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A Retrospect.

THE history of the First Meth. Church is full of interest. It is the record of noble work done for the Master, and the foundations raised in the early days have been found secure for the structure that has been raised upon them. The spot upon which this church stands is indeed historic ground. Here the first school-house in Hamilton was erected, and the children of the early settlers came to be taught reading, writing and arithmetic. This centre of educational influence stood where Mr. Bristow's house is at present, and was used on the Sabbath for a place of worship. The site for the church was deeded to the Methodists by the father of Col. Land on the 11th of June, 1823. It seems fitting that the first family to settle in Hamilton should give to God's people the ground upon which to build a house to worship Him in. In 1824 the church was opened and was considered the finest one in this part of the Province. For a number of years it was the only place of worship in Hamilton, and was attended by people of all denominations. The names of the noble men and women who founded

Methodism in our city, should be held in loving remembrance by us. We find names in connection with our church which will always fill a place in the history of our country. Perhaps the most illustrious name of all is one dear to every Canadian, that of Egerton Ryerson, who was connected with this church at an early period. One of our ministers at the recent Centennial meeting held in Centenary Church, said that among the heroes of the past, side by side with Pym and Hampden, would rank the name of Egerton Ryerson, the man who for years fought for equal rights in connection with the Methodist Church. We all know something of the grand work he has done for our country in giving her the best Public Schools in the world. His wife, Hannah Aikman, who was one of the Sunday School scholars, lies buried in the hallowed ground surrounding the church, and the stone that was placed over her grave can still be seen with its quaint inscription.

TO THE MEMORY OF

Mrs. Hannah Ryerson,

WIFE OF

Egerton Ryerson, a Methodist Itinerant Preacher.

SHE WAS BORN AUGUST 4th, 1804.

DIED JANUARY 31st, 1832.

In sure and certain hope of Eternal Life,
Through the atonement and mediation
of a crucified Saviour.

SHE WALKED WITH GOD.

Meet for the fellowship above,
She heard the call, arise my love,
I come! her dying words replied,
And lamb-like, as her Lord, she died.

Our oldest written record in connection with the Sunday School goes back to June 18th, 1826, when we have the names of twelve boys and twenty-four girls. The names are all familiar to those who know anything about the early history of Hamilton. The boys class was composed of the following members:—Collins Barnham, Oliver Springer, Quitton Price, Richard Springer, John Mills, Josuha Applegath, Robert Land,

Leonard Evans, John Brigg, Michael Mills, John Spawn, George Case. The girls were;—Mary, Elizabeth and Jane Sheldon, Mary Barnham, Melinda McCan, Hannah Land, Sarah Price, Jane Carey, Lucinda Springer, Sarah DePew, Charlotte B—, Hannah Aikman, Isabella Land, Annie Wedge, Adeline Case, Deborah Horning, Cestina Shearman, Judith Knight, Matilda Case, Betsy Horning, Mary Ann Price, Hannah Mills.

In 1835 a new constitution was framed for the Sunday School, and its name changed from Methodist Episcopal to Wesleyan Methodist. The late Mr. T. Bickle was then Superintendent. About this time the population was increasing rapidly in Hamilton, many people coming here from the Old Land. The Methodists from England did not assimilate with the early Methodists here, and leased a church on John Street, where Gurney's foundry now stands, for a place of worship. They occupied this till 1841, when their new church, Wesley or Brick Church, as it was then called, was completed. The people from King Street Church moved into the vacated church immediately, as their own building was outside the city limits. After a short time, however, the two churches united; and to accommodate them a gallery was built in Brick Church which made it large enough for the united congregations. Thus the Sunday Schools and Churches were so merged into each other that for some time it is impossible to speak of their history separately. King Street Church remained unoccupied and gradually became dilapidated. Good work was being done by the united schools, as we find that they organized a Mission school in the West End of the city, and generously gave part of their library to it. The Mission had an attendance of sixty-seven scholars and seven teachers. The people were very anxious to have the Sunday School workers in their midst, and the result of the Mission School is Zion Tabernacle.

Soon the Brick Church would not accommodate the congregation that gathered within its walls from Sabbath to Sabbath, and it was felt the time had come to build a new church. The McNab Street Church was erected, and the people who had formed the congregation of Old King Street went en masse to the new church. In 1849 the necessity of opening a Sunday School in the eastern part of the city was felt, and the old church was repaired and opened for this purpose. The ceiling being high, it was found difficult to make it warm in winter time, so boards were placed across the gallery to form

a double ceiling which made it comfortable during the cold weather. The late Edward Jackson acted as Superintendent for some time. Upon his resignation Mr. John Spencer was appointed, filling the position until June, 1850, when Mr. John W. Bickle succeeded him. For twelve years this gentleman filled the position, during which time the school prospered wonderfully. Its beginnings were small and the work hard; but consecrated energy sees difficulties but to overcome them. The Superintendent with his noble band of workers (a few of whom we have among us yet) surmounted obstacles that would have quenched the ardor of less loyal hearts; and we find the number of scholars steadily increasing, till, from a school of less than one hundred scholars, it grew to have upwards of five hundred. For some time, only the Sunday School was held at King Street Church, but soon the workers saw that much could be accomplished by holding preaching services. Accordingly, an evening service was commenced and continued until 1853, or 1854, the church was remodelled and opened for regular services. Revs. Eliot and Harper were ministers in the city at that time, and the three churches, King, Wesley and McNab, were in one circuit. Some of the Methodist families living in the eastern part of the city, continued to attend McNab Street Church, as the associations were so pleasant, but soon felt it would be the better plan to connect themselves with King Street. Mrs. Kilvington (who is one of our oldest members) and her family were among those who at this time left McNab Street and connected themselves with our church.

The Sunday School continued to increase so rapidly, that it was found necessary to build several additions to the church, in order to accommodate the scholars. It was sometimes called the "Cathedral church" on this account. The additions in the shape of wings were built on each side while a large room was added at the back, for the Bible class, which numbered about seventy members. This class was taught by Miss Armstrong.

In 1862 Mr. John W. Bickle was forced to resign his position on account of ill health, and was succeeded by Mr. James H. Stannard. In 1863 one of the teachers, Mr. Armstrong, suggested the plan of giving the collection of the first Sabbath in the month as a Missionary offering. The plan met with the approval of the Sunday School and for twenty-eight years we have continued this course. *(To be continued.)*

The Greatness of Little Things.

The little moments as they fly
So swiftly, surely, ever by,
Are pivots which our lives turn on,
And countless ages rest upon.

The little drops of rain that fall,
To moisten this terrestrial ball,
Make up the ocean's vast expanse,
The cataract and avalanche.

The grains of sand beneath our feet,
That rise in clouds the winds to greet,
Are particles of mountains high,
Whose lofty summits reach the sky.

And so a little thought or deed,
Of blessedness may be the seed,
The fruit of which shall ever bloom,
When we are passed beyond the tomb.

Then let our thoughts, words, actions be
Pure, gentle full of charity;
For gentle words and deeds of love
Are emblems of the life above.

GEO. W. ARMSTRONG.

London, Ont., March 10th, '91.

Life on the Prairies.

(By Thos. Morris Jr.)

I pulled myself up cautiously and tried to walk tenderly, as if on eggs, but down I went plunging in the snow every second step, after a few trials, I really felt like turning back and, yet, that would have necessitated my going clear back to Winnipeg again, and going around by a different route, so I determined to press on through the snow. I went a few yards on my elbows and knees, until that got tiresome; then I lay at full length on the snow, and rolled over and over like a barrel, then, for a change, I turned somersaults, and so on. By ridiculous expedients such as these, I at last covered two or three miles, and I managed to reach Shank's shanty at sunset. It had taken me six hours to travel four miles.

Although it was a cold day, I found this method of travelling very heating and somewhat fatiguing. Fortunately, there were a few loaves of bread in Shank's trunk, (frozen solid of course) and a tea-caddy with some tea in it. There was some wood lying near a sheet iron stove which had seen better days. The top of the stove was burned almost off, and I had to lay a spade and a piece of tin over the holes in order to make it go. I was not long lighting the fire. I put on the crazy old stove a pot full of ice

and snow, and soon had hot water; then I put in a handful of tea, some sugar; and with an axe, I split up some bread in chunks, and put that in also. This made rather good hash for a hungry man. I felt as happy as a king. This was a sumptuous feast, and my courage rose with the eating. I was now equal for anything. I had been puzzling my brain, how to make a pair of snow-shoes. There did not seem to be any suitable material around, so I sawed off the end of a board, three feet long and twelve inches wide, and cut it in two, I had then two pieces six inches by three feet. I got some leather from an old pair of shoes, and, with this, made two clamps for my feet, next I tied my feet to the boards with bits of rope and off I started.

It was getting dark; but the stars were shining brightly, and I had no fear. I was used to travelling at night, and could direct my course as accurately, with the aid of the stars, as if in broad day light; and I could tell within ten minutes, what time it was, by the position of the Little Bear swinging around the pole star, hanging by its tail. I was not used to snow-shoeing, however, and as my make-shifts were rather clumsy, I pitched headlong many times into the snow, and had quite a time extricating myself, but on I went, and sometimes trotting, sometimes walking, I cleared the eight miles in about three hours, and reached the settlement that night, much to the astonishment of the neighbors, who were amazed at my daring tramp. My improvised snow shoes had carried me successfully along, and, but for them, I might have had some serious difficulty in getting through.

(To be continued.)

For the Master.

"MY WORD SHALL NOT RETURN UNTO ME VOID."

One little word for the Master,
Can we not speak in His name?
Knowing "His grace is sufficient"
This promise we always may claim.

Though spoken in faltering weakness
We know not how some heart may be
Strengthened and cheered by the power
Of that word breathed in love, nor how we

In witnessing thus for the Master
In whom we rejoice and believe
While telling His love and His goodness
Our own hearts a blessing receive.

J. H.

Committee Reports.

LOOKOUT COMMITTEE. After having gone carefully over the record of attendance and responses for the month of March, which contained five meetings of Christian Endeavor. We said "it cannot be possible, that, with an average attendance of seventy-four only forty-one per cent. of the whole have taken part, we will go over these figures again." But the second result was the same as the first. So we present them with an earnest appeal, that the members of this society remember their PLEDGE, and take their promised part. Remember, it is the accumulation of drops that make the ocean, and just as surely the accumulation of testimony and scripture proof that make a grand meeting; and the lack of it, what you will all call a poor one. Let every one say "I will take some part," and success is insured. We recommend the names of six persons, desirous of becoming active members, be added to the list.

M. LOUNSBURY.

PRAYER MEETING COMMITTEE. Your committee have been pleased to notice that some of the active members, who have been in taking part in our meetings, during the past month have boldly testified for the Master. We sincerely hope that others will follow their example. The leaders for the next month are as follows:—Apr. 14th, Mr. Hannon; Apr. 21st, Mr. Fisher; Apr. 28th, Consecration Service, Mr. Morris Jr.; May 5th, Miss Kappelle.

J. E. LAVERY, *Convener.*

SOcial COMMITTEE. During the past month we have noticed an earnest endeavor on the members of the society, to become acquainted with the strangers and visitors that attend our meetings. We ask your help, do not leave it to the members of this committee, but let us all try to make our meetings as interesting as possible. On March 19th we held a Social in the school-room. there were not as many present as we had hoped to see, still we spent a very pleasant evening together, proceeds \$7.10.

Through the kindness of the committee having charge of the Gleaners, we are to have the Concert (which we all enjoyed so much on March 10th) repeated for our benefit, on Thursday evening, April 30th. The admission has been placed at the low price of ten cents. We hope to see a large turnout of the members of the society and their friends. It has also been decided to have a moon-light excursion in the month of June, and half of the proceeds to be given to the Ladies Aid Society, to help pay for the improvements to be made in the parsonage.

Respectfully submitted,

AVESA RAYCROFT, *Convener.*

FLOWER COMMITTEE. During the month of March, we have been enabled to distribute in all, about thirty bouquets. There has been a number of our Sunday school scholars ill. I think we sent to either six or seven on one Sunday evening. We hope that the three names still on the list among the children, will soon recover their usual health and strength. We have again to record the visit of the angel of death. Mr. D. Northey has been called away, and we are glad to know he was trusting in the Saviour, who, alone can help. Let us pray that God may comfort and strengthen his bereaved family. We would most heartily thank all those who assisted us in any way to make our Easter Services so bright

and pleasant. We found our friends very ready to do all they could, and we would take this opportunity to thank them for it.

At a meeting of the Flower Committee, held on March 17th, it was decided to ask the trustees to make the following improvements: first, that two walks be made in the grounds, so as to preserve the lawn, and make it more convenient for the public; Second, that Mr. Kilvington's kind offer to lay out and arrange flower beds for the lawn, be accepted; Third, that shade trees be procured and planted along Main Street, also evergreens around grave stones; Fourth, that water connection be provided, that a pipe be run into the cellar, and tapped in the ministers vestry, and a branch run through the wall, convenient for watering the lawn and flower beds. If this report is favorably considered, your committee recommend that the society offer to help all they can in paying for said improvements.

Respectfully submitted,

J. SARGINSON.

NOTE.—On motion, the above report was afterwards amended by striking out the first recommendation.

MUSIC COMMITTEE. The Music Committee wish to thank all who have helped them with their work during the past month. They would be glad to have a heartier response to their request for impromptu singing. Please do not depend on the choir for all the singing.

Respectfully submitted,

LIZZIE MURRAE.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE. The most serious question that came before your committee at its last session, was, "how can we secure those who drink?" We found it a difficult problem, but were agreed on one point, one which we will endeavor to carry out, and that is, "pray for them," and as these names are handed in from time to time, will make them special subjects of prayer. We will also ask the Lord to direct us in the further disposition of these cases. We aim at bringing these into the fold of Christ.

Your committee have decided to hold regular monthly meetings, on second Tuesday at 7.30 p. m. sharp. The Convener was authorized to represent the committee in conjunction with others in the renewal of licenses. Your committee recommend, that in case of the discontinuance of the union services are decided upon, we arrange with our pastor, if possible, for a temperance prayer meeting on the second Wednesday of the third month in each quarter, and that the temperance topics be taken up in the society as they appear on the card.

Geo. F. FISHER, *Convener.*

MISSION COMMITTEE. We are pleased to note a decided improvement in the services during the past month, by way of order, and more earnestness on the part of those who attend. We find the work very great, and often the the laborers very few. We would request more of those who express a desire to see Mission work prosper, come over and help us.

Early in the month the ladies of the Band of hope, gave a Social at the Mission, which consisted of a bountiful supply of refreshments, and a good program, consisting of Solos, Duets, and Readings. The ladies wish to thank (through this report) all those who so heartily responded to their request, by supplying provisions for the social. They also tender their

hearty thanks to all those who so kindly took part in the program. We would not forget to mention the kindness of a friend who handed us \$5.00 for the benefit of the Mission work, and we applied it to pay the rent for the month of April.

J. C. HARRIS, *Convener.*

VISITING COMMITTEE. Your committee in presenting their report for the month of March, feel very much encouraged in their work. The universal kindness and cordiality with which they are received during their visits make them feel they are not altogether unwelcome. During the month twenty families have been visited and though it seems a simple thing to inquire as to the welfare of our neighbors, we know "even a cup of cold water", offered in His name is accepted, and we pray this work done on the principle of our motto "For Christ and the church" is accepted by Him who said "inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me".

Your committee extend their sincere sympathy to Mrs. Northey and family, in their recent bereavement and trust it may only draw them nearer to Him who has promised to be a "husband to the widow" and "father to the fatherless". Your committee desire to express their thanks to this society, for their kindness in granting visiting cards for the use of this committee, we find them a great help in our work.

M. E. BASTEDO, *Convener.*

PUBLISHING COMMITTEE. Owing to the want of room in our paper, your committee have decided to print all committee reports and Y. P. S. C. E. correspondence, in small brevier type, thus leaving at least one page more for other reading matter. We find that those who were asked to send in notes from the different societies of our church, have not responded as we would like and we take this opportunity of asking for interesting news from any department of our church work. During last month the following have been added to our list of subscribers:—Mr. Carpenter; Mrs. Campbell; Mr. Cummer; Mr. Pescott and Miss Truman.

ALLAN DAVIS, *Convener.*

DORCAS COMMITTEE. We have held four meetings this month, and are much encouraged with the progress of the class. Our request for assistance in the case of Katie McMaster, has received attention from many friends, and we wish to give them our hearty thanks. We are sure there will be no difficulty in getting all that is necessary for her.

Respectfully submitted,

A. JARVIS.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE. During the past month your committee have obtained a record of the attendance of each scholar, (expecting those in the infant class) for the past quarter, and find that on the whole, very few are really irregular in attendance, and we expect this record to aid us in looking up all such. Each member of your committee has received the names of two or three members of our Sabbath school who do not attend our Endeavor, and these, they are personally invites to join us in our meetings. Having obtained from the class leaders the names of those who meet with them, we are pleased to see those of about one hundred and seventy scholars of our school, and believe that this number may be greatly increased, if each teacher would encourage his or scholars to attend.

Our Friday evening meeting, has, during the past month, been organized into a "Mutual Improvement Society", and we trust that it may in every particular bear out its name. We intend to hold an open meeting in the Lecture room on Thursday, May 7th. An interesting programme is being prepared, and we cordially invite our friends to be present.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNIE HENRY, *Convener.*

TREASURERS REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from February	25
Mission Collection	2 23
From Social held March 19th,	7 10
Consecration Service	3 00
From Convener of Publishing Committee,	11 25
Donation to Flower Committee	25
Total	\$25 26

EXPENDITURE

Mission Expenses	3 11
Paid on Printing Account	0
Paid on Flower Account	0
Balance on Hand	2 11
Total	\$25 26

JENNIE HARVEY, *Treasurer*

Correspondence.

Edited by Jas. Hamilton.

"Let your Light so Shine."

Shine out—some weary, sadden'd one
 May in your face the Christ-love see,
 Beaming in smile, and glance, and tone,
 From hearts which feel "Christ died for thee".

Shine strong—your fullest power to give,
 Nor count your light too small to shine;
 A ray, may show the long lost path,
 A beam, may prove a beam divine.

Shine clear—to help the wavering feet,
 The prodigal returning, guide;
 Light up the way to Calvary,
 And show a Saviour crucified.

Shine in—to wantful hearts and homes,
 With Christ like touch of sympathy;
 Pour in the balm to troubled souls,
 Give out, as God has given to thee.

Shine on—and on, and ever on,
 Unwearingly, with Abram's faith;
 Claiming each promise as your own,
 Resting secure in this—"He saith".

Shine so—that some may learn to live,
 By living, thus, may learn to die,
 In grief or joy, in life or death,
 In all, your Saviour glorify.

Shine e'en in death—the cross laid down,
 The sowing time to reaping given:
 Faith lost in sight, and prayer in praise,
 So cross this border-land, to Heaven.

B. G.

WENTWORTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SOCIETY. On Monday night last we took a run down to Wentworth Church to see how the Christian Endeavor Society there, is getting along, and found that prosperity still attends it. The membership grows steadily, numbering at present one hundred, and, of these, sixty-five are active, while the attendance at the meeting is very good. One thing apparently wants remedying, and that is the lateness in opening. If we may judge by other societies, to begin the meeting promptly at eight, no matter how few may be there, will very soon work a cure.

Three new committees have been formed this year, which means that new channels for work have been found, and work means life to this and every other society. We generally hear of some good practical ideas when we go down to Wentworth Church society, and this is the one we got on Monday night: It was suggested by one of the committees, that each member read and study the prayer-meeting topic, on Sunday afternoons from five to half-past five. Evidently our friends on Barton Street believe in preparation for the meetings, and they are right, a little more study of the topic by all the members would doubtless add much to the value of the meetings of any society.

HERKIMER STREET BAPTIST CHURCH SOCIETY. We had the pleasure of looking in for a few minutes at the meeting of the Herkimer St. Baptist Society on Tuesday night last, and was pleasantly surprised to see how large it was, and what great interest was apparently taken by all present. It was the occasion of a visit from all the young peoples societies belonging to the Baptist Churches of the city. The church was well filled by an audience of both old and young people, and an excellent spirit was manifested by the speakers and responded to by the hearers, as was quite apparent by their earnest and attentive attitude.

It strikes us that a good work is going on in the south-west part of the city through the agency of this society, such a meeting as that on Tuesday evening cannot fail to be productive of good, and also spoke plainly of a consecrated and live membership.

The Choir Concert.

THE Annual Concert which has been the object of so much pleasurable anticipation, now numbers with the successes of the past. The Choir with some additional

members and the orchestra, made a fine appearance as they took their places, filling the choir gallery and large temporary platform in the Centenary Church, on the evening of April 9th. A fine audience greeted the performers, and there were not wanting any of the requisites, that are supposed to stimulate to the best efforts. It was an odd scene to two parties in the audience. The First Church people who saw their ushers and singers in possession of the church, and to the Centenary members who were at home and yet were not at home. Those who were doubtful as to the wisdom of giving Bethany, owing to general lack of appreciation of music of that style, were soon convinced that their fears were groundless, as every one seemed delighted with the music from the start.

We do not pose as musical critics, therefore, we do not undertake to weigh the parts or say on what side the balance falls as the entire work seems to us to have been done with such care and painstaking that discrimination would be unfair to the effort as a whole. The second part gave a very pleasing variety, and the idea of thus combining oratorio with the usual concert program is a happy one, and it enables our conductor, Mr. Robinson to add one more to his list of musical triumphs. The financial returns are not available as yet, but they will no doubt, lead all our previous choir concerts. We feel sure every one went away well pleased, and although one of the city reporters characterized the concert as an ambitious effort, we set that man down, as one who wishes to make a revolution and urge the choir to continue to be ambitious on the same time.

Our Anniversary.

"Another year has come,
Another year has gone."

A bright and inspiring scene was our Sunday School on this, its fifty-eighth anniversary, five hundred happy faces turned expectantly toward the platform beauteous with flowers, on which were our long-loved Mr. R. L. Whyte, to lead the singing; our Superintendent, our Pastor, and the minister for the day, Rev. G. H. Cobbledick M. A., B. D. The morning sermon was more especially for parents, teachers and Christian workers. The afternoon being entirely for children.

Mr. Cobbledick preached an impressive sermon from the text found, *Dan. 12-3*, "*They that be wise (teachers) shall shine as the firmament,*

and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars forever and ever'. Sunday schools or bible schools were of divine appointment, Abraham was a teacher, Jeremiah taught a bible school, Christ at twelve was found in a bible school. Afternoon: again were galleries crowded with children, young men and maidens, accompanied by their teachers, to hear the old friend and Superintendent of fifty years ago, Mr. John W. Bickle.

We can only estimate difference by comparison: now the singing is led by Orchestra and Piano, then, by a tiny Melodeon, loaned each Saturday by Superintendent Bickle, and returned each Monday morning. In 1891 we take the school by steamer to Oaklands, for picnic; in 1841 they walked to a wood, where Victoria Ave. school now stands. Then followed a serious talk from the words: "She (religion) is more precious than rubies." Rev. Mr. Cobblepick followed with an address, telling in pleasing story form, the interest of our Saviour in bible school when a child of twelve.

Evening; was our regular service, conducted by Mr. Cobblepick. The children earned fresh laurels by their most excellent behaviour.

MONDAY EVENING.

There is inspiration in a crowd! Then surely all must have been inspired to do their best, while looking at the pleasant, expectant crowd, which filled the church, even to aisles and steps. Other anniversaries have been excellent, but this excelled them all. The faithful work of weeks was recorded. Old King Street has contributed her full share of good and clever men and women to the world; and judging from the array of talented children, will do no less in future years.

The following program was contributed by the children; and was good without exceptions; from the bird-like voices of the uny soloists, and graceful club swinging of the girls, the pent-up fun in boys dialogue, to the more stately music by Orchestra and school. Long may Superintendent, teachers and scholars work so cheerfully and harmoniously together.

PROGRAM

Prayer,	- - - - -	
Chorus,	- - - - -	
Report,	- - - - -	
Recitation,	- - - - -	Jimmy Iredale.
Kindergarten Song,	- - - - -	
Chorus,	- - - - -	
Recitation,	- - - - -	Stella Hamilton.
Club Swinging,	- - - - -	
Vocal Solo,	- - - - -	Alma Tallman.
Chorus,	- - - - -	

Alphabet Dialogue,	- - - - -	
Kindergarten Song,	- - - - -	
Recitation,	- - - - -	Bertie Nichols,
Vocal Solo,	- - - - -	Alma Gayler.
Recitation	- - - - -	Alex. Nixon.
Orchestra and Collection.		
Calisthenic Exercises	- - - - -	
Recitation,	- - - - -	Garner Page.
Chorus,	- - - - -	
Recitation,	- - - - -	Hugh Murray.
Closing Chorus,	- - - - -	

SABBATH SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT.

The secretary, W. G. Moore, read the annual report of the school, showing it to be in a flourishing condition, both in attendance and financially. The school roll shows the attendance as follows: Boys, 200; girls, 295; infant class, 100; officers and teachers, 54—making a total membership of 625. For the past year the total average attendance was 443, an increase of thirty over last year. The financial statement showed the receipts for the year to be \$775.00, with an expenditure of \$728.77, including \$450 paid to the trustee board of the church for building improvements, leaving a balance on hand of \$46.83. The sum of \$100 was also subscribed towards the missionary society.

The following officers have been elected for the ensuing year: Thomas Morris, Jr., superintendent; J. C. Harris, assistant superintendent; W. G. Moore, secretary-treasurer, with F. C. McIlroy and H. Gayler, jr., assistants; A. E. Baker, librarian; F. H. Gayler, assistant librarian; R. S. Whyte, leader of singing; W. H. Robinson, leader of orchestra; A. Perry, pianist; Mrs. A. E. Manning, assistant pianist.

The secretary in his address referred touchingly to the death of their pastor, saying they had lost a faithful friend and one who had always taken an active interest in everything pertaining to the welfare of the Sunday school. He also referred to the death of two of the scholars.

M. L.

Items.

The fourth Annual Gleaners Concert was a great success, and was considered by many, the best ever given by the Gleaner's. The work was well divided up among the Mission circle members. The choruses were trained by Miss Lounsbury and Mr. F. Gayler. The recitations were in charge of Misses Dexter Watson and Flora Knight. The charming cantatta was generally considered the feature of the evening, and great credit is due Mrs. Manning and Miss Small with their assistants for taking charge of this work so efficiently. The Kindergarten singers were trained by Misses Oaten and Magin. The stage was placed in order by some of our obliging gentlemen members who sacrificed an hours sleep in the morning to help on the work.

Above all, the most credit is due to our president, Mrs. Gayler, who helped every where and spared nothing to bring the concert to its successful issue. Every one of the Mission Band members added his mite

in some way or other. The united offerings with the generous patronage of the people placed in the hands of the circle over \$100.00 after all expenses were paid.

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We understand the Gleaner's concert will be repeated, Thursday evening, April 30th, for the benefit of the Christian Endeavor society.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

	Scholars.	Off. & T'ch'rs.	Collection
Mar. 1,	463	50	\$7 29
" 8,	459	52	7 35
" 15,	445	51	7 55
" 22	455	52	6 91
" 29,	440	49	7 22

Total average attendance, 503.
" " collection, \$7.26.

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Special attention is called to the moonlight excursion which will be held on or about the 15th of June, the proceeds of which are to be equally divided between the Ladies Aid and the Christian Endeavor Societies. A large attendance is desired, and we speak of it thus early, in order that it will be in the minds of our people.

Mutual Improvement Society.

WE would like to announce through the columns of the ENDEAVORER, that a Mutual Improvement Society has lately been organized among the members of the Sunday school of this church. The following is a list of the officers for the ensuing year: Miss Ida Lavery, president; Miss Annie Henry, vice-president, Mr. Ralph Ripley; Treasurer, Mr. Alfred Truman.

Meetings are held each Friday evening, from 7.30 to 9.30 o'clock, in the Sunday school parlor of the church. The meetings are opened with hymns and prayer, and the rest of the evening is then devoted to readings, games and discussions, etc. The society intends holding an open meeting once every month, at which a good program will be presented. The first open meeting is to be held on Thursday, May 7th. Any members of the Sunday school desirous of joining the society can make application through any of the members.

RALPH RIPLEY, Secy.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FINANCIAL STATEMENT IN DETAIL.

RECEIPTS.

To Cash on hand.....	\$ 13 50
" Anniversary collections, Sunday.....	39 55
" " " Monday.....	27 00
" Re-opening services collections.....	19 27
" Balance from picnic.....	5
" Proceeds Moonlight Excursion.....	100 00
" Y. P. S. C. E. Subscriptions.....	25 00
" Proceeds Bazaar.....	102 84
" Special Collection by school classes.....	114 38
" Sunday school collections.....	234 18
" Missionary collections & Juvenile cards..	94 88

\$775 60

EXPENDITURE.

By Anniversary expenses.....	\$ 5 00
" Balance on Piano.....	24 56
" General S. S. collection.....	5 00
" Rent of Piano.....	12 00
" Periodicals.....	104 60
" Teachers Quarterlies.....	5 41
" Music and music books.....	8 60
" Blank books, Envelopes, Printing, etc.....	13 60
" Trustee Board for building improvement..	450 00
" Subscription to Missionary society.....	100 00
" Cash on hand.....	46 83

\$775 60

Science Class.

DURING March three evenings were spent in studying "The Merchant of Venice", and two in studying Electricity. Mr. A. W. Stratton B. A., has kindly consented to take charge of the literature, until Mr. Manning is through with his examination. Mr. Crawford's experiments in electricity are delightful, and we wish more of our young people would avail themselves of the opportunity to attend. Miss B. Nichols read a paper on Daniel Defoe, Miss Harvey, one on Joseph Addison, and Mr. Calvert gave a talk on John Locke.

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