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Autumn.

Feathery clouds are few and fair,
Thistle down is on the air,
Rippling sunshine on the lake,
Wild Grapes scent the sunny brake,
Wild bees murmuring take the ear,
Crickets make the silence dear;
Butterflies float in a dream,
Over all the swallows gleam.
Here and yonder, high and low,
Goldenrod and Sunflowers glow,
Here and there a Maple flushes,
Summer reddens, Woodbine blushes,
Purple Asters bloom and thrive—
I am glad to be alive!

—Robert Kelly Weeks.

Editorial Notes.

Have you ever thought of bringing a notebook and pencil to church with you; for the purpose of jotting down ideas which fall from the preacher's lips? If you have not, try it, and see whether you do not enjoy the sermon better, and carry away with you

many a helpful thought which otherwise might escape you.

Many of our friends are even yet unaware of the noble, unselfish work being done in connection with the Walnut Street Mission. Mrs. Geo. Fisher has charge of the Mission committee. Under her guidance a faithful little band of enthusiasts work and pray, visit from house to house, conduct religious meetings, distribute tracts, and in various ways by shewing sympathy and encouragement, help to sweeten the lives of many who are not surrounded with the most favorable chances in life.

We rejoice that our pastor has consented to take charge of an adult Bible-class in connection with the Sunday-school. We hope that the parents and other adult members of the congregation will respond freely. We believe that the class will exert a beneficial influence upon the whole school. The presence of a Bible-class formed mainly of the older members of the congregation will give to the Sunday-school a crowning dignity which properly belongs to it, but which has, heretofore, been entirely wanting. The presence of father and mother will entirely change the child's conception of the importance of Sunday-school. After this if a boy's father should say to him "My son, let us go to Sunday-school together," do you suppose that boy would feel too big to go, or ever have the idea that intellectually, he had outgrown Bible-study? Never! If the parents study the Sunday-school lessons systematically, and talk about them in their homes, with their children, do you not suppose the children will come to Sunday-school better prepared to receive the ideas presented by the teacher? What a grand thing it would be if we could interest more of the parents with the work of the Sunday-school. The systematic study of the Sunday-school lesson by the parents would encourage the children to a like preparation. It would in fact seem to them a duty. On the other hand, what a benefit would ensue, both to the church and her members, through the systematic study of the Bible.

Is Life Worth Living?

"The busy world shoves angrily aside
The man who stands with arms akimbo set
Until occasion tells him what to do;
And he who waits to have his task marked out
Shall die, and leave his errand unfulfilled."

A MAN once said to the writer of this article, "Sixty years of human existence ought to satisfy any man." The reason of those words was the failure, on his part, to appreciate his God-given being. To such a man, life undoubtedly is scarcely worth living. Life is not mean, nay verily, it is grand! If it is mean to anyone, it is because he makes it so. There are some who are constantly violating the laws of nature and thereby bring upon themselves untold suffering and misery. They then murmur against the Creator that life is such a worthless thing. It is well for all to remember that it is possible to make or mar their earthly happiness. While men are intemperate in eating and drinking, careless about the rest necessary for the body, spending hours in the haunts of vice, how can they expect to enjoy health? Henry Ward Beecher said, "There are in the world two things that God makes the most of, that men are more afraid of than anything else: fresh air and cold water."

It is surprising how so many strive to make life not worth living, instead of doing all in their power to make it a pleasure to live. The man who takes his wages on Saturday and squanders them in a time of drunkenness, regardless of what becomes of wife and helpless children, will find but little value in existence. It would be better for the world if such were not in it. There are thousands in the world at present of no more use to their generation than so many vermin. Every youth should form at the outset of his career the solemn purpose to make the most and best of his Heaven-born powers. The mystery of our being, the necessity of action, the relation of cause to effect, the dependence of one thing upon another, proclaim that life is for a noble end. No one can pursue a worthy object with the concentrated powers of his mind, and have his life end in failure. It is a blushing shame that men will prostitute their being from the dawn of manhood to the end of life, so as to defeat the very purpose of existence. Let a man pursue the path of morality and sanctity, let him be kind of heart and chaste in his language, ardent in affection, and noble in character, and he will know and feel that life is grand.

How shall we take life? We should take it as though the world had waited for our coming;

take it as an opportunity to achieve results that will be immortal. They do wrong who undervalue life. No man can over-estimate its value. Now and again, one out of a thousand becomes famous for wisdom, intellect, or skill. The world is ready to do homage to these, yet it is only an illustration of what others may do, if life is taken hold of with a fixed purpose. Each man was sent into this world to be a growing power. The world is spread around him to be seized and conquered. I would say to the young man, never despair, never be cast down by misfortune; the failure of your earthly enterprises does not mean that life is a failure.

Of all things that tend to sweeten life and to make it worth living, love stands at the head. True love gives an impetus to the fulfilment of the obligations of life. It inspires to noble deeds. Through its influence enormous sacrifices are made for the good of others. Love warms the heart and mellows the affections, and true philanthropy is the result. The more of love there is, the richer is our world.

Life then is worth living, if the laws laid down for its government be fulfilled. It has its cares and sorrows, but many a thrill of gladness pervades the heart, when the thoughts are fixed upon the more glorious life beyond the tomb. Then let none say that life is not worth living. Perhaps you have been blessed by a tender flower of love that brought joy and gladness into your home, and you have done your best to nourish it, but the Angel of God was sent to earth to pluck it and transplant it in the Eden above. If that has been your lot, after all life is worth living, even in the hope you cherish of seeing again the one that was lost to you for a season.

I repeat again that life is worth living, and the man who makes the best of it is blest above all other men. It is only when one has made the best of life, both for himself and those around him, that he will know what it is worth. Then will he begin to realize what a privilege it is to live. Then will he feel himself drawn nearer the Divine Father, who is the source of all life. Then will he be content to abide on the earth and wait till his change comes, when this life shall be merged into the more abundant life of Heaven: for

"He lives who lives to God alone
And all are dead beside."

"Oh life, life, life, thou strange, mysterious dream,
Sorrows and tears and hopes, a weird and sobbing stream:
For the pulses of the heart are blent with many a pain:
Yet through the tossing flood we pass to richest gain—
To gain a life through death, with many things that be,
When the shadowy hours of time become eternity."—W

Address by Miss L. V. Rioch.

The following is a model Christian Endeavor address given by Miss L. V. Rioch, president of the Church of the Disciples Y. P. S. C. E., before an audience in the A. M. E. Church, Thursday evening, September 17th. As the result of the meeting held there, a Christian Endeavor society has been organized, and at our next Union meeting we expect to greet our colored brethren. Miss Rioch said:

"The work of the Society of Christian Endeavor is preparation for service. The demand, everywhere, is for skilled workmen. The person who can do nothing well must be content with odd jobs and scant remuneration. The one who is master of any one branch of industry is almost sure of constant employment if he be willing to use his skill faithfully and honestly.

The demand in the Church to-day is not unlike that in the industrial world. The important and delicate pieces of work cannot be left to novices. If there is need of skill in the common industries of life there is surely need of skill in the work of God—work that will last forever, and which has to do with the needs of human souls.

The Society of Christian Endeavor seeks to give this preparation—skill in the use of God's word, and in dealing with men, and above this that personal preparation of heart and life which is necessary to effectual Christian activity. Here we may take, as it were, a coal from God's altar, and go forth with the divine message on our lips, here may our hands be trained to beautiful and helpful ministries, and our feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace and made swift to bring good tidings. Here we may begin to say "Here am I, O Lord, send me!"

Shall we grudge the time, the thought, the labor, necessary for this preparation, when we remember that Christ gave thirty years in preparing for His three years' service, and that the apostles were three years His constant companions in order that they might be fitted for their work? Let us not think that when we have held our weekly prayer-meeting that our work is done. It is only begun. "The secret of loyalty to the pledge is in the hour of secret devotion," says a watchful observer. Our public duties are like the hands of a watch which all may see, while behind them is the delicate workmanship, which must daily be wound up, and kept free from rust and friction; so we must keep our souls pure, or our public duties will cease."

The Passing Year.

The Year's soft Spring, whose bounty gave

Its meed of blooming flowers,

Like them, hath faded in the grave

Of Summer's glowing hours

And Summer now to swift decay

Doth see her glories fade,

Her fervent brightness pass away

In Autumn's golden shade

Yet not before with fostering care

She decked the verdant land,

Did Spring her tender offspring spare

To Summer's harsh command

Nor yet before with richest store

The fruitful year was crowned,

Did Summer hear at Autumn's door

Her dying requiem sound;

That Autumn now, with smiling face,

Might bless with wine and corn

Frail man dependent on her grace

Against old Winter's storm.

And thus may we, in youth's soft Spring,

Pure seed of goodness sow;

In manhood's Summer fruit forth bring

True godliness to show.

That in the Winter of old age,

As death storms gather round,

With golden deeds in fullest gauge

Our garners may be found.—

Hamilton, Sept. 26th, 1871.

S. A. Morgan, B. A.

Reading

"The habit of reading, I make bold to tell you, is your pass to the greatest, the purest and the most perfect pleasures that God has prepared for His creatures. Other pleasures may be more ecstatic; but the habit of reading is the only enjoyment I know in which there is no alloy. It lasts when all other pleasures fade."—Anthony Trollope.

"Life being short and the quiet hours of it few, we ought to waste none of it in reading valueless books."

—John Ruskin.

"Books!—the chosen depositories of the thoughts, the opinions and the aspirations of mighty intellects:—like wondrous mirrors that have caught and fixed bright images of souls that have passed away; like magic lyres, whose masters have bequeathed them to the world, and which yet of themselves ring with un-forgotten music, while the hands that touched their chords have crumbled in the dust."

While we are boys and girls we have (at least the majority of us) the most time for reading, and the hours spent in this way are

full of delight and pleasure. When we leave school and have to face the practical work of every day life, our time seems so fully occupied that unless we guard it carefully we will have no margin or a very small one left for this enjoyment. We should all read and read regularly, having a purpose in our reading. We all desire knowledge. When we think of how little time we devote to reading, we excuse ourselves by saying we have no leisure. "No one has leisure who lives to a purpose. The truly noble and great people in this world are busy people." We all know people who have leisure and yet do not read so much as those whose opportunities are less and whose work occupies a large portion of their time. How often have we been inspired when we have taken a book and read the thoughts of some great mind, and felt that in some measure at least we were capable of appreciating them. While planning a course of reading for these long evenings do not forget that we have a History and Science class, to which you are cordially and heartily invited. It has been the source of a great deal of pleasure and profit to those who have availed themselves of its opportunities. We have had our eyes opened to the beauties of Nature, we have seen God's hand guiding the destinies of nations and individuals. We have learned to know our Heavenly Father better, to know something of the wonderful laws by which He governs the world. During the coming winter we are going to try to learn all we can about two great nations, to whom the world is so much indebted, Greece and Rome, and to push further into the fairy land of Science.—C.K.

Convention Jottings.

By Thomas Morris Jr.

III—FIRST DAY IN MINNEAPOLIS.

A SHORT walk brought your delegates to the convention-hall, a massive building of brick and iron, the three floors containing seven and a half acres. We ascended by a flight of steps and found ourselves with thousands of others, in a large room fitted up with many booths; one was the post-office, another the bureau for information, a third the registration department, a fourth was reserved for the sale of Christian Endeavor literature. Upon registering we received envelopes, each containing a souvenir programme of the services, a convention badge, and a pamphlet containing a selection of hymns chosen from the new Christian

Endeavor hymn book. We followed the crowd, passing up one staircase after another, onward and upward, ever upward, until we had climbed no less than one hundred and ten steps. We then passed through the door leading into the great auditorium. We paused a moment to take breath; what a magnificent scene presented itself to our eyes! Seats for 11,000 people, standing room for 4,000 more, the forty-four States of the Union designated, and the position of their delegates plainly recognized by signs and banners, immense iron pillars supporting a wide expanse of glass roof, a platform of huge proportions, the lower section containing fifty reporters, the next above, the officers of the U. S. C. E. and the speakers, the next higher section, the numerous visiting clergyman, while back and above these sections arose a grand choir-loft, containing over 1,000 singers. To still more enhance the beauty of the scene the platform and choir-loft were framed with flags, bunting and evergreens, the whole crowned with the motto, "For Christ and the Church." It was a magnificent spectacle and we were greatly impressed with the scene. Canada's position in the hall was excellent, being situated just in front of the platform. The Union Jack and Stars and Stripes were lovingly interwoven and fastened with the C. E. monogram.

The first day was mainly occupied with addresses of welcome. The response to these was entrusted to Rev. Geo. H. Wells, D. D., of Montreal, and nobly did he rise to the occasion. The little Canadian band was proud of its countryman. The following is a sentence or two from Dr. Well's address:

"This convention is international as well as interdenominational. In behalf of the Canadians here present, I owe an especially warm and grateful acknowledgment for the welcome you have given. We come from homes in the far North. We trust that our hearts are not cold; but if they were as frigid as the Canadian climate is sometimes supposed to be, they must quickly soften in the sunshine of your presence. [Applause.] It is good for citizens of different countries, as well as for members of different churches, sometimes to meet together. Such intercourse broadens views, dispels prejudice and promotes respect for one another. It teaches us that all the virtues and advantages do not belong to any single clime or country. It shows us that beneath our seeming differences there lies our common manhood, having the same great hopes and needs."

If the three delegates from Hamilton did

nothing more than dispel numerous absurd ideas held by many Americans concerning Canada, their mission in going to Minneapolis was not wholly in vain. Dr. Wells said on this point:

"Many of you have supposed that our portion of Canada is wholly Roman Catholic and French. Persons who knew that I lived in Montreal have been surprised to hear me speak English and have asked if I did not always preach in French at home. [Laughter] You have thought that the Province of Quebec was a poor, priest-ridden, benighted country, a very Nazareth out of which no good thing could ever come. Now, what will you say when I tell you that the Christian Endeavor movement comes from the Province of Quebec? Whom do you most love and praise as the leader and founder of this work? Who is the man whom Christian Endeavorers most delight to honor, talking of him with filial affection, and calling him 'Father Endeavor' Clark? [Applause.] Who do you think he is? Whence do you suppose he comes? I will tell you, for I am sure a great many of you do not know. He is a native Canadian; he was born in the Province of Quebec, not far from the city of Montreal. [Applause.]"

In the evening General Secretary J. W. Baer read the annual report. One clause of the report will be especially interesting to Canadians:

"And now as to our friends, brethren and sisters across the imaginary line, who have adopted the Christian Endeavor principles so enthusiastically. Canada has reported societies in every single Province throughout the Dominion. The five Provinces having the greatest number of societies are as follows: Ontario, having 458; Nova Scotia, 156; Quebec, 63; New Brunswick, 36; and British Columbia, 25. In all Canada there are 829 societies. Loyal as they are, every one of them, to the Union Jack, with its cross of St. Andrew and St. George, and with hands clasped in ours in Christian Endeavor, while over us wave the Stars and Stripes, we both take step, and shoulder to shoulder, with a united front, place in the van and above all other emblems the blood-stained banner of the cross, believing it to be a portent of disaster to the hosts of sin and a pledge and prophecy of victory for the army of the living God. Surely, surely, ours is an international movement.

But what of the United States, the land of its nativity? Briefly, let me name the five States which have the largest number of societies within their borders. New York,

long the "banner" State, still leads the list with 2,354 societies; then Pennsylvania comes along with 1,464; Ohio, with 1,661; Illinois has 1,043; and Massachusetts 918; and a number of other States are not far behind, crowding one upon another, for every single State and Territory is represented."

The total number of societies, as shewn by the report, is 16,274, with a total membership of 1,068,980. The report was received with great enthusiasm. Rev. Dr. Clark, president of the U. S. C. E., followed with the annual address. He emphasized the two important features of the Christian Endeavor movement; Fidelity to the local church, Fellowship cemented by a common name; and also the motto for the coming year, "One is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren."

Bishop John H. Vincent was to have preached the convention sermon, but unfortunately was delayed through illness. Gen. Sec'y. Baer announced that Bishop Vincent, who was on the programme for the annual sermon, was unable to be present. He had come as far as Chicago, hoping to be able to preach, but the state of his health had compelled him to cancel all his engagements. Mr. Baer stated that Dr. Vincent had said to him and to Mr. Sankey at Chicago, "Had I been a Presbyterian or Congregationalist, I should not have come thus far; but being a Methodist I thought I would try and come so that I might show my sympathy with the Christian Endeavor movement." The audience greeted this statement with prolonged applause.

Dr. O. H. Tiffany, pastor of the Hennepin Avenue Methodist Church, Minneapolis, took Bishop Vincent's place, and preached a powerful sermon from the text: "That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us; that the world may believe that thou hast sent me."

Sixty-eight Years ago.

Description of property conveyed by Robert Land to trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, dated June 11th, 1823

"In the Township of Barton, containing by estimation 1 acre and 8 perches, known as follows, that is to say; Beginning at the South-West corner or angle of lot number 12 in the second Concession of Barton aforesaid, thence South 72 degrees East 3 chains, thence North 18 degrees East 3 chains and 50 links, thence North 72 degrees West 3 chains, thence South 18 degrees West 3 chains and 50 links to the place of beginning."

Committee Reports.

Will the members of our society who at any time find it necessary to absent themselves for any length of time, from the meetings, kindly notify the secretary, giving their addresses, and the reason of absence? This will not only help in the marking of the secretary's book, but will prove an assistance to the lookout committee.

—IDA LAVERY, Secretary.

67 East Avenue North.

LOOKOUT. Since sending in our last monthly report the time of our meeting has been changed from Tuesday to Monday evening. This change does away with the excuse of some that they could not attend both the Endeavor and Church prayer-meetings, as they followed one another so closely. But still some do not come. Let us read our pledge over very carefully, and strive in our Master's strength to obey that part which says,—“I shall do whatever He would like to have me do,” and if we do this every day, many of our so-called reasons for staying from the meetings will vanish. Then let us shine for Jesus, wherever and whenever he gives us the opportunity.

“Shining because you are walking
In the Sun's unclouded rays,
And you cannot help reflecting
The light on which you gaze.”

The average attendance of active members for the past five meetings has been fifty, and of this number sixty-four per cent. have taken part by reading verses, or by words of testimony, or prayer. Each evening some three or four of our members assist in the meeting at the Mission, which is still held on Monday evening. We have much pleasure in proposing that the names of the following be added to the active membership list:—Misses Fletcher, Campbell, Dunn and Elliott.—*Annie Henry.*

PRAYER MEETING. Our regular prayer services have been held each Monday evening as usual during the month of September. They are a source of profit and inspiration to us all; and, if, with the energy, thought and prayer that we give our meetings, we love them; think if you can what a joy they would become if we doubled our energies. The meetings belong to every member equally. Will not each one say for the future, I will, for the Master's sake, take a part,—a share—in the investment, and also in the returns. The verse you learned and repeated for His sake, to-night, cost you an effort; but it helped the meeting; that was your investment. Some day God will speak to you directly through that verse, then will come the return. Our motto is “For Christ and the Church,” and we are willing to try to help in the regular Wednesday evening prayer meeting; by three of our members taking part in each service.

On Monday evening, October 12th, the regular quarterly Union meeting of all the Christian Endeavor societies of the city will be held in Erskine Church. The leaders are:—October 19th, Miss A. Ripley; Oct. 26th, Mr. K. W. Snider, (Consecration Meeting); Nov. 2nd, Miss Nettie Raycroft.—*M. Lounsbury.*

SOCIAL. During the past month we have noticed a greater effort on the part of the members of the society to become better acquainted with the strangers and visitors who attend our meetings. Do not hurry away at the close of the meeting, but wait, and have a few friendly words for the stranger. On September 15th we held a very successful social in the school-room, and we take this opportunity of thanking all those who so kindly assisted us with the programme. Collection taken at door, \$26.00.—*Avesa Raycroft.*

FLOWER.

“Oh, if earth's ruined wilderness affords
So many flowers, breathing of love divine,
How gloriously that promised land must shine
That waits the followers of earth's mighty Lord!”

The wild asters of the wood, and the golden-rod have come, and lent their aid for the time, to brighten our church. Now they have gone, however, and we shall have to depend solely on the flowers sent by the friends. During the month we have sent flowers to Mrs. Laking, Mrs. Rason, Miss F. Reid, Miss Hayne and Mr. Miller. Of one of this number, we have to record the death: Miss Mary Hayne, after a lingering illness, passed away to that land “Where everlasting Spring abides and never withering flowers.” The flowers sent this month serve to remind us that our friends do not forget the committee and its work. Our thanks are due to Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Howard, Miss Gildon and Miss Bastedo.—*M. Kerruish.*

MUSIC. Your committee wish to thank those who have given in hymns which they desired sung, and would like if others would do the same. It would add greater interest to our meetings, if the members of the society would join more heartily in the singing. A larger number of impromptu hymns would also help the services.—*Belle Jarvis.*

TEMPERANCE. As announced in our report last month, a meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E. Temperance committees was held on Friday the 2nd inst, in Central Endeavor Hall, Walnut Street South. Thirteen societies were represented, and your committee were highly gratified with the very generous response, and the sympathy shown for the work. The convener of your committee was appointed to the chair and Mr. McKenzie of the McNab Street Christian Endeavor was elected secretary. A profitable evening was spent, and it was decided to meet again next month. It was also decided to request the conveners of the different Temperance committees to bring in reports from their respective societies, as to the nature of their work.—*G. F. Fisher.*

MISSION. We are truly thankful to our Heavenly Father for the increased interest manifested in our meetings during the month that has just closed. We have had several very blessed meetings of late. God's spirit is moving the hearts of some of our people. One little girl especially, who gave us considerable trouble by her bad conduct a few months since, now says, that she wants to belong to Jesus, and be His child. There is certainly a marked change in her behavior. Two boys have sought and found Christ. We feel that,

“Mercy drops round us are falling,
But for the showers we plead.”

We are still visiting from house to house, distributing tracts and dropping a kind word, here and there as time and opportunity permit. Through the kindness of a few friends, we have been enabled to purchase and pay for three dozen Hymn Books, “Songs and Solos,” and we would take this opportunity of thanking them for thus helping along our Master's work. We would also thank those who have assisted us. Our young friends have responded nobly to the invitation, “Come and help us at the Mission.” We are glad to welcome home our fellow-worker, Miss Jennie Mathews. She was at her place in the Mission the next day after her arrival.

The leaders for October will be the same as last month. If thought advisable, your committee would like to have a Mission anniversary, to take place early

in November. It has also been suggested that we open a night-school at the Mission. The average attendance during the month has been as follows: Sunday-school, 18; Sunday evening, 31; Monday evening, 24; Thursday evening, 13. These numbers do not include Sabbath-school teachers or Band workers.

"O Sun, on our souls, first arise,
Give us light for the spirits that grope!
Make us loving, and steadfast, and loyal;
To bear up humanity's hope,
O Friend that forsakest us never,
Breathe through us Thine errands forever."

—Mrs. G. F. Fisher.

VISITING. During the month of September your committee have had the pleasure of making four-teen calls on the sick and suffering of our congregation. Miss Hayne, whom we visited, has been called Home, to live forever with Jesus.

"As Jesus died and rose again
Victorious from the dead,
So His disciples rise and reign
With their triumphant Head,
Together to their Father's house,
With joyful hearts, they go,
And dwell forever with the Lord,
Beyond the reach of we."

—Mrs. R. W. Biggar.

DORCAS. We are pleased to report that our candidate for the Deaf and Dumb Institute has been accepted. We received lately a letter from the Superintendent of that Institute, stating that she is quite well, happy and contented. She likes to be there and is anxious to learn. She is a capable girl and they think will make satisfactory progress. Her mother went to Belleville with Katie and although troubled at leaving her she felt that her daughter was in a good place. The Superintendent also sent us a list of clothing she would need for the winter, and this has nearly all been promised us by friends. Your committee opened the sewing class the first of October. We bought man-in for aprons, and purpose having each girl make one for herself, then when all are finished, we intend having a little social evening with the girls and their friends to distribute the aprons.

—A. Jarvis.

PUBLISHING. We desire to thank the following friends who have paid their subscriptions during the past month:—Miss Anderson, Mrs. Buscombe, Mr. T. Cook Jr., Mr. Carpenter, Mrs. Davey, Mrs. Dean, Mrs. Dodson, Mrs. H. Gayler, Mrs. Gildon, Mr. J. Hamilton, Mrs. Harrison, Mr. A. Hayes, Mr. T. Hazell, Miss C. Kerruish, Mrs. T. Kilvington Sr., Mrs. T. Kilvington Jr., Miss M. Magen, Mr. J. Mathews, Miss McCaddan, Mrs. McFerren, Mr. C. Mills, Miss K. Mosgrove, Toronto; Mrs. Mottashed, Miss Old, Mr. Geo. Poulter, Mr. Rason, Mrs. Ross, Miss J. Sarginson, Mr. I. Smuck, Mr. Smith, Mr. K. W. Snider, Mr. J. Skinner, Miss D. Soper, Guelph; Mr. Nellie Stevens, Mr. W. Sutton, Los Angeles; Mr. R. S. Wallace, Mr. F. Whitelock, Mr. H. S. Williams, Mrs. Wright, Miss Maud Fletcher, Miss Emily Morris, Morrisburg; and Miss L. Murray.

—Allan Davis.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL. In presenting the first quarterly report of this term, we feel grateful for the way our school has prospered; although there has been a decrease in regular attendance, yet we have increased in number. In marking the attendance for September, we found a decided improvement over the two previous months, and we hope this may continue. We are pleased to add the names of the following persons to our auxiliary staff of teachers:—Misses L. Mosgrove, I. Wright, E. Kappel, N. Hughes, and B. Jarvis. We would like to suggest to the teachers

that more care be taken in marking the attendance each Sunday in the class books, and think it would be advisable if a uniform system of marking was adopted.

Our Mutual Improvement Society has reorganized. Two very successful meetings have been held, and all seem quite enthusiastic and ready for earnest work.

We beg leave to submit the following report of the Sunday-school for the quarter ending September 27th: Officers and teachers—officers, 9; teachers, 40; total, 55; average attendance, 40. Scholars—primary, 134; boys, 195; girls, 244; pastor's Bible class, 31; total membership, 650; membership last quarter, 634; increase, 25. Average attendance for quarter, 445.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

From Officers,	\$ 10 30
" Scholars,	114 87
" Primary,	8 88

Total Contributions, \$134 05

Average Contributions each Sunday, \$10.30.

REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 27th, '01

To Balance from last quarter,	\$201 35
" Contributions received this quarter, ..	134 05

Total, \$335 40

By Chalk, 25c.; Music Books, \$2.40,	\$ 2 65
" Orchestra, \$13.00; J. Burns, \$25.00, ..	40 00
" Picnic deficiency,	30 00
" Sinking Fund for enlargement of S. S. ..	100 00

Total, \$172 65

Balance carried forward, \$162.75.

—Lizzie Reid.

JUNIOR ENDEAVOR. The leaders for this month are as follows:—4th, Maud Mottashed; 11th, Alice Kappel; 18th, Willie Fisher; 25th, consecration service, Roy VanWyck. We are saving up our money for the purpose of putting a bulletin board in front of our church. In our meetings we use the same topics as the senior society. The leader selects the hymns and Mr. Morris accompanies the singing with his concertina. We read the lesson, giving such explanations as we can. Each member brings a verse, containing a certain word, which is thought to be the principal one in the sentence. In the case of those who feel unable to make a prayer for themselves, we have secured small slips with sentence prayers printed upon them. We meet in room No. 6, up-stairs, at ten o'clock every Sunday morning. All boys and girls between years old and under are cordially invited. We hope that you will give us your prayers.

—Roy VanWyck.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Collections, \$3.20; Social, Sept. 15th, \$28.00, ..	\$31 20
From Publishing committee,	16 50
Total,	\$47 70

By F. McIlroy, \$9.00; J. Eastwood, \$1.75, ..	\$10 75
On Flower account,	4 60
By Delegates to Minneapolis Convention, ..	6 00
Services of D. T. Stuart,	2 00
Dorcas com., \$1.00; C'taker of Mission, \$2.20, ..	3 20
Rent of Mission,	5 00
Printing September ENDEAVORER,	16 50
By J. Hamilton,	25

Total, \$47 70

—Jennie Harvey.

Mutual Improvement Society.

The first term of the Mutual Improvement Society of the First Methodist Church having ended and the second term commenced, I beg to submit the following report: Our meetings, as a society, began on Friday, February 27th, 1891, with the following officers; president, Miss I. Lavery; vice-president, Miss A. Henry; treasurer, A. Truman; and secretary, K. Ripley. Fifteen meetings were held during the four months. The average number of members on the roll was twenty-three; the average attendance, seventeen; which is about seventy-four per cent., a very good showing for so young a society. Two socials were held, at which the members of the society regaled themselves with coffee, cake and fruit. A pic-nic was held at the Beach, which was voted by all present to be the most enjoyable one they had ever attended. The society is very thankful to Mr. Morris for his kindness in being present at one of the meetings with his rare collection of pressed plants and leaves, and explaining to us their peculiarities. The society held one open concert, in the Sunday-school room, which, for a first attempt, was very successful, and it shows us what we can do with a little exertion.

Each one has been greatly benefitted by the readings, speeches, songs, games and social intercourse with one another as members of this society. It has certainly done us all good, although it may seem almost imperceptible at present. It is to be hoped that each member will unite with the ensuing officers to make this a flourishing society, a credit to ourselves. Let us have more debates, readings, songs, concerts and social nights, and the society will not want for members. The newly elected officers are: president, Miss A. Henry; vice-president, James Lavelle; treasurer, A. Truman; secretary, R. C. Ripley.—*R. Ripley, Sec'y.*

Peterboro Convention.

The third Provincial Convention meets in Peterboro, October 21st, 22nd, and 23rd. Among the speakers will be Mr. J. W. Baer, General Secretary of the United Society. Mr. Baer will also conduct the Question Drawer. Delegates are requested to have their questions written out, carefully, before going to the Convention. The fare from Hamilton and return is \$4.80. A special car, ornamented with flags and bunting, will convey the fortunate representatives. All

delegates desiring accommodations are requested to forward their names immediately to Mr. N. M. Leckie, secretary of the Hamilton Union, No. 9 West Avenue South. It is to be hoped that Hamilton societies will send a large delegation; it will greatly stimulate those who go and their usefulness will be very much increased. There will be seven additional societies to report.

Science Class.

The opening meeting of the Science Class, held Tuesday evening, September 22nd, was very successful in point of numbers and interest. The subject, "Sound," was nicely illustrated by Mr. J. T. Crawford B. A. On account of the special W. C. T. U. meetings, held in the church, it was thought advisable to withdraw the next meeting, which was to have been taken up with an address from Mr. VanWyck on the "Different civilizations existing previous to the Grecian." Attendance twenty-seven.

Sunday-School Statistics.

	Scholars.	Officers & Teachers	Collection.
Sept. 6	470	46	\$12 14
" 13	464	54	12 97
" 20	413	54	11 39
" 27	439	49	10 08

Average collection, \$11.65.

Average attendance, 505.

Our pastor's contributions to these columns are always acceptable; and the readers of the ENDEAVORER, we know, appreciate his helpful remarks. We hope the young people will carefully read what he has to say on the important subject, "Is life worth living", found in this month's issue. The article is full of stimulating thought and words of cheer.

The study of the Sunday-school lessons, conducted by the Hon. R. Moreton, in the Centenary Church school-room, has commenced, and it is to be hoped that our teachers will attend every Friday evening.

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