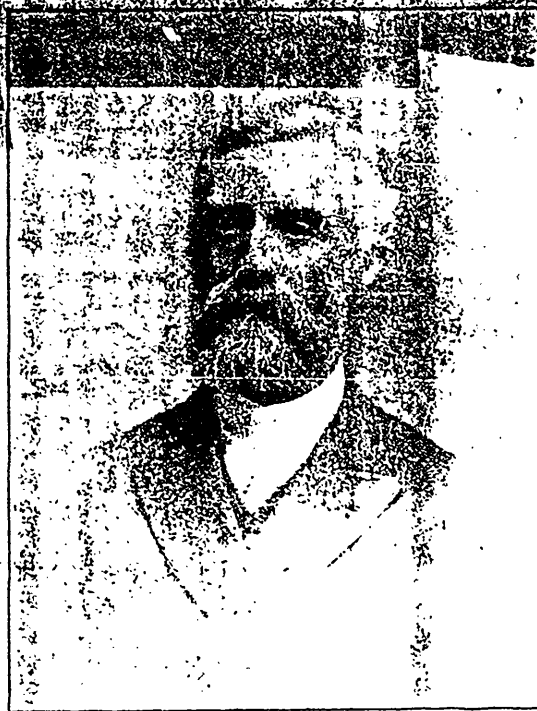
Re-Opening Services, Sabbath, June 7th, 1896.

The Rev. William Briggs, who is greatly distinguished for his pulpit-ability, will conduct the morning service.

The Rev. R. N. Burns, B. A., one of our foremost preachers, and pastor of Wesley church, and Mr. W. T. R. Preston, a well known speaker, also of Wesley church, will give addresses at 3 p.m., and the well known pulpit orator, Conductor Snider, will conduct the evening service at 7 p.m. The music will be furnished by the choir in the morning and evening, and by the Sunday school in the afternoon.

On the following Tuesday evening a social tea will be served from 6 to 8 o'clock, after which there will be a sacred concert. Mr. Chester Massey will preside. All the talent are well known and have earned a wide reputation for their excellent musical qualities. The following ladies and gentlemen have kindly consented to take part:

Miss Annie Doran, Leading Soprano Central Presbyterian Church.
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Miss M. Mayson, Contralto.
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REV. GEORGE M BROWN, PASTOR

Intravelling among the heights of the Alleghanies the observant eye may catch the glimpse of a tiny spring, so small that little effort might change its course to the right or left. This little spring steals its way among hills and rocks, widening and deepening in its onward course, until it unfolds in the great Ohio valley below. Onward it rushes for hundreds of miles, to mingle

its waters with the Mississippi, and then stretches away for more than a thousand miles, till it falls into the emblem of eternity. It is obedient to God alone, and shall continue to flow until the angel with one foot on the sea and the other on the land shall declare that time shall be no more. Is it not thus with moral influence?—a spring, a stream, a mighty river, and an ocean as boundless as eternity.

Every one of us casts a shadow. There hangs about us that strange something which we call personal influence, and which has its effect on every other life on which it falls. Wherever we go it is with us. We cannot take it up or lay it aside at will. It is something that is always pouring out from our life like light from a taper, like heat from a flame, or like perfume from a flower.

Without being conscious of it, we are always impressing others by our personal influence. Others watch us, and their actions are modified by ours. Many a life has been started, on a career of blessing and usefulness by the influence of a noble act. What made the disciples ask Jesus to teach them how to pray? May it not have been the influence of the radiance they saw on His face as He communed with His Father?

But not all influence is good. If good men's lives speak after they are gone, is not the converse of this also true? The wicked man who called out while dying: "Gather up my influence and bury it with me in my grave," felt that his evil influence would live on in time, perhaps to pollute and defile many innocent lives. How great our responsibility!

How can we make sure of an influence that will build a noble character, and purify life? There is but one way—be filled with the Spirit of God, that our life may become pure, and noble, and good.

"This education forms the common mind,
Last as the twig is bent the tree's inclined."

What a very suggestive statement Pope has given us here! It leads us back, it leads us forward, and by our research and experience we are led to believe that only the refined and delicate pleasures that spring from education can build up barriers between different ranks. And it is a liberal education this age affords us, and young men and women stand on nearly equal footing, and have about the same privileges.

We are glad of this; it bespeaks advancement, for we know that not many years ago the general opinion was that the daughters of the home did not need as much learning as the sons.

It would be almost impossible to follow the chain of growth in educational lines. We know that the Greeks were the first to develop a science of education distinct from ecclesiastical training. Their subjects of study were divided into music, comprising all mental; and gymnastics, comprising all physical development. The Romans we learn from history, understood no systematic training except in oratory. But can we in this present day produce anything by education except by combining, blending and modifying the self-culture of the Greeks or the self-sacrifice of the Romans (for a Roman was trained to spare neither himself nor others).

We honestly believe that in the future there lies much space for the advancement of education as an art. On that people would remember rather from the first year of the first lesson of culture, the child's education in each day is in the practical character of each day's work which finds us different from yesterday and notes progress in to-day, that we are being educated. It is in the beneficial intercourse with those of wider experience than we, and under the tutelage of able teachers, that we gain most knowledge and prove education most thorough. However, that we can point to many learned men and women who have been their own educators, proves to us that a certain allotted number of years spent in college or university is not absolutely necessary, therefore those who have not those advantages should remember that they have the same privileges as the self-made man or woman, and can like them make use of all the golden opportunities which are their portion.

"Envy is a vice which keeps no holiday, but is always on the wheel (bike) working its own destruction."

When we see the youth of the land going distracted, the middle-aged discussing with the ardor of politicians, the aged holding up their hands with fright and terror as they try to evade that mighty throng of bicyclists flying past them, seemingly forgetful in the excitement of the ride that other people have rights as well as themselves, is it not time to stop and consider what effect this excessive riding of the

wheel will have on the character of the coming generations?

What better mode can a person find of studying nature—that great teacher—than by taking an early spin in the bracing morning air amidst the beautiful country scenery.

But while wheeling is useful in very many ways, it is like everything else, liable to abuse. How we regret to see in the multitude of wheelsmen who pass us, few, very few indeed, who have any thought or care for the safety of others. It can be attributed to nothing else than a growing feeling that self is the most important person in the world. You can almost see them silently inviting you to look, and admire the grace and ease, or, perhaps, the speed with which they ride.

Although there is a small percentage of wheelsmen who place wheeling at its proper value, the great majority ride for physical pleasure and that alone.

While it is perfectly right to have a proper regard for the laws of health, I cannot see that we should develop the physical and neglect the intellectual and spiritual.

When we see vast bodies of people riding past the open doors of the churches on the Sabbath day, taking the time which they should employ in the pursuit of other things, and neglecting the opportunities of storing their minds with useful knowledge and that which would be of use to them in their after life when they are too old and have too many cares to ride wheels, we cannot help but say that they are injuring themselves to the disadvantage of the generation of which they form a part. We do not live to ourselves alone.

Nothing succeeds like success. "Diligence is the mother of good luck," and "Good luck will carry a man over a ditch if he jumps far enough." For the past few months our people, young and old, have tried to make an improvement in our church work, and have so far succeeded. We have purchased a new organ, which is clear of debt; had revival services, during which we gained some very substantial converts for the work and God. Then finding our accommodation lacking, we have built quite an addition to our lecture room at a cost of about \$400, repainted and renovated the church, have a finance committee successfully working

to put us on a good financial basis; a good choir, under the efficient leader, Mr. Lawrence, who is very able, painstaking, and well respected by all in connection with the church; Sunday School, Bible Class, Junior and Senior League, and feel much encouraged. A great deal of credit for this is due to all the boards and societies of the church, especially to the Ladies' Aid, and not last nor least, to the untiring efforts of our beloved and respected pastor, Rev. G. M. Brown, who has stood in the breach like a man. But above all we give the glory to God, for He it is who hath helped us, and His promise is still to us ward—to Him be all the glory!

We felt ourselves very much cramped at social gatherings and in the Sunday school, so at a joint meeting of all the societies of the church it was decided to enlarge our borders. The lecture room is now 26 x 35 feet, and we have two more rooms above it, one for the pastor's vesty and Ladies' Aid meetings, the other for the senior Bible class, a splendid room that will seat about forty, and which we hope will be crowded each Sunday. The building was built by our friend Mr. Seythes, who has given us splendid work and good value. The Ladies' Aid then decided to renovate the church, so the seats have been re gained, the ceiling and west end of church re papered and kalsomined, and the whole of the outside of the church cleaned and painted. Really the Ladies' Aid are deserving of our greatest thanks and help.

Get acquainted with our Pastor, Mr. Brown. You will be sure to like him.

SKETCH BY THE PASTOR.

I made my first acquaintance with Brockton when a young man residing in the city, and at the time a member of the Elm Street Church, which was then a part of the City West Circuit of the old Wesleyan Methodist Church. The circuit was composed of Richmond Street, Queen Street, and Elm Street Churches, and two other appointments, Cooper's (Davenport), and Queen Street West. At the latter place service was held by the local pastors on Sabbath evening, in a small hall north of Queen Street, near the Asylum. No service was held west until you reached Lambton. At that time there was no Parkdale, there being only a few houses

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on Queen Street west of the Asylum, and Brockton was a small village on Dundas Street outside of the city. I had just been received as a local preacher when the Superintendent of the Circuit, the late Dr. Elliott, asked me to go to Brockton and see if an appointment could be taken up. An announcement was sent out, and on Sunday afternoon, September 1st, 1851, I preached in the open air, where Mr. Ed. Abbs' woodyard is now situated. Mr. Henry Matthews, of Matthews Bros, Yonge Street, accompanied me and assisted in the service. On September 13th I again held a service in the open air, this time on the opposite side of the street, sheltered on the east side of a house, now in the rear of Mr. Thomas Abbs' shop. I had two subsequent appointments, one in October and another in November. The services had by this time been transferred to the inside of the house. Brockton had in the meantime been placed on the plan as a regular appointment and was continued for two or three years, when other arrangements were made. After thirty-three years of circuit work outside of the city, I came back to renew my acquaintance with Brockton as pastor of the St. Clarens Ave. Church. What great changes have taken place during those years! From a little scattered hamlet it has become a well settled part of the city, with numerous residential avenues and many enterprising places of business, with three large public schools and one separate school, churches representing different denominations, and a well-equipped new fire hall. It has also the advantage of having two well-paved leading thoroughfares, with lines of electric cars, giving connection with every part of the city, High Park, and the Junction. There is no more popular route for the numerous bicyclists of the city than through Brockton and over the bridges. We are hopeful for a bright future for this part of the city, and for the St. Clarens Avenue Church. With a neat and comfortable church, enterprising official boards, a strong finance committee, an energetic Ladies' Aid, an efficient choir, an enthusiastic Epworth League, a progressive Sabbath school, courteous ushers, a loyal membership, and with the assurance that "the best of all is, God is with us," we cannot help but have success.

Mr. Lawrence has room for a few more singers in his choir. Be sure to come.

Our League had its birth under the pastorate of the Rev. W. W. Andrews, who was noted for the interest he took in the young people, and, who indeed held the honorable position of first president of the League, and we think, with some reason, that this is an honor to be proud of, as it was the first Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor instituted in the western part of the city. As in the course of time Mr. Andrews left us to labor in another part of the Lord's vineyard, so it was with his successors, Mr. J. J. Copeland and Mr. Amon Davis, who, after many pleasant and profitable evenings spent together in the study of God's Word, moved from our midst, leaving the league, in a flourishing condition. The work was successfully carried on by Miss Levack, who is now our District Secretary, and was followed by Mr. Green, who after winning the respect and esteem of us all removed to Beeton, where he is now a very successful school teacher. After the departure of Mr. Green, our present leader, Mr. R. H. Peardon, has taken zealously hold of the work and we hope will remain with us for many years to come. As in the past, so in the future, may the pathway of the St. Clarens E. L. of C. E. be bright and shining and every day bring forth a harvest of good living.

In looking over the topics for the coming year, and the many beautiful subjects which it contains. A plan, that has been laid out, incorporating the names of so many of our active members, suggests the thought that earnestness and hearty co-operation is an actuating influence among our young people in the society. Let us unite in asking God's richest blessing and benediction upon this department of our church work, and may the topics for the term have the good effect of weaving into our life beautiful thoughts, holy aspirations, and noble deeds.

Our Epworth League meets every Monday night. Come and visit us.

Financially the League is a success. Like all other societies, we cannot do without funds, as we have various necessary expenses, but we have endeavored to place the monthly contribution at such a low figure—namely, five cents a month—that we think nobody can feel it a burden. We leave the subject of giving entirely with the conscience of the individual members of the society, and we have always found that they give both cheerfully and liberally. For the purpose of raising money to cover the expense of the additional rooms which have been added to our Church, committees were formed and the members entered upon the project with great enthusiasm, with the satisfactory result that we have already placed the sum of \$50 in the hands of the trustees, and every prospect of paying in the additional \$50 which we promised in a very short time.

The Do-Without Band which was organized some time ago is zealously working, and we are pleased with the success which has attended us in this branch, and we are sure that where there is such willing self-denial there will surely a blessing follow.

Giving and Living.

Forever the sun is pouring in gold
 On a hundred worlds that beg and borrow;
 His warmth be squanders on summits cold,
 His wealth on the horrors of want and sorrow.
 To withhold his largeness of precious light
 Is to bury himself in eternal night;
 To give is to live.

The seas lend their silvery rays to the land,
 The land its sapphire streams to the ocean;
 The heart sends blood to the brain of command,
 The brain to the heart its lightning motion;
 And over and over we yield our life,
 And still are conquerors in the strife;
 To live is to give.

He is dead whose hand is not open wide
 To help the need of human brother;
 He doubles the length of his life-long ride
 Who gives part of his means to another;
 And a thousand million lives are his
 Who carries the world in his sympathies;
 To do well is to die.

Junior Epworth League of C. E.

What would we do without our juniors after all? Those of us who are deeply interested in them find that as the time goes on and the boys and girls become better known to us, we make a closer study of their characters, and are drawn more and more to the work and consider it part of our lives.

Why, these juniors are our future men and women, they are at present as attractive as little rays of sunshine. We feel that in accordance as they give their young lives unto the keeping of the One who doeth all things well, so will they brighten their part of the world and make it better for the time they have spent in it. There is, we feel—we know—a powerful future for our society, when so great and beautiful a desire is given to any as has been to those of our juniors who work for the good of others. We are certain this branch of the church will develop and become so useful that without it there would be a vacancy which could not be filled because that place would belong to our boys and girls and to them alone.

What is the nature of the work we take up, do you ask? All is good. Our Literary Department, of course, has not been very extensive as yet, but it has been of an intellectually helpful nature. The Missionary Work grows more interesting and we hope to have surprising results. Then our Band of Mercy Meetings are of rather an unique type. We study and read about animals and learn from them. This part of our work we intend enlarging upon as we realize how beautiful it can be made. Since December 15th, 1895, when the League was reorganized, our membership has increased from sixteen to fifty-four.

What a string of boys and girls they are to be sure! Truly there is evidence of cleverness and ability displayed among them. We look at the great and seemingly essential men and women of to-day and find ourselves wondering if they were as bright or as full of life when they were young. We know they couldn't have been, so we come to the conclusion that the rising generation is going to out-do the present one. If we could only impress upon them more forcibly that their ability is required in the world, what superior men and women they would be. We pray God to bless us in this work, that it may be a seed time that will bring forth a rich and full harvest in the time to come.

Come in and help us, it will do you good.

LOCALS.

STAFF { G. N. THURSTON.
 MISS F. SPROULE.

Mr. Fred Chapman was with us on Sunday, the 24th. 20,000 people visited High Park on the holiday.

Mr. Stonehouse spent the holiday with his brother at Richview.

The Abbott Bros. will endeavor to wheel to the farm again when the roads are a little drier.

Mr. and Mrs. Usher, of Campbell Street, spent the holiday at Weston.

Mr. Bell, of our choir, will spend his vacation with "Uncle Sam."

5,000 wheelmen passed through High Park on the holiday.

Mr. Geo. Montgomery, of Galt, spent the holiday with his brother, D. T. Montgomery, 91 Shaw St.

Sometime again we will wait for the wagon and we'll all have a ride.—(Dixie.)

Re-opening Services on June 7th and 8th.

You have one of our Booklets, tell others about it.

We are pleased to know that Mrs. Wilson is recovering from her long illness.

Miss L. Jones, of Queen Street West, spent Wednesday with Mrs. Usher, of Campbell Street.

Mrs. Dean will take up her residence with Mrs. Robert Abbs, 298 Brock Ave.

Mrs. J. R. Hill will remove to 624 Dundas Street.

Our pastor's new residence—32 Sheridan Avenue.

Bicycle Bob goes east next month.

We appreciate the efforts of Miss Snider, Miss F. Sproule, and Miss I. Abbs of the Advertising Committee.

We are grateful for the interest Rev. Mr. Birks and Mrs. Burks take in our church.

Our church people ought to call on our advertisers.

But if you want good advertising solicitors get Gould and Albert on a wheel.

Mr. Crane is working well on the Finance Committee.

Mrs. Peardon gave us good service at the organ for a few Sundays.

We are glad to see Mrs. Graydon recovered from her late serious illness.

Who threw the stone in the church window on Sunday, the 24th May?

Mrs. Hill's many friends are glad to have her remaining in our neighborhood.

The Bell, the Stone, and the Brown Stonehouse make quite an Editorial Staff.

Found A batch of young men in High Park, Sunday afternoon. Reward—Apply Bible Class.

Come to our Young People's Class in our new room. Every Sunday morning at ten.

Mr. James Levack does us good service as organist of the Sunday School.

Mr. J. J. Cullen, our Envelope Steward, will be pleased to receive visitors on business.

Wanted.—Fifty new members in Mr. Stone's Bible Class in the new room.

We hope the S. S. Picnic Committee won't decide to hold the picnic in Dufferin Park.

Our Pastor has been busier lately with the jack-hammer than with the pen.

We are pleased to see Mr. and Mrs. Daniels in the Bible Class. It is the right place for parents.

Mr. A. B. and H. J. Seythes spent the 24th in Allston and vicinity with their friends.

We were glad to see our Pastor at the Antelope show rooms. Perhaps he was thinking of buying a wheel.

We were sorry to learn of the young man getting his arm broken in a bicycle collision on Sunday, 17th.

Miss Seythes has returned home after three weeks' visit with her friends in the city.

We are very much pleased to see Miss Birks with us again after a serious illness of three weeks.

Dunn Avenue S. S. Anniversary held May 17th and 18th was a decided success.

Bathurst Street Methodist young people have formed a lacrosse club.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Thurston spent the holiday in Buffalo, N. Y.

Our Junior League was well represented at the Junior Rally in Massey Hall, 15th May. Our platform representative was Master Ernie Hill.

Broadway Tabernacle has formed a bicycle club.

Three of our S. S. officers have the bicycle craze, R. H. P., W. E. S., G. N. F.

The congregation thoroughly appreciate the efforts of Mr. Hardman "in his walkin' and singin'."

We think the church has made a wise choice in appointing Miss McConnell as organist.

We were very loath to lose Mr. Irwin, our late organist, and wish him every success in his musical studies.

Not a little of the success of the appearance of this paper depends on Mr. Manton's ingenuity and skill.

We tender our hearty thanks to the following for

contributions to this paper: Miss Abernethy, Mr. A. Seythes, Miss Mary Abbs, Miss Rae, Mr. R. H. Peardon, Miss M. Cook, Rev. Mr. Birks, Mrs. Hill, Mr. A. Green, Mr. Hurst, Mr. Lawrence and our pastor.

Our old friends, J. J. Copeland, W. W. Perry, and Ammon Davis still remember us with kindness. Proof—See ads.

Thanks to our worthy friend Mr. Forster, who gave us the sketch of the church. See front cover.

We wish Fred every success in his college exams.

Much credit is due to the different Sunday School classes who are supplying such beautiful flowers for the minister's desk.



Our choir has done well this year. The attendance was generally twenty-two and twenty-four, and the music rendered has been some of the best sheet anthems and gospel hymns to be had.

The concert given on March 26th was a surprise to a great many people from the larger churches, who were not aware that we had such a fine array of singers in our church, and too much cannot be said and done to encourage and help along this part of our church work.

"Sing unto the Lord with the harp; with the harp and the voice of a psalm; with trumpets and sound of a cornet make a joyful noise before the Lord the King."—Psalms xcvi. 5.

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING.

All our churches need arousing on the subject of congregational singing. Too often the singing is left to the choir. What a grand thing to hear hundreds of voices joined together in praise to God. It is a command of God that all should sing praise to Him, and yet if we go into some of the churches, how few people there seems who sing with a true heartiness. Let everybody sing—it is your part of the service in God's house. True it is, all cannot sing as they would like, but there is no reason why they cannot learn in this age, when there are so many singing societies and so much singing. There is a custom in some churches, where there is a congregational practice once a month to learn hymn tunes. This is a splendid idea, as it gives all a chance to become familiar with the hymn tunes, and also to sing in the service with confidence. Perhaps a few general hints on singing would be very suitable in connection with this paper, and if all who read this will follow out these few points,

will be no doubt a benefit and a help to themselves and to others around them :

1. Keep the body erect, with the shoulders well back.
2. Avoid any stiffness of the neck, as it will necessarily contract the muscles of the throat.
3. Open the mouth in an easy natural manner wide enough to feel that the jaw moves from the back or close to the ear, as though in the act of biting, always keeping a cheerful expression on the countenance.
4. Let the tongue lie quite loosely in the mouth, touching but not pressing against the lower teeth.
5. Take a deep breath, without any noise or effort being perceptible.
6. Never force the voice, as it makes the singing harsh and sometimes flat.
7. Do not try to sing louder than your neighbor; it is sweet singing, not loud singing, that makes good music.
8. If you are a singer, join a choir and help to lead in singing God's praises.
9. Always sing in tune, and be sure and speak the words plain.
10. Do not criticise others.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

It is a pleasure to the members of the Church, the Sunday School, and one of the most interesting and hopeful departments. There is no doubt but this has been due to the untiring interest of the superintendents, the kindly sympathy and love of the teachers, and the officers who have stood by the school in a manner worthy of the offices which they hold.

Our first superintendent, Mr. James Manne, put a great deal of labor into the proper organization of the school, and was ably followed by Messrs. J. B. Perry, W. W. Perry, J. J. Copeland, and R. Kendall, all of whom held the respect and sympathy of the school, and now our present superintendent, Mr. R. H. Peardon, has taken heartily to the work, and under his guidance the school is experiencing a season of peace and prosperity.

Truly, these noble workers who are helping to form the character of the coming generation will reap their reward.

The object of the Sunday School is to teach the Bible. But mere instruction is not sufficient. The Bible is given to make us "wise unto salvation, through faith which is in Christ Jesus," and therefore every teacher should not only desire, but should use means to lead unsaved ones in the class unto salvation. But do teachers in general keep this in mind, and do they use all available means to bring this about?

Christian work is necessary to the maintenance of the christian life. An idle christian is an anomaly and a contradiction. God the Father works, Christ works, the Holy Spirit works, and we must work or die spiritually. To all christians Christ says, "Go, work in my vineyard," and surely the Sunday School is your vineyard. Teachers should remember their deep responsibility in this matter.

But what can a teacher do in a class of noisy, inattentive children? Mere work does not seem sufficient. First of all, before you enter the work itself, divine guidance should be asked for them as well as yourself. Common sense should be used and opportunities sought, and in preparing your lessons think of your scholars and study their natures, so that you may explain the lesson to each one in the most interesting way.

But even though so much depends on the efforts of the teachers, the scholars in return should do their best to lighten the burdens, and help the teachers by having their lessons studied, their golden texts off by heart, and above all, not to leave at home their good behavior.

Just a few words to Sunday School teachers. At our last anniversary services one of the speakers at the afternoon service made a statement to the effect that Sunday School workers were engaged in the most important work under heaven. As teachers in the S. S. it is not unpleasant to be thus spoken to, but if you admit that what was said is right, you must also admit that a heavy responsibility rests upon those engaged in the important work referred to. It must follow that those who feel this responsibility will avail themselves of every possible opportunity to qualify themselves for the work. First they must have such a knowledge of Jesus as a personal Saviour that it will manifest itself in the class and elsewhere. To always remember each one of the class separately in our daily prayers to God, and ask His direction in presenting the lessons is the privilege and duty of every teacher. Added to these, it is necessary to have an intimate knowledge of God's word as a whole. The moderate use of lesson helps may be necessary, but they should not be used in the class. It is a very rare thing for a teacher to be able to make the half hour attractive and profitable by asking certain questions found in the various lesson helps. Then one must have an intimate knowledge of each member of his or her classes. Teachers should study their classes as well as the lessons, and in order to do so successfully it is almost necessary to become acquainted with their parents and home surroundings. Part of a teacher's work should be to see that the parents are interested in the work. A successful teacher is not necessarily a brilliant scholar, but one who feels the responsibility of having immortal souls under his care who may grow up to be a wonderful blessing or a terrible curse to the community in which they happen to reside. Teachers have many chances to help the members of their classes, and every chance should be taken advantage of. Those who continually neglect to do this are not doing all they should. We as S. S. workers are either stepping stones or stumbling blocks to the boys and girls under our care. This is a solemn thought, and every teacher should ask himself or herself the question, Which have I been?

When not prevented by sickness or other good reasons it is very desirable that teachers should be in their place, every Sunday before the hour set for opening the school, in order to welcome the members of their classes as they arrive. They would thus help to maintain good order before school opens. It should be remembered by all that each teacher is responsible for the good behavior of

of his or her class, especially during the half hour set apart for the study of the lesson.

A marked feature of every prosperous and well conducted Sunday School is the infant class. The one in connection with our school has made steady and rapid progress under the control of the following efficient and energetic teachers: Mrs. Foster, Miss Annie Abbs, Miss Perry, Mrs. Isaac Smiler, Mr. Daniels, Miss M. Cullen, Miss J. Loughton, Mrs. Baker, Miss Webber, Miss Milk Webber, Miss Kendal, Miss C. Wray, Miss H. Abbs, Miss J. Hedderson and Miss Gutthrey. With fifty names on the roll at the beginning and an average attendance of thirty-five, it has increased to ninety-two on the roll and an average attendance of fifty-eight. Success and prosperity to our infant class!

You are always welcome to our Church and Sabbath School.

BIBLE CLASS.

We have in our Bible Class about thirty members, and an average attendance of about twenty. Mr. Stone, our teacher, takes about half an hour with the lesson with questions, answers, and description of persons and places. The good points of the lesson are discussed by the class. We will shortly be in our new class room, where we will have everything comfortable and convenient, and hope to have a much larger attendance. We would be very glad to welcome you to our class and have you spend an hour with us in the study of God's Word.

The benefits derived from our Bible Class are: Scriptural knowledge and its best uses; love for God and faith in His Word; the desire to become faithful and useful Christians.

In John vi. 45, we learn how God brings us to Himself through the study of His Word, and that the Holy Ghost is the "Great Teacher," of His power to draw us to Jesus, and in this effectual drawing or calling He convicts us of our sin and misery, enlightens our minds in the knowledge of Christ, renews our wills, and entreats and enables us to embrace Jesus Christ fully offered to us.

We are very much interested in our Bible Class in which we have a fine lot of young men and women, and fathers and mothers. Since its beginning, in 1885, we have had for teachers Mr. Henry Meredith, Mr. Walter Perry, Mr. J. J. Copeland, Rev. Mr. Andrews, Mr. James Falconer, Mr. Hawkey, Mrs. Bucknell, and Mr. Annan Davis. We, with our present teacher, Mr. W. E. Stone, have used our best efforts to obtain our well lighted and comfortable room. We are very anxious to keep our young people attached to our school, studying weekly the beautiful lessons in the International Series. We believe the principles of God's Word are of vital importance to our coming men and women, and believe that there is a God, a heaven, a

hell; that all are lost, but that Christ died for all and if we "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved," for "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Glory to God for His unspeakable gift!

What a glorious privilege we have in the free study of the Word of God, aided by the church and all its influences and by the Holy Spirit who reveals to us the Word of Life. We entreat all our people who can to come to the Bible Class in our room, to come in prayer and preparation, and so expecting ye shall receive."

Join our Sunday afternoon Bible Class. You will find it enjoyable and instructive.

TIT FOR TAT.

Doubtless all my readers have heard the saying, "A Roland for an Oliver." Well, this expression means about the same, and so I am going to tell you a story called "Tit for Tat," which I hope will amuse you at least.

Once upon a time there were two tribes, the Browns and the Whites, and a Princess who was very beautiful. There were two Brownies at the time they began had possession of the pleasure of knowing each other. They belonged to different tribes. Each of them had a name, and they excited the wonder and admiration of the land. Now Tit was known as the "Princess Beautiful" among the Browns of the "Eastern Tribe," and he was called the "Prince of Schemes" by the "Western Brownies," for he was a wonderful schemer.

Now one day the Prince of Schemes thought it would be a great joke for his tribe, on some frosty night, to travel along the highways, and compel the people by their entrancing music to come out into the cold and follow them. Accordingly the next cold and frosty night they started, led by their Prince of Schemes, and in the best of spirits. When they had successfully carried out their plan for some hours, and had brought out cross old farmers, and rich merchants, old women and young, and little girls and boys, they suddenly stopped their music and left them all to wearily find their way home again. By this time they were in the middle of a forest, and the Prince, who was exceedingly fond of hunting, thought he would explore it before they started homeward, so a way they went. But they had gone but a short distance when the Prince saw, not far ahead, a band of Brownies who did not belong to his tribe, and in the centre of the group the most beautiful maiden Brownie he had ever seen. He took a good look at her, but did not go close enough to attract their attention, as he knew it must be the tribe they had been warned against, and who were their most bitter enemies. At any rate, this did not hinder the Prince from falling deeply in love with the Princess Beautiful. Her face was ever before him, even in his dreams, and it greatly distracted him to think that the Princess he loved belonged to a tribe who were his enemies. After a few days of serious meditation he concluded that the only way possible to win the Princess Beautiful was to first reconcile the two tribes. So with

this end in view he got in readiness a grand procession of Brownies, and marched into the forest where the other tribe was.

When they arrived the Prince stepped forward and explained the cause of their appearance. At first the Eastern Tribe was much angered that they should thus come to them, but after due consideration they decided that deadly enmity, such as they had hitherto held for the Western Tribe, never turned out well in the end, and that when they had an opportunity they might as well give in.

They were very much struck with the appearance and manners of the Prince and thought him very wonderful indeed. But when they heard him declare his love for the Princess Beautiful they were much rejoiced, for they felt she was quite worthy of his ardent love. The Princess herself thought much of this Prince, who had entered her life so suddenly. Of course it cost a pang or two for the both tribes to think of giving up their leading spirits to those who had but a short time before been their enemies. But they decided that it was only as it should be if one tribe consented to give up the Prince that the other should give up the Princess. And so the two tribes were united by the marriage of Tim and

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DEAR FRIENDS,—

College life in many respects is the most interesting and momentous part of a person's career, as it prepares him for life. Four years or so spent in the halls of "Vic" is a very valuable asset in the development of the intellectual and spiritual side of one's nature.

Victoria as an institution was the first university in actual operation in Upper Canada, and now stands in Queen's Park, a monument to Methodism, successfully launched out in federation with the Provincial University. One must not think that Victoria is only a theological institution, besides that it affords all the advantages of an arts course, and by the provision of federation the students in arts have access to the lectures and library, gymnasium, examinations and degrees of the University of Toronto. In theology Victoria is entirely independent, and with its able staff of professors, and with all these advantages, she is prospering more and more every year.

One cannot help but notice its helpful influences, as the spiritual, the intellectual, the social, the physical, and indeed all these sides must not be neglected. Many societies for development are offered, as the literary, the missionary, Y. M. C. A., and the athletic. There are also some institutions peculiar to Victoria, as "the Bob," which is of special benefit to the freshman, and the alley board for its physical exercise.

Here also the rising ministry of the church is reared, and in all these responsibilities we trust it will ever maintain and further its eminent position it has already reached under our revered Chancellor Burwash.

A. R. CHAIRMAN.

"Vic," Toronto, June 1st, '06.

At Set of Sun.

If we sit down at set of sun,
And count the things that we have done,
And counting find
One self-denying act, one word
That eased the heart of him who heard ;
Once glance most kind
That fell like sunshine where it went
Then we may count that day well spent.

But if through all the livelong day,
We've eved no heart by yea or nay ;
If through it all
We've done no thing that we can trace
That brought the sunshine to a face,
No act most small
That helped some soul and nothing cost,
Then count that day as worse than lost.

AN excited military-looking gentleman entered an editorial sanctum one afternoon, exclaiming: "That notice of my death is false, sir. I will horsewhip you within an inch of your life, sir, if you don't apologise in your next issue." The editor inserted the following next day: "We extremely regret to announce that the paragraph which stated that Major Blazer was dead is without foundation."

TEMPERANCE

... justice meetings, conventions, and with on the subject seeing the progress that is being made in the traffic? Providence has gifted man with reason. To his reason, therefore is left the choice of his food and drink, and not to instinct, as among the lower animals, and in making such a choice he should select that which will be most conducive to health. Otherwise he fails to exercise that gift as God designed when he conferred it upon him. We look upon the slave with feelings of pity and commiseration, especially when we think of his degrading and humiliating position. Such a poor wretch claims our sympathy. Are we not ready to shed tears of regret over his hapless lot? We mourn our inability to rescue him from his state of thralldom and bondage. True, such an abominable system of usurpation has justly been deprecated, and righteously cried down by every class in the community. But how few voices, comparatively speaking, are heard to cry out against the slavery by which we are surrounded in this land of freedom (namely, the traffic in strong drink), and the slaves of the intoxicating cup. I close with the appalling statement of Mr. Wakely, coroner for Middlesex, England: "Gin is my best friend; it causes me to have annually 1,000 more inquests than otherwise." It is whiskey here. Query: which is the worst it is hard to determine. These poisons are dealt out without any check of conscience. This traffic in its evil effects is the scourge of the working classes, the destroying angel of the upper ten, the demon of the social circle, the curse of any land, the enemy of God, humanity and religion.

If you are a stranger in the neighborhood you will feel at home at St. Clarens Avenue.

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LADIES' AID.

MISSIONARY.

"Forward," is the motto of this plucky society. A society of women only it is true, yet an important factor in the progress of St. Clarens Avenue Methodist Church.

Just at a critical juncture in the history of the church a few of the lady members became awakened to the fact that properly organized and united effort on their part could not fail to be of great service.

Acting on this conviction the Ladies' Aid was re-organized in September last with a membership of fourteen, and has steadily increased till there are now forty four members.

The average attendance at the monthly meetings is good; not only peace and harmony prevails, but great interest is manifested in the work undertaken by the society, amounting almost to enthusiasm on the part of some.

The object of the society is to endeavor to develop the social and spiritual life of the church as well as to assist in the finances.

The membership is divided into four sections, and ladies are appointed to visit each member monthly so that those who are unable to attend the meetings regularly are kept in touch with the work.

A few months ago the society promised \$100 towards building the rooms in the rear of church, and now they have let the contract for renovating the interior and painting and kalsquining the outside of the church to be ready for the opening of new addition on June 7th.

The membership fee is ten cents per month. New members are earnestly solicited.

Officers—Mrs. G. M. Brown, President; Mrs. Graydon, First Vice-President; Mrs. Crane, Second Vice-President; Miss. Kendall, Secretary; Miss Snider, Treasurer.

If not attending elsewhere be sure come to St. Clarens Avenue Church.

SENTRY—"Halt! Who goes there?" Burglar—"Nobody." Sentry—"Pass on."

TEDDIE—"What are women's rights, pa?" Pa—"Everything they want, my boy; always remember that."

TEACHER—"Tommy, can you give me a sentence in which 'but' is a conjunction?" Tommy—"See the goat butt the boy. 'But' is a conjunction, and connects the boy with the goat."

If living in the neighborhood, St. Clarens is your church.

ONE DAY a college professor, going to his class, came across one of his students who had just fallen down. Asking him how he fell, the student replied, "Notwithstanding." Telling the anecdote a short time later, the professor said: "I met Mr. Junior the other day, and he made a very bright remark. He had just fallen down, you know; and when I asked him how it happened, he said, "Nevertheless."

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Christ's kingdom is growing.

There never was a time when there were more Christian Churches over the earth than now. The songs of salvation are being heard east, west, north and south. More and more from pole to pole are the glad tidings brought into the world by Christ being proclaimed and accepted. The Alexanders and the Napoleons decrease; He increases.

This world has had more than enough of the military spirit. The war utterances of the past few months have been smothered by the beneficent teachings of the Prince of Peace, whose command was and is to sheath the sword. The fomentors of strife are less influential than ever, but individual and national injustice is demanding attention. All this is the Holy Spirit's work. The better ways—which are Christ's—are being sought, found and applied. Good men are more honored now than ever.

But though this state of affairs exists at the present time, the movement is yet in its infancy. Christian churches must realize more than it does to day the responsibility that is resting upon it, then it will attain to its proper stature. The churches in reality have been asleep in regard to missionary work. They are only awaking now. This is the sad condition that has been created after the death of Jesus. There is only one mission for every ten thousand heathen. A few years ago young people were looked upon as an encumbrance to the church, to-day they are the greatest factor of the church. Young people to-day are entering upon church work with enthusiasm and zeal, and it will not be long—Lord hasten the time—when a nation shall be born in a day.

If we are going to meet with the largest measure of success, we must work unitedly. There is a fraternal spirit among the churches to-day. We are learning what Christ meant, when He said "Other sheep have I which are not of this fold." Let us magnify Christ for that is the real test of discipleship. As soon as we imagine ourselves to be independent of God just so soon does our usefulness end.

The Methodist Church of Canada has Domestic, Indian, French, Chinese and Japanese Missions, forty-three stations and 3070 members in the foreign field, at a cost of \$239,000. About eighty cents of every dollar given to the missions goes direct to the mission field.

We are always glad to see new comers at our church services.

"Did you look at that bill I lect yesterday, sir?" said a collector to a member of parliament. "Yes," was the reply, "it has passed first reading."

LIFE INSURANCE AGENT—"What did your mother and father die of?" Uncle Humsted—"I don't rightly know; but twarn't nuthin' serious."

JIMMY—"You're afraid ter fight, that's what it is." Thomas—"No, I ain't; but if I fight, my mother'll know, and lick me." Jimmy—"How will she find it out, eh?" Tommy—"She'll see the doctor going to your house."



History of the St. Clarens Avenue Methodist Church.

AN APPOINTMENT ON THE DOVERCOURT CIRCUIT, WHICH WAS A BRANCH OF THE WESLEY CHURCH.



THE first quarterly official board met in the Dovercourt Church, on August 4th, 1885, the Rev. H. W. McTavish, pastor, in the chair, when the following were duly elected: Joseph Emerson, local preacher; Caleb Young, Robert Van Horne, H. T. Merdith, Neil McKinnon, Richard Guthrey, and Mr. Houghton, recording steward; J. B. Leggat, society representative; and James Manne, Sunday school superintendent. The first funds reported was the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars on pastor's salary. On August 6, 1885, H. T. Merdith, Richard Guthrey, Joseph Emerson, H. Sheppard, J. B. Leggat, Neil McKinnon, and F. T. French, were appointed provisional trustees for the purpose of purchasing a site for a church. On November 16, 1885, H. T. Merdith, R. Guthrey, and Neil McKinnon, were elected stewards, and Robert Vanhorne, Sunday school representative; J. B. Leggat was elected Sunday school superintendent in the place of James Manne, who had resigned.

On May 31st, 1886, Robert Vanhorne, Joseph Emerson, and Jas. Falconer, were elected stewards, and Thomas Abbs was added as one of the provisional trustees, when the provisional trustees were instructed to purchase the lot on the south-west corner of Dundas street and St. Clarence avenue, Mr. White was elected representative to the district meeting. On August 3rd, 1886, the provisional trustees reported that they had purchased the lot on the south-west corner of Dundas street and St. Clarence avenue for the sum of \$5,210. On August 30th, 1886, Joseph Emerson, R. Guthrey, Thos. Abbs, F. S. Pagsley, and S. J. Burgess, were elected trustees. On October 13th, 1886, Houghton and Burgess, and Jas. Falconer resigned as stewards, and Robert Vanhorne, Thomas Hurst, W. W. Perry, and Joseph Emerson were elected.

On October 27th the trustee board met, Rev. H. W. McTavish in the chair, Abbs, Emerson, Burgess and Guthrey, being present. About this date W. W. Perry was elected S. S. Supt. The Board agreed to build the church, and hired Mr. Dodds as foreman, and Edward Abbs as timekeeper, the work to be done by day labor. The Board met from time to time as the business required, and the building progressed, and on February 21st, 1887, Brockton became a separate circuit, and the name changed to the St. Clarence Avenue Methodist Church.

On February 23rd, 1887, John Todd and Thomas Dean were elected trustees, and on the 28th, George Bye was elected a trustee, the church at this date being nearly complete, and on March 17th, 1887, was duly opened for divine service by the Rev. Dr. Stone, and on the following Monday evening a social tea was provided by the ladies, the Rev. Dr. Stone presiding when subscriptions to the amount of about \$100 were collected, the full cost of the building was about \$1,000. Unfortunately a large amount of the contributions were not collected. This course was continued until the close, the Rev. H. W. McTavish was removed to another field, and Rev. W. W. Andrews became the pastor in June of 1887, with the following quarterly official board: Jos. Emerson, Geo. Dale, W. Watson, R. Vanhorne, R. Guthrey, John Todd, Geo. Kenney, Thos. Abbs, Thos. Hurst, with W. W. Perry, recording steward.

On November 14th, 1887, J. J. Copeland and E. A. Porch were elected on the board, and W. W. Perry being superintendent of the Sabbath school and recording steward resigned, when W. T. Stone was appointed superintendent and E. A. Porch elected as recording steward. After some time J. J. Copeland followed Mr. Stone as superintendent of the Sunday school.

The Rev. W. W. Andrews remained three years. After him Rev. Dr. Perritt, one year; then Rev. George Webber, when improvement in the church to the amount of \$500 was made. He remained one year, then Rev. J. A. Chapman followed, when some improvements were made, including a new furnace at a cost of \$130. He remained three years, and at present Rev. George M. Brown has been with us nearly one year, and improvements to the church has been made amounting to about \$500; also a new organ has been purchased and paid for at a cost of \$140.

The following compose the trustee board at present: Richard Guthrey, Thos. Abbs, Sinclair Levack, Charles Sinders, John W. Sewell, J. J. Copeland, V. T. West, James Cullen, Geo. Scythes, R. H. Peardon, W. R. Glasby; Thos. Hurst, Secretary of Quarterly Board; Class Leaders, Tunncliffe, Kendall, Cullen, Vanhorne and Pethick; Steward, Thos. Abbs, Sinclair Levack, J. D. Moore and Robert Crane; Thomas Hurst, Recording Steward; S. S. S., R. H. Peardon; Society Representatives, W. R. Glasby, Wharton, Thurston, Thomas Ralston.

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