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Editorial Notes.

Jesu, thy boundless love to me
No thought can reach, no tongue declare!
O knit my thankful heart to thee,
And reign without a rival there:
Thine only, thine alone, I am;
Be thou alone my constant flame!

O grant that nothing in my soul
May dwell, but thy pure love alone:
O may thy love possess me whole,
My joy, my treasure, and my crown:
Strange flames far from my heart remove;
My every act, word, thought, be love!

In suffering be thy love my peace;
In weakness be thy love my power;
And when the storms of life shall cease,
Jesus, in that important hour,
In death as life be thou my guide,
And save me, who for me hast died.

John Wesley.

AT an early period in the life of Wesley, it will be remembered that in company with several englishmen, Charles Wesley being one of the party, he came to Georgia

as missionary to the American aborigines. On board the ship there were twenty-six German Moravians with their Bishop, David Witschman. The simple piety of these people deeply touched the heart of Wesley and convinced him that there was something in their religion of which he had no knowledge. He could not comprehend their simple faith and trust in God. He had not as yet a conception of Christian living outside traditional forms and ceremonies. Wesley was at this time a severe formalist and carried out his prescribed course with great vigour. Asceticism is usually associated with formalism and accordingly the brothers denied themselves many necessaries of life, slept on the ground rather than on beds, refused all food but bread and butter, and John, in order to encourage poor boys, went bare-footed.

It is surprising that they could, with the Bible in their hands, so utterly misconstrue the plainest teachings. The doctrines of conscious forgiveness of sins, sacraments as aids to faith, sanctification not abnegation of the appetites, the witness of the spirit and joy in the Holy Ghost were as yet unknown to them. All things considered it was only natural that people should be driven from rather than towards the acceptance of such a christianity as they inculcated and their mission in America was most unsuccessful. We find the following words of John Wesley on his return from America, which clearly defined his position,—“It is now he writes, two years and four months since I left my native country in order to teach the Georgian Indians the nature of Christianity, but what have I learned meantime, why, what I least of all expected, that I, who went to America to convert others was never myself converted to God.”

The hour of his deliverance however was at hand, the good seed sown by the Moravians was yet to bear a rich harvest. He had tested the good works of asceticism and ritualism to find them wanting. The vitalelement which he lacked was soon to be supplied in a manner which forms one of the most extraordinary illustrations of Divine-Providence which the annals of the church affords.

Memorial Service.

THE Wesley anniversary and centennial celebration of Canadian Methodism called forth a grand congregation of loyal Methodists to the Centenary Church, March 2nd, 1891. Truly "our hearts burned within us" as we talked together by the way. Mr. Joseph Lister presided over the meeting, the program of which was carried out with but one exception--the absence of the Rev. E. Lounsbury. The hymns and tunes of early Methodist days were given to the audience "in ye ancient style," a few lines at a time, a practice which was instituted by the Wesleys.

The feature of the evening was the offering of five significant resolutions, beginning with the "Life and Labors of Wesley," moved by Rev. D. G. Sutherland and seconded by W. E. Sanford Esq. As each speaker was limited to fifteen minutes, each felt himself at some loss to know just what to say on so broad a subject as was assigned him. Mr. Sutherland considered Wesley's was no common work. He felt that a divine work was placed upon him as truly as upon the prophets and St. Paul,—his aim was to increase spiritual holiness throughout the land. Wesley's extraordinary intellectual ability was referred to, his advanced thought on the political questions of the day, also on subject of prohibition he was nearly a century ahead of his contemporaries, all this power was given to the church. Countless thousands are in glory, saved through his instrumentality. The most eloquent remarks on this resolution were closed with this covenant,—we hereby covenant to be faithful to the great doctrines and principles which it was his life work to proclaim. Mr. Sanford, as seconder, spoke of the remodelling of the city Road Chapel and that it is the intention for each country to be resseented by a pillar, the collections from all the memorial services to be given to this work. It is intended that the Canadian offering shall be of our own granite if possible.

Dr. Burns, in moving the second resolution, "Methodism in its relation to Education," spoke with customary eloquence of the use of Methodist Institutions since the days of the Wesleys. Methodism planted the first University in Canada in 1841. The United States has many grand Church Universities, richly endowed, which compare favorably with those in foreign lands, and he spoke of the great number of prominent Methodists who are occupying high positions in the educational world and in literature.

The third and fourth resolutions, "The Lay Element in Methodism," moved by Rev. R. J. Elliott, seconded by Mr. W. W. Mann, and "The Vital Forces of Methodism" moved by the Rev. G. A. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. E. M. Furness, were exceedingly interesting, but we have not space to enlarge upon them at this time but pass to the last—"One hundred years of Methodism in Canada," moved by Rev. J. S. Ross, seconded by Mr. Philip Morris. Notwithstanding the lateness of the hour the enthusiasm was intense during the remarks on this resolution. We can take but a very few words. The first Methodist sermon was preached in Quebec by Mr. Tuffy. Mr. Wm. Lossee, from the New York Conference, founded the first class in Upper Canada in 1799, Hamilton was then called "Head of the Lake," and in a book of minutes now in possession of a person in Drummondville, the Head of the Lake sent to the Quarterly Conference, about 1823, \$12.58 for the preachers on this circuit. The struggles of the early preachers were vividly set before us. One man, McCarthy, being arrested under the vagrant act and sentenced to be banished on one of the islands, was taken from his wife and four children who never saw him again.

The grand work of Dr. Ryerson in helping to bring about equal rights to our Ministers with those of the Church of England, the long line of victory after victory up to the proud position which our church holds today, until 233,000 people are praising God for Methodism, gave to this closing speech a great enthusiasm. The singing of the hymn 892, Doxology and Benediction, brought to a close one of the most delightful gatherings ever held in connection with the united Methodist Church of Hamilton.

Thou Shepherd of Israel, and mine,
The joy and desire of my heart;
For closer communion I pine,
I long to reside where thou art:
The pasture I languish to find,
Where all, who their Shepherd obey
Ate fed, on thy bosom reclined,
And screen'd from the heat of the day

Ah! show me that happiest place,
The place of thy people's abode,
Where saints in an ecstasy gaze,
And hang on a crucified God
Thy love for a sinner declare,
Thy passion and death on the tree;
My spirit to Calvary bear,
To suffer and triumph with thee.

'Tis there, with the lambs of thy flock,
There only, I covet to rest,
To lie at the foot of the rock,
Or rise to be hid in thy breast:
'Tis there I would always abide,
And never a moment depart;
Conceal'd in the cleft of thy side,
Eternally held in thy heart.

—Charles Wesley.

Life on the Prairie.

By Thos. Morris, Jr., (Continued).

MANITOBA boys, who live on the prairies, know nothing of the many winter sports which our boys enjoy. There is no coasting, no skating, not even snow-balling. The snow, which is just like fine white sand or granulated sugar, instead of packing, runs through the fingers. In walking, it crunches and churns up under your feet, while you slip and slide about at every step.

Manitoba snow is like sand in many respects. Everyone has read of the simoons of the desert, how the wind sweeps across the trackless waste, carrying the sand along with it in clouds; and every one knows how dangerous these sand-storms are to the unfortunate traveller,—well a blizzard, or blinding snow storm, is exactly like a simoon, only instead of hot sand, fine, sharp, cold particles of ice blind your eyes, and fill your nose, sift down your neck and up your sleeves, and between your jackets. The snow is so easily shifted that, when a wind sweeps over the prairie, it drives underneath and literally rolls it along in billows.

Sometimes you may start out, the sun shining and with every indication of a pleasant day, the next thing you know the wind suddenly rises, and before the danger is realized you are enveloped in a dense cloud, and you can't see a dozen steps ahead of you. Many a man has thus been overtaken and bewildered, and has lost his way. The best method to adopt when overtaken by a blizzard, is to stand still, place a stick or something visible upright in the snow, walk around it in a circle, backwards or forwards beside it, while the storm lasts. By remaining in a known position one has an idea where he is, and may afterwards proceed in safety, otherwise, a person might wander in an aimless manner for miles, and lose all idea of his bearings, and become lost.

From the shifting nature of the snow, you can easily understand that tremendous snow drifts are found around houses, stacks, stables, and in the tall grass and stubble. A settler frequently has to shovel out a tunnel to get from his house, or to get into his stable. Sometimes a settler's pig-pen is ten feet deep under the snow, and he is obliged to send the feed down by means of a shoot; and he may not see his pigs for weeks, or even for months at a time. The average depth of snow, on the prairie, does not

generally exceed eighteen inches, although if the grass has not been burned off in the fall, the snow lodges in it, and it may be drifted three or four feet deep.

Snow shoes are not so generally worn as you might expect. I suppose the reason is, that unless one is accustomed to snow shoes they are very awkward; and the settlers being mostly European and Ontario farmers, have not been brought up to their use. On one occasion, I improvised a pair, and by their aid, extricated myself from an unpleasant situation. I left Winnipeg one Saturday for Lowestoft, a distance of sixty miles. I got as far as the Lowe farm, (managed by Mr. Wm. Stephenson from Waterdown) the first evening, and stopped there over night. Next morning I started out at ten o'clock, a beautiful bright day, with ten miles before me still to traverse. I had some idea of what I might experience, although I did not expect it to be so bad as it proved.

The entire ten miles was through a frozen swamp, with tall grass drifted full of snow. In some places as I soon discovered, the snow was neck-deep. There was no kind of a trail, consequently, I had to traverse it alone and on foot. If I went straight, as the crow flies, it would be ten miles, with no house or protection of any kind. If I made a slight detour of two miles to the south, I would pass an empty shanty belonging to Willie Shanks, a good natured French Canadian bachelor, who was my nearest neighbor, six miles on the east side. I knew that his shanty was vacant just then and locked; but if a storm should arise, or if I should get tired, I could pull the staple and go inside. After considerable thought, I finally decided on the latter course. The first mile I got along very well, because the grass had been burned off, and there was a stiff crust on the snow. I was congratulating myself upon the rapidity of my travelling and was in good spirits, singing and whistling, and laughing at the amusing pranks of the young foxes, running and gambolling like puppy dogs, when, before I was aware of it, and without any warning, I went down through the crust, in snow up to my arm pits. Now this, "was a pretty how d'ye do" and in spite of myself I could not help smiling at my own predicament, however, this was but the commencement of my troubles. True, there was a slight crust on the snow, even among the tall grass, but not thick enough to hold up much weight, consequently, it made walking all the more difficult.

(To be Continued.)

The third Annual Quarterly Board meeting

FOR the current year was held in the church parlor, Friday evening, February 13th. Rev. Dr. Sutherland, Chairman of the district, presiding. The following members were present:—Rev. W. E. Pescott, Dr. Day Smith, Wm. Dicker, R. L. Whyte, A. Raycroft, S. A. Cummer, Robert Oaten, J. B. Griffith, John Bristow, H. Gayfer, J. C. Harris, Jas. Mathews and Thomas Morris Jr.

Mr. R. L. Whyte opened with prayer. The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meeting were read and confirmed. It was moved and adopted that the resolution of condolence read by W. A. Edwards at the late memorial service be adopted. The Chairman then reported that he had communicated with Rev. W. E. Pescott, who was at Coburg University, explaining to him our circumstances since the loss of Rev. W. H. Laird, and asked him if he could possibly fill the pulpit for the balance of the year. Rev. Mr. Pescott answered that he would come, although, it would be at a loss to himself on account of this being his graduating year. The financial returns were then brought before the meeting and adopted.

CHURCH FINANCES.

Received past Quarter	\$296 35
" this year up to date	813 26
Amount still due Mrs. Laird	417 00
Dr. Day Smith, Treasurer.	

POOR FUND REPORT.

Nov. 14th, 1890, Balance on hand	\$ 21 16
Dec. 21st, 1890, Quarterly collection	5 94

\$ 27 10

Disbursements	13 50
Feb. 13th, 1891, Balance on hand	13 60

\$ 27 10

R. RAYCROFT, Treasurer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

Nov. 1st, 1890, Cash on hand	\$183 22
Sunday Collections	55 45
Proceeds of Christmas Entertainment	102 84
Missionary Collections	28 35
Interest	3 72

\$373 58

EXPENDITURE.

By Class Books, Quarterlies, etc.	\$ 2 43
" Henry & Robson putting up porch	1 50
" Dr. Smith on acc't Building Improv. Fund.	102 84
Jan. 31st, 1891, Cash on hand	266 81

\$373 58

W. G. MOORE, Secy.-Treas.

V. P. S. C. E. REPORT.

(See January Issue.)

Dec. 25th, 1890, Receipts	\$ 37 82
Expenditure	35 35
Jan. 3rd, 1891, Balance on hand	2 47

\$ 37 82

AVESA RAYCROFT, Treasurer.

It was unanimously carried that Rev. W. E. Pescott receive \$250.00 for his services for the balance of this conference year and that Mr. R. L. Whyte should make a special appeal to the congregation to make up this extra amount.

V.P.S.C.E. Committee Reports.

REPORT of LOOKOUT COMMITTEE

On looking over the record for the past month we have reason to thank God and take courage. Of an active membership of eighty-four our average attendance was fifty-four, or sixty-one per cent. of the whole; thirty-seven of these took part by words of testimony and consecration; twenty-nine per cent. by reading or reciting verses; fourteen excuses have been sent in by absentees. This leaves twenty-eight per cent of our active membership, who were present at the last four meetings—silent.

Now to you silent and timid ones, we kindly urge, for your own sake, for the Master whom you love, and for the building up of our society, that you "take some part aside from singing." "Each victory will help you, some other to win," and better still, it will help your friend next you, "who was just waiting for you." The committee would recommend that eight names (already before the executive) should be taken from membership list, the persons having removed from the city, resigned, or ceased to attend. Also that the names of six persons desiring to become members, shall be added to the list. And that as Active workers on the important work of our Mission committee, Mrs. Powell, Messrs Smith, Kendall and Henry be added as affiliated members.

M. LOUNSBURY, Convener.

PRAYER MEETING COMMITTEE.

During the past month your committee has been pleased to notice quite a few new faces in our meetings, to all of these we extend a most hearty welcome, and to all who have not yet joined our society, we would say "come with us and we will do thee good."

Owing to the Gleaners Concert, the Christian Endeavor prayer meeting for March 10th, will be combined with the Wednesday evening prayer meeting. The program of services for the next month will be as follows:— March 11th, "Union Temperance service," Leader, Rev. Mr. Pescott; March 17th, Leader, Mr. Daniels; March 24th, Leader, Miss Ripley; March 31st, "Consecration Service," Leader, Mr. Morris Jr.; April 7th, Leader, Miss Butin.

I. E. LAVERY, *Convener.*

SOCIAL COMMITTEE. This committee in presenting their second report for this year beg leave to thank those who so kindly assisted in our last social. We spent a very pleasant evening together. During the intermission we became acquainted with the strangers by going around and obtaining their autographs. The proceeds were \$10.50. We notice a few strangers at our meetings, and we hope the members of the Endeavor as well as the members of this committee, will try to make them feel at home. We are arranging for a social to be held on Tuesday evening, March 19th.

AVESA RAYCROFT, *Convener.*

FLOWER COMMITTEE. During the last month we have distributed twenty-five small bouquets and have been very much cheered by knowing that they have been so much appreciated. One friend, who was very sick, said they preached him a beautiful sermon. We are glad to see with us once more, several of our people who have been dangerously ill, and hope they may gain added strength to work for the Master. There are others who are still very ill, and for these we would ask God's blessing, feeling that His will is best. During the month one member of our congregation has been called away to the better land. We pray that God will bless the family, and comfort them with His holy spirit. We refer to Mr. Buscombe, who, though ailing for some months, was taken very suddenly from us at last. We have made only about six calls among the sick, and are sorry we have not been able to do more. We feel thankful for the privilege of doing even this bit of work for the Master, and pray that He will lead us, to work for his honor and glory.

Respectfully submitted,

J. SARGINSON, *Convener.*

THE MUSIC COMMITTEE, in presenting their report for February, wish to thank all who have helped them with the

music during the month. We have been pleased to notice an increase of impromptu singing; it has made the meetings brighter and more interesting. If you have a favorite hymn you wish sung, we will be glad to have you tell us before the meeting. We wish that the leader for each evening would see the convener before the meeting, and arrange for the hymns.

We have had a very earnest request for help with the music on Wednesday night. It is something that we must always regret that the last time Mr. Laird led the prayer meeting, he had to beg his choir to take their places and help him, but no one responded. Our motto is not "For our Society," but, "For Christ and the Church," and any way in which we can help our pastor will be furthering the cause of our Master. Will those who can be present on Wednesday take their place in the choir without waiting for a special invitation each time, and let us do it willingly, as unto God and not unto man.

Respectfully submitted,

L. MURRAY, *Convener.*

REPORT OF MISSION COMMITTEE

The work of this committee is being continued in the regular way, although not as encouraging as we would wish for, but we expect to see the work prosper greatly yet, although clouds seem to hang over our horizon. At times, we are inclined to be somewhat discouraged, till we remember that our Saviour came not, to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance, and that He went out to seek after one soul that was lost. So that we intend to labor on (notwithstanding discouragements,) at God's command, and offer all our works to Him.

J. C. HARRIS, *Convener.*

REPORT OF THE VISITING COMMITTEE.

During the month sixteen calls have been made by this committee. In some cases, we find the hand of sickness so heavy as to render attendance upon the means of grace impossible, but we are glad to report that others who have been laid aside for some time, are on the fair road to recovery. Since the last monthly meeting, the "Reaper whose name is death," has been in our midst, and there are those in our society, who are mourning the loss of a loved one. May the Saviour's precious words "I will not leave you comfortless" bring comfort to their hearts.

M. E. BASTEDO, *Convener.*

PUBLISHING COMMITTEE. Having completed the term for which we had made arrangements with our printer and advertisers, we find that financially our paper has been a greater success than was anticipated. Owing to the fact, however, that a great many of our advertisers are discontinuing with us, we think it advisable to reduce our paper to eight pages, which will still leave us almost as much space for reading matter as we have now, and at a considerably smaller expense, and we believe that it will continue to pay for itself.

During the last month, the following names were added to our list of subscribers:—Mr. W. R. Burns, Chicago; Rev. R. Burns, Ingersoll; Miss F. Reid; Mrs. Harrison; Miss Mabel Jamieson; Miss Wodell; Mr. Marshall; Mr. J. A. Moffat; Mrs. Mattashed and Mr. Anderson.

ALLAN DAVIS, *Convener.*

DORCAS COMMITTEE. During the month of February we have been teaching the girls in the class to hem. We bought two yards of lawn, and cut it into squares, making twelve good sized handkerchiefs. When they are finished we intend giving them to one of the girls. This is Katie McMaster, she is twelve years old, and deaf and dumb. Through the efforts of Mr. Harris, she has been accepted as a pupil of the Deaf and Dumb Institute, at Bellville. She will leave here in September. Her mother is a washer-woman, with two younger children to support, and it will be impossible for her to provide all the necessaries for Katie's outfit. We have therefore undertaken to do what we can towards it.

Mrs. Geo. Fisher and Miss M. McLaren have very kindly promised to do the sewing, and it will be our pleasure to provide the material. We hope the members of this society will aid us, and we will be glad if those giving us aid, will do so without delay as the sewing is much pleasanter during the winter months than in warmer weather. The clothes will not be given to Katie until she is leaving, because we want them to look fresh and new. We have had four meetings during the month, with an average attendance of ten members.

Respectfully submitted,

ANGELA JARVIS, *Convener.*

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE beg leave to submit their first report. The following members compose your committee:—Misses I. Lavery, L. Reid, F. Nichols, Edith Kappelle, B.

Jarvis, E. Ecclestone, Ella Kappelle and A. Henry, and Messrs. Truman and McNair. Our work is to draft scholars into the Endeavor, to look after those scholars who are irregular in attendance, in cases where the teacher finds it impossible to do so, to encourage the scholars to attend the classes held at the close of the school session, and any other work which our Superintendent may give us to do.

Your committee have obtained a complete list of the scholars of the school, and find that eighty-seven are members of your society. We have sent out invitations to several young men, attending our church, but no sabbath school, to become members of ours, and pray that the Master may own and bless our efforts in this, as well as in all our other work. During the past month your committee has been assisting some of the young ladies of the church in a meeting for boys, held every Friday evening in the church parlor,

Respectfully submitted,

ANNIE HENRY, *Convener.*

TREASURER'S REPORT:—

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand.....	\$ 3 29
Proceeds of Social.....	10 68
Consecration Collection.....	2 03
Mission Collection.....	2 36
From Publishing Committee.....	24 50

Total.....\$42 86

EXPENDITURE.

Caretaker of Mission.....	\$ 2 25
Rent of Mission.....	5 00
Paid on Flower Account.....	5 00
Paid Printing Account.....	27 50
Small Accounts.....	1 60
Balance on hand.....	1 51

Total.....\$42 86

JENNIE HARVEY, *Treasurer.*

Items.

Sunday School Anniversary, April 5th. Rev. G. H. Cobblestick, M. A., B. D. will preach the anniversary sermons. Mr. E. J. Davis, M. P. P. and John W. Bickle, superintendent of the school from 1850-60, will give short addresses in the afternoon. Monday evening there will be, Dialogues, Club-Swinging, Recitations, Singing by the school, choice music by the Sunday school Orchestra.

The Annual Choir Concert will be given April 9th. Among other attractions, the grand Oratoria,—Bethany, will be rendered with full orchestral accompaniment. Tickets 25 cents, to be had of any members of the choir.

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The next of the series of Christian Endeavor socials will be held Thursday Evening, March 19th. It is hoped a very large number will attend.

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Arrangements have been made with the Hamilton Steamboat Company for another enjoyable moon-light excursion, early in the season.

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The average attendance of the school for the month was five hundred, the average collection \$6.71.

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ERRATA—Will the readers of the ENDEAVORER please note the following corrections on first page: "David Witschman," should be David Nitschman. "All food but bread and butter," should be all food but bread and water. "Deliverance," should be Deliverance. "He had tested the good works of asceticism and ritualism to find them wanting," he had tested good works, asceticism and ritualism etc. "Affords," afford. PAGE 2:—"The use of Methodist Institutions," the rise of Methodist etc.

Y. P. S. C. E. Correspondence.

(Edited by Mr. Jas. Hamilton.)

MCNAB STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. A danger in connection with all popular movements is, of course, that though they may begin with great éclat gradually the enthusiasm begins to fade away. Perhaps, even in some church matters this may be the case, therefore we are very thankful to be able to say in the Y. P. S. C. E. McNab Street Presbyterian Church, that if our advance has not been rapid, still we have not lost the enthusiasm attending the first start, and consequently are advancing. Our meetings may not yet be as perfect as we should like to see them, but are improving, and we look for results in the other work of the church, feeling that a society which would not help us in that, would be unworthy the name of Christian Endeavor.

The meetings of our society, are now held on Monday evenings, and we are always glad to see visitors from kindred societies.

H. E. J. BUCHANAN, Cor.-Secy.

ERSKINE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. We have great reason to be thankful for the prosperity of our society. During the long time that our church was pastorless the society kept on doing its work, and developing new vigor, and now, with our new pastor, Rev. Mr. Shearer, to cheer and advise us, we confidently expect a still greater measure of prosperity. Our church has decided to publish a small paper which will be managed largely by members of our society. It will be called "Erskine Church Echoes," and will be considered as a branch of the church's work, and under the control of the managers, who will conduct its financial affairs, the desire being that no advertisements be required for its support.

We are going forward in our different lines of work with renewed energy, and are greatly encouraged by the many signs of reviving earnestness and interest we see around us to aim at amplifying the work for the Master.

J. N.

KNOX CHURCH. Our roll now numbers sixty-eight active and thirteen associate members. That is perhaps not so large as it should be, in consideration of the large number of young people who are in the church membership, but the society is growing steadily and surely, and we are hoping for a large addition from the many young people who united with the church this quarter. At every monthly business meeting, full reports of committees are given, showing the work done during the month. Every committee is doing good work, each in its own line, yet all are working together and striving for the same end,—"larger things for Christ."

Our pastor, Dr. Fraser, who is leaving for a tour through the Holy Land, will be missed exceedingly by his congregation during his absence, but by none more than by the members of the Christian Endeavor, as he is rarely absent from the Monday evening meeting, encouraging both by his presence and helpful words.

A. C.

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Our society has decided that members of the church will not be enrolled as associate members. Some very decided opinions have been expressed by some of our members in regard to the length of the remarks at our weekly meeting; these being in effect that what any one has to say, should be said in as few words as possible, and that all should stand up when speaking, as the speaker is heard much better than

when sitting. It is a great pity to have good things said in such a way that very few can hear them.

A cornet played by one of our members now aids us in the singing, helping to make it more hearty. We have sixty-five active and fifteen associate members, and the attendance at the weekly meetings is very good.

A. S.

German Student Life.

(Continued from last month.)

HEIDELBERG has always been a favorite resort for foreigners, and in my time the university had students from many different climes. There were Russians, Poles, Spaniards, Frenchmen, Americans, Chilians, Brazilians, a Turkish Prince, and a Japanese; besides a sprinkling of the fair sex, mostly Americans or Russians. When the summer term closed and the long vacation of ten weeks put in an appearance, many of the students would go on long pedestrian tramps, thus recruiting their strength for the labors of the long winter term, and where could they find a better starting point for such trips than Heidelberg? With a light knapsack on the back, and a stout stick in the hand, they might strike out in any direction and be sure of seeing some of the most beautiful scenery in Europe, and of visiting spots rich in historical associations.

Towering up more than a thousand feet above the town was the "Koenigstuhl," with a tower erected on its summit from which a magnificent view of the surrounding country could be obtained. Looking away westwards across the fertile plain of the Palatine, you could see, some forty miles distant, the Hardt mountains; and winding his way past, the old Imperial city of Sheyer, Father Rhine rolled on towards the sea. A little further to the north Mannheim came into view. Eastward, the eye glanced over a sea of mountain tops, belonging to the "Odenwald." To the north, across the Neckar, the Bergstrasse with its numerous villages and ruined castles met the eye, and far away to the east stretched the Oldenwald with the Vosges mountains in the hazy distance. But I have no space in this article to describe the many beauties of the vicinity of Heidelberg, even if I had the ability to deal with them as they deserve.

I made many excursions myself in all directions; but none pleased me better than a tramp up the Neckar valley to Heilbronn, and from thence through the Black Forest to

Switzerland and Austria. There is an old German proverb, "all is not gold that glitters," and this is certainly applicable to German student life. From a religious standpoint, there was much to be improved upon. In fact, I do not think I am stating matters much too strongly, if I say that religion did not enter into the lives of the vast majority of students and professors. Sometime after leaving Heidelberg, I received a letter from an American student, who had been a particular friend of mine at college, and he expressed himself very much as follows: "I came to Heidelberg an innocent boy, and now I am half-devil and half-atheist." This was a terrible charge for him to lay against himself, and yet I am afraid that there was a good deal of truth about it. Pleasure seemed to be the chief aim of most of the students when not engaged in study, and the churches were not the most likely places to find them in. Sunday would be given up to pleasure in various forms, the day often being wound up by a visit to the opera at Mannheim. It is to be hoped that things will alter in a religious sense, and Heidelberg again be what she once was,—a centre of religious thought and action.

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