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## May Morning.

"Now the bright morning star, day's harbinger Comes dancing from the east and leads with her The flowery May, who from her green lap throws The yellow cowslip and the pale primrose. Hail Lounteous May! that doth inspire Mirth and youth and warm desire; Wood and groves are of thy dressing, Hill and dale doth boast thy blessing, Thus we salute thee and wish thee long."

# Cove .- The Supreme Bift.

SUCH is the subject of an address by Prof. Drummond. It has no doubt become familiar to many of our readers, but some of the ideas will bear repeating many times, and still carry with them all the freshness of novelty. After reading 1st. Cor. 13; he asks "what then is the summam bonum, the supreme good". "If I have all faith so that I can remove mountains and have not love I have nothing," "Paul did not stand alone in thus declaring love to be the greatest thing in the world. Peter said "above all things have fervent love among yourselves", and John,

"God is love", and Christ, "love is the fulfilling of the Law". In the beginning of this chapter love is contrasted, in the middle, analyzed, and towards the end we have love defended as the supreme grit. Paul contrasts love with a great number of things which were deemed very important, with tongues, with prophecy, with faith and charity and concludes that without love "I am become as sounding brass", we are shown the supremacy of love over all these attributes inasmuch as the whole of anything is greater than a part.

In the analysis of love we are directed for illustration to the crystal prism of the natural philosopher, in order to observe the rays of light as they resolve into their component parts, so Paul's words supply us with a spectrum of love and he describes it as having nine component parts: Patience; "love suffereth long"; Kindness "and is kind"; Generosity "love envieth not"; Humility, "love vaunteth not itself is not puffed up"; Courtesy, love, "doth not behave itself unseemly"; Unselfishness, love, "seeketh not her own"; Good Temper love, "is not easily provoked"; Gentleness, "thinketh no evil"; Sincerity, "rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth". The third argument is that while all things else change and decay, love is lasting, eternal. "Whether there be knowledge it shall vanish away", one look at the history of the world will make this passage clear to us, the work of even fifty years ago is superceded or laid aside before the ever advancing march of progress.

We are earnestly desired to make a daily study of the chapter which has been thus partially analyzed, with the assurance that it will make changes in our characters, which will not be reflections as "through a glass darkly," but bring us "faceto face" with God.

W are justly proud of the fact that one of our members has, in a competition open to the world, taken the prize over all competitors touching the work of one of the most helpful committees in the Society. There is a good deal of talent among our young people and we expect time will unfold authors, poets, philanthropists: who will say but some may attribute their first knowledge of having wings with which to soar, to the little "ENDEAYORER."?

## Prize Essay.

THE FLOWER COMMITTEE.

By Mary S. Lounsbury.

The following essay won the prize offered by The Golden Rule for the best essay on "The Flower Committee". Among essays receiving honorable men ion were those by Miss Alice R. Hodges, Appelton, Wis.; Mrs. Augusta Fenner Herton of Ovid, N. Y., and Rev. Edgar L. Warren, Claremont, N. H. The judges were Mr. E, B. Clark, Miss G. S. Richards and Mr. Frank H. Hollister all of Denver, Col.

HE work of the flower committee is by · no means an unimportant part of Christian Endeavor work. The mission of the committee is twofold, to beautify the temple of our God, and afterward to carry comfort to His children, "for Christ and the Church." It is a most beautiful and interesting work, its every detail a labor of love. Who does not know the pleasure of gathering flowers? Yet, the keen delight is for those who search for wild flowers; for when you have found them, you know that they are just where God planted them; add to this the thought of placing them on the altar of consecration, and to this the knowledge of some sick child who will receive them with joy. This is the privilege of the flower committee. We do not consider our committee the model committee, nor our plans the ideal plans. Still, we thought it might be more profitable to tell of experimental work than to give a theory that we had never tried.

Of all lessons we have learned, perhaps the most beneficial one is the appreciation of the

#### VALUE OF METHOD.

The Golden Rule in a recent issue condenses it; "Method doubles capacity." So we found that to work satisfactorily, even among the sweet confusion of flowers, it must be along the straight lines of method. Have for each member of your committe a certain portion of work to do, have each feel the responsibility for a definite portion; then if for any reason one should fail, let the chairman do the work herself. Our committee consists of eight members, four young ladies, three boys from thirteen to fifteen years of age, and the chairman. We receive very frequent help from friends who are interested and whose names do not appear on the printed list.

Our work may be divided into three parts: gathering the flowers, arranging them, distributing them. First, as to getting them. Each week we have a basket from the greenhouse. Our society provides for these.

Whatever else we may or may not have, we are always sure of these, which is very com-Some of the members of our congregation who have gardens give boquets, these our boys gather together on Saturday. We own a few plants in pots, we sometimes place these in church. Through the summer, indeed from the time when the first violets wake up to tell us that spring has really come, we are never without wild flowers and ferns, and when the autumn flowers put on their glory, we wish for nothing else. Since "fell the frost from the clear, cold heaven" we have been wholly dependent on our basket and plants in bloom lent by the congregation, sometimes a chrysamthemum, at another time some bright geraniums, or a beautiful lily, together with our own store, now cherished in the south windows of the schoolroom, and watered on the night of the Christian Endeavor meeting and on every mid-week prayer-meeting evening.

Second, as to arrangement. Three of us meet an hour before service time on Sunday morning, and as quickly and as nicely as we can, we place our flowers round about the altar, in festoons, or in a bank, or in vases, as the quantity and nature of our treasures suggest. Then as to

#### THE DISTRIBUTION.

We meet in the lecture-room after the evening service, the chairman has a list of names prepared for the sick (or rather, of as many as we have been able to discover) for whom the flowers are intended. We count the names and count the boquets; if there are more names than boquets, we divide the flowers, taking care to send the largest bunch and sweetest flowers to the one who is least likely to have any at home. To each boquet we attach a card, on one side of which is printed, "An expression of sympathy from the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor of First Methodist Church. To—" (place for name). On the other side a verse is written, we do not have the verses printed, because we like to choose appropriate verses for special cases. All that now remains to be done is to send the boquets to their destination; and just here the boys have been invaluable; they deliver most of the flowers. They go in company, of course, for who ever heard of a boy's going anywhere alone? If any one has a friend to whom he wishes to carry a boquet, or if a teacher wishes to take a boquet to one of his class, they are always welcome to do so. And "now the day is over," we leave our work in the hands of the Master. We are sometimes cheered by

messages such as this: "Little Mabel is so pleased with the flowers you send, she watches for them as for the coming of a friend." One evening they were late, and she said, "I'm afraid they have forgotten meto-night;" when at length they arrived, she said, "I'm so glad, now I can keep them for another week." Mabel is one of our Sunday-school scholars; but the reaper will soon garner in this flower for the Lord's garden of light above.

Our society has recently organized a visiting committee, a part of whose work is to discover from the pastor, or class-leaders, or teachers, who are the sick and to report to the flower committee. The demand is ever on the increase, for as we reach out in more systematic and thorough canvass for all who may be sick or sorrowing, our list enlarges. It would surprise many to know with what apparent pleasure some poor men in the hospital receive a single carnation. One said it "reminded him of summer." To one class of our humanity near at hand we have not as yet gone; but our heart prompts us to go

"Bring flowers to the captive's lonely cell, They have tales of the joyous woods to tell."

One Sunday in September last was "Flower Sunday." Our pastor requested every one in the congregation to bring a boquet, the younger members wore theirs, and right royally did young and old respond. The boys of the society received the flowers on trays. These flowers were afterwards distributed among the charitable institutions of our city. Next summer we hope to have a "Lily Sunday" with a sermon on the lilies of the field, with music appropriate.

#### ONE OTHER PLAN

for next summer: We own more ground than just that where the church stands; so the space around it is to yield us flowers. A rockery is already built in a shady corner; and many are the promises of ferns, creepers, wild flowers, etc., for this in the spring. Also a friend, a gardener, has promised to fill one bed with geraniums. There is a disposition to undervalue common flowers, whose fault is not their lack of beauty, but their generosity.

Through the winter we try to interest as many boys and girls as possible—and children of larger growth as well—in owning at least one plant, not for themselves, but for the Master's use, to care for it, to coax it into blooming, and then to carry the blossoms where they rightfully belong, into God's

service. We think it will prove a double blsssing, and especially to the giver; for as flowers are said to be "God's thoughts in bloom," while we tend our flowers, we are watching the unfolding and developing of God's thought.

"Were I, O God, in churchless lands remaining, Far from all voice of teachers and divines, My soul would find in flowers of Thy ordaining Priests, sermons, shrines."

Hamilton, Ont.

# Life on the Prairies.

By Thos. Morris, Fr.

UST about this time of the year, the prairie is a paradise to the sportsman. During April and May, sand-hill cranes, immense birds standing six feet high, wavies, geese, and ducks of infinite variety, are passing and repassing in countless flocks. Overhead, life is swarming. The air is filled with sounds dear to the sportsman's heart. The wavy, a peculiar white and black goose, is particularly noticeable. Flocks of these snowy-breasted birds are to be seen almost constantly, flying in companies of from twenty to fifty, shaped in the form of a wedge, with their leader slightly in advance. Prairie chickens abound. They are much like our partridge and about as big as medium sized domestic fowl. They are very good eating. They come back from their winter quarters, among the scrub and bush, and after mating, make their nests in the tall Their sudden, startling whirr is heard on every side as they shoot out from almost under the sportsman's feet. Little trouble is found in providing game for the table. A settler's gun pays for itself many times over during the season. It was quite a common experience to be awakened in the morning by prairie chicken scrambling over the roof of my shanty. I could shoot game without going outside the door. I not only had a good supply of game, but fresh eggs as well. Indeed the wild ducks frequently made their nests in my hay-stack, and I found it very convenient to go to the nest for my breakfast.

To the settler who is not a sportsman, the ducks, geese, cranes and other birds are unwelcome visitors, for they feed in his grainfields and destroy his crops. Sometimes picking up so much that it becomes necessary to re-sow the fields entirely. The greatest

pests, however, are the black-birds, and there is little satisfaction in shooting them, for on account of their size, they are not worth powder and shot. They swoop down in clouds. They are most presumptous fellows, and you can scarcely drive them away. Yet even for the black-birds, I have a soft spot in my heart, for they used to cheer me up, and carry my thoughts away from my surroundings, into the clouds. Just in front of my shanty there was a water-run, and crossing it a bridge. In the evening, after feasting all day upon the fields near by, the blackbirds used to congregate on this bridge, and pour forth in song the purest melody. It seemed to me, as I lay in the smoke beside the smudge-heap in order to protect myself from mosquitos, that the music was heavenly, "I lay entranced and had no room for thought." One after another they caught up the harmonious strain until two or three hundred voices had joined in a grand chorus- This they kept up from sundown through the long twilight into the night. I never expect to hear music more enchanting.

One can hardly call the gentle blue and white gull a pest, but he is a strange fellow, you hear his mournful cry hour after hour, day after day, as he persistently follows the plow up and down, apparently looking for earth worms. One would naturally expect to find earth worms in the rich black soil of Manitoba, but such is not the case, I expect the frost is the cause of their absence. There are a great many frogs. Many hundredweights are sold every spring to Winnipeg dealers, and the hind legs of the frog are considered quite a delicacy in the Prairie Province. When nicely prepared a dish of frogs' legs is as thoothsome as a spring chicken.

Lizards are numerous and attain to large proportions; but are quite harmless, so are the snakes, the most common varieties, are the milk and garter snake. In the rivers, tremendous catfish, weighing as much as forty pounds, are caught. In the spring of the year, the Red River generally overflows its banks, and many fish go up the creeks and railway ditches. It used to be considered great sport to go out at night with torches, and spear catfish with pitchforks.

Some animals, which are destructive and unusually busy in the early part of the season, and which are legitimate objects for gun-practice, are the mink, the musk rat and the weasel. They make short work of the poultry if they are not carefully watched. I had in my

possession the skin of a mink that had sucked the blood of fifty chickens in a single night. The mice and the gophers do considerable damage- The mice are larger and rather prettier than we have them, being a light fawn color, with sleek, long hair, and very long tails. They make themselves quite at home. At night, they used to run around the shanty and over my bed in swarms. The gophers are particularly fond of grain, and destroy sometimes half a settler's crop. Wolves, foxes and badgers are stirring and afford considerable sport to the hunter. Another animal, which I must not forget to mention, because it is so disagreeable and mischievous, one you have all heard about, and read about, and perhaps smelled about, but which you never like to talk about, its name beginning with S and ending with k, and whose Latin name is (Mephitis Americana), in early spring lords it over every other creature. I had many sorrowful experiences with this odoriferous Prairie habitant. first met a s-k one moon-light night, near the town of Morris. I had gone to fetch the Doctor, and was returning on horseback, when I noticed, just in front of my pony, running along the trail, a small animal, which I could not clearly discern. I thought, perhaps, it was a wounded rabbit, or it might even be a prairie chicken. It occured to me, that my best plan, if I wished to capture it, was to jog along until it got tired out, then The little to jump down and pick it up. animal ran along in front, neither turning to the right nor to the left, for some distance, then suddenly it left the trail and ran into the long grass. I did not mean to let it escape me without an effort, so I jumped off my pony and ran after it. I overtook it easily enough, for the little thing did not seem afraid of me, and stooping down, I caught hold of it gently by the neck; quick as a flash the supposed rabbit turned its head around and bit me through the hand, then, at the same time, without the slightest warning, it opened its rear battery upon me, and in a twinkling I was surcharged with the most beastly dose ever precipitated upon an innocent man. How I managed to beat a retreat I hardly know, for I was almost stupified.

This my first encounter certainly left me a sadder and a wiser man. Life just then was not worth the living. I was an outcast, I dare not now return to my boarding house. Like the leprous men of old, I must now cry unclean! unclean! and keep without the camp.

(To be continued.)

#### Mission Circle Notes.

A T the beginning of the present year, our President gave out five cent talents to nearly every member of the circle. It was then arranged that a meeting would be held at the half year, at which reports of the progress made would be delivered, but the money should remain increasing until the end of the year, or until the end of next September. As all know this meeting was called April 23rd, and, although everyone was invited, very few appeared interested enough to attend, outside of the circle members. It was a most interesting meeting, and the reports fully satisfied our steward.

We are sure that each one who accepted a talent had done their best. The sum of \$20.00 was reported for the half years work, and in case each servant remains faithful to his trust until September, there will be a very handsome addition to the finances of the circle from this source. We shall mention a few reports to give our readers an idea of the variety of methods which were employed in raising the money. One member made her money by spectacle wipers and the report which we consider the most original of any given we cannot print, as it would take all our space.

Five cent cake of soap saved \$2.30 by shaving myself when I had time.

Talent received five cents, invested in wood and sold article for fifteen cents. Invested fifteen cents in Crochet cotton cut of which, the amount of one dollar has been realized.

Five cents of talent money improved by making print and silk caps to \$1.68.

Talent invested in shoe blacking, proceeds amounted to seventy-five cents.

My five cents was invested in toilet mats. With five cents worth of wool I crocheted lace on the edge of six mats, for which I received seventy-five cents.

I put my five cents in a tin of blacking and have used it at five cents a shine or two shines for five if I did not do the work. This has raised the modest sum of three dollars, and I shall continue my humble calling until the term closes this year.

There are some of our members do not take as active a part in our work as they might. When asked the reason, they say "I cannot do anything," we are quite willing to let those carry on the work, who are more capable than we are, and others think if they voiced their opinions they will be criticized. Dear friends, let us remember, we each have a niche m this world to fill, and no one else can do our work but ourselves God's eve is upon us, no matter what people say, He will hold responsible for our share of His work. Let us strive, therefore, to use the talent God has given us to the best of our ability, so that we may hear Him say "well done good and faithful servant."

We hear some one say "my talent is so small, I don't know how I can be of any use," ah! yes, have we not been trying for the last six months to use a small talent? Do you think the talent God has given is as small as the one you have been using for this Mission circle, and yet, when you put all zeal and effort in your work, how successful it has been. Just so with our Heavenly Fathers gifts, if we use what He gives us with all earnestness, He will be sure to crown our efforts with success. Surely goodness and mercy have followed us during this year. When we read of the bountiful homes awaiting the reapers in far off lands. How feeble have our efforts been, and yet our Heavenly Father has accepted them all, and crowned them with success. Let us, therefore, acknowledge God's kindness to us by trying to be more earnest Christians, and doing with our might what our hands find to do.

"Missionary Gleaner."

# Burrah for Albion!

At the last meeting of the Science Class it was unanimously resolved to hold their first picnic at Albion Falls on May 25th, Queen's Birthday; also to extend a cordial invitation to all in the Church and Sunday School, with their friends, who may desire to go. Albion is an ideal place for an outing. It is just a few miles over the mountain and may be reached by train. Wild flowers are found in abundance. Natural gas can be seen issuing from crevices in the rock or bubbling up through the water. The ravines are wild and romantic for those who delight in exploring. Train leaves King St. Station at 2:15 p.m, arriving home at 8 p.m. Fare, 20 cents. For further information apply to Miss JARVIS, Sec-Treas.

# Cammittee Reports.

OOKOUT COMMITTEE. During the month of April, three regular Christian Endeavor prayer meetings have been held; on Monday. April 21st, we united with the other societies for a union service in Wentworth Presbyterian Church. On no other occasion do we see the text so beautifully illustrated. "One is your Master, even Christ, and all yeare brethren." We rejoice in having these opportunities of meeting with so many—whose aim is akin to our own. "for Christ and the Church."

And if our fellowship below: in Jesus be so sweet, What heights of rapture shall we know, When round His throne we meet.

We were glad to notice at our consecration service, an increased spirit of personal responsibility. A few earnest words from some "in His name," and only the Master knew the cost. During the three services, one hundred and sixty-nine were present; seventy-six took part by words of testimony or prayer; fifty-seven by reading scripture verses; ten by absentess sending a thought to secretary by note. We welcome three new members to our ranks.

M. LOUNSBURY.

RAYER MEETING COMMITTEE. Your committee would suggest that a missionary prayer-meeting be held once a quarter, say the third Wednesday of the first month. This service has been held in one of the Methodist churches of our city, and has proved very successful. We believe it would create a more earnest missionary spirit amongst the members of our church. The leaders of the services for the next month is as follows: —May 12th, Mr. McNair; May 19th, Miss Jarvis; May 26th, Consecration Service, Mr Thos. Morris, jr.; June 2nd, Miss Knight.

OCIAL COMMITTEE. On April 30th the Gleaner's concert was repeated, under the auspices of the Y. P. S. C. E. On account of other entertainments elsewhere there was not such a large audience as we had hoped to see, proceeds \$12.28. We have arranged for a moon-light excursion, under the joint auspices of the Y. P. S. C. E., and the Ladies Aid Society, to be held on the evening of June 15th, (weather permitting.) The terms are as follows: ninety dollars for the Steamer's passage money, the Steamboat Company provide the tickets, we do our own advertising. Should the weather not be favorable we take the next evening the boat is disengaged. The tickets will be out this week. We request every one to do their utmost to make it a success.

AVESA RAYCROFT.

LOWER COMMITTEE. We have had many calls for remembrance from this committee for the month of April, partly owing to the prevalof la grippe among us. We were sorry to find, one evening, we had more names than we could supply. Now that the beautiful wild flowers are here, they will be a great help. If any would like to spare a few flowers, if only a few blossoms, and could send them in to Mr. Bristow on Saturday evening by seven o'clock, they will be very thankfully received, and the best use made of them in cheering the sick. We have distributed on an average seven boquets each Sunday evening among the following:—Mrs. Hughes, Whyte, Baker, Rayson. Laking, Trimble, Misses Knight, McIlroy and Mr. Gain, among the scholars in the

Sunday school were Flossie Smith, Maudie Mottashed, Blanche Hill, Gertie Moyer, Florence Freed, Willie Fisher, J. Mosgrove, J. Gain, also Miss Pryke.

Your committee have arranged to have the rockery planted with ferns and wild flowers, by a competent man for ten dollars, said sum to be raised by a special collection at the business meeting held on May 5th, we hope to have a liberal response.

J. SARGINSON.

USIC COMMITTEE. The music in our meetings should be a means of great blessing, not to a few, but to all. Singing for the sake of the music, without reference to the words of prayer or praise, may have a refining influence, but it cannot make us stronger in heart and purpose to do the work entrusted to us. Let each one do all in his power, to prevent the spirit of mechanical singing from creeping into our meetings. Let us be as earnest over this as over the other parts of our meetings, and worship God as truly in our songs, as in our prayer.

L. MURRAY

ISSION COMMITTEE. During the former part of the month the attendance has been small on account of the beautiful weather, and a goodly number having left the city. Some of the workers think it best to drop part of the work for the summer months, while the others think it better to continue, notwithstanding apparent discouragements. The latter are in the majority, so we will continue in our feeble way, and would ask others to lend us their assistance.

We have been trying to make our rooms more comfortable by taking out the partitions, giving more room and better vetilation. We are doing all we can to make the services attractive and helpful. Last evening a kind lady friend gave us \$2.25, which was very thankfully received, as we are in need of funds at present.

I. C. HARRIS.

ISITING COMMITTEE. With the return of fine weather we are pleased to notice that many of our people who have been physically prostrated during the winter months are again able to be with us, though there are others, who we regret to say, are still suffering. We cordially welcome those who have lately come among us, and express the hope they will find in "Old King Street," their spiritual home. It has proved in the past a "resting place" for many weary souls, and we trust will be no less for them in the future. Your committee record eight calls.

M. E. BASTEDO

ORCAS COMMITTEE. Your committee feel specially thankful to God for His assistance in their work during the past month. A kind friend visited our sewing class and before leaving gave us f ur dollars towards helping Katie McMaster, Miss J. Harvey, was kind enough to embroider initials on a dozen handkerchiefs for her, and another lady gave us a lot of crocheted lace. Since the fine days have come the girls do not attend so regularly, and we have decided after holding two more meetings to close the sewing class. Your committee, however, still intend to devote that evening to sewing and doing any other work which they may find to do.

A. JARVIS.

UNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE. During the past month four ushers have been appointed for the Sunday school, Messrs R. Ripley and C. Taylor to act on the girls side, and Messrs A. Truman and C. Potter on the boys. We hope that all will help the ushers to make the best of our limited room during the opening and closing exercises. Your committee have seen or sent messages to several scholars who have been irregular in attendance, and know that some at least, have returned.

We have been much pleased to note the large attendance of the past month, and hope it may continue It would help us much in our work if the teachers would report to some member of your committee the names of any absentees whom they cannot them-

selves visit.

A. E. HENRY.

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#### TREASURERS REPORT.

#### RECEIPTS.

And the second second		
Balance from March	8 2	11
From Gleaner's Concert	17	38
Mission Collections and Donation	2	99
From Convener of Publishing Committee	12	49
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EXPENDITURE.		
Mission Expenses	<b>8</b> 8	25
Advertising Gleaner's Concert	4	50
Paid Printing Account		
Paid for April Endeavorer	17	00
Balance on hand	- /	12

\$34 97 JENNIE HARVEY. Treasurer.

NOX CHURCH SOCIETY. Our membership has increased to 78 Active and 18 Associate The Society is steadily progressing and we feel we have great cause for thankfulness for its prosperity

The Mission work in connection with our church has still our hearty co-operation.

During April a pleasant Social was given by our Society. It was well attended and by these gatherings to interest more of the your cople and thus win them for our Society.

### Weaving.

Our life is woven-we the weavers-God, the work will oversee His own hand shall help and guide us. In His might our strength will be.

Daily, hourly, we are weaving Either dark or golden threads: Making out a lasting pattern By our actions, words and deeds.

If we leave our work unfinished, It will ever be undone: No one else can do our duty-It is left to only one

#### 3tems.

The Gleaner's Concert was repeated in the interests of the Christian Endeavor society. April 30th, as announced, and a fine program was presented. It was expected that a much larger honse would have greeted the youthful performers, and it was a disappointment to all concerned that a larger number of people did not accept the invitation to attend. The society greatly appreciate the kindness of the Mission Circle in thus giving the entertainment, and wish to extend to the President and the various committees this public recognition of the same. We feel sure that the members of our society will reciprocate in the feeling of union which has been inculcated by this entertainment and trust another year will witness perhaps even closer relations of the societies.

We are pleased to announce that the rockery has been nicely filled with wild flowers and ferns and it will soon be a "thing of beauty." In the meantime who will suggest a reasonable plan for keeping the people from destroying the grass?

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

		Schotars.	Off. & T'ch'rs.	Collection.
Mar.	5th,	Open Scho	ol, (Practice)	\$ 8.41
	12th,		(Anniversar	
4.4	19th,	432	52	8.15
. 4	26th,	460	52	10.40

Read Social Committee report for particulars re moon-light excursion. Last year we made \$100 clear. This time let us increase the amount. Half the proceeds will go to Ladies aid, to help paint and paper the parsonage, the other half will be used to good advantage by the Y. P. S. C. E.

On the 16th of May our Christian Endeavor society completes its second year. To commemorate the event the society has arranged to hold an anniversary service on Thursday evening, May 21st. Representatives from different Christian endeavor societies will be asked to come and take part in our meeting. We ask the members of our society and their friends to keep this important event in mind.

The friends of Rev. Mr. Pescott will be pleased to learn that he has passed his final examinations successfully, and is now a B. A. The "ENDEAVORER" adds its congratulations.

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# "At Home" from Bethany.

The "At Home" given by the choir, on the evening of April 9th, turned out precisely as was anticipated—free and easy. It was given as a partial reciprocation to the friends who so kindly assisted us in our Choir's annual concert, and judging from the manner in which they responded to the invitation sent them, and the hearty way in which they took advantage of the games, &c., placed at their disposal, was very gratifying indeed to all the members of the choir.

The evening was spent in playing parlor games, interspersed with vocal and instrumental music, furnished by Messrs Colter and Humphries, Misses A. Mann and L. Tovell. Promenading was made delightful by music from our efficient Sunday school orchestra, under the leadership of W. H. Robinson. About 10 p. m. they all adjourned to the parlor of the church, where a sumptuous repast was served by the young ladies of the choir, to which every person apparently did justice. During tea several complimentary speeches were given by the members' of the musical committee of our church. The singing of God save the Queen brought a very pleasant social evening to a close.

## Open Meeting of the Mutual Improvement Society.

The first open meeting of the First Methodist Church Mutual Improvement Society was held last night in the school-room of the church. Rev. Mr. Pescott, in his usual genial manner, made a very efficient Chairman, and had charge of the following programme, which was well rendered and much appreciated: Hymn, "It is Good to be Here" instrumental duet, Misses Harvey and Christie; glee, the Boots Glee Club; address, the President, Miss Lavery; debate Resolved, that the Queens of England have done more for the nation than the Kingsaffirmative, Misses Kapelle and Henrynegative, Messrs Knapman and Truman; sacred song, Miss Rose; violin solo, Mr. Moyer; glee, "Hark! I Hear a Voice," Glee Club; reading, Miss Reid; vocal solo, Miss Bristow; dialogue, Messrs Stoneman, Lavery, Ripley and Lavelle; glee, the Maple Leaf Glee Club; violin solo, Mr. Moyer; good night, Mutual Improvement Society. The result of the debate was a victory for the affirmative. After the concert refreshments were served in the parlor by the young men of the society.