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PUBLIC SERVICES.

Sabbath Day.

Prayer Meeting, 10:00 o'clock
Public Worship, 11:00 "
" " 7:00 "
Sabbath School, 3:00 "
Bible Class, 3:00 "

Wednesday Evening.

Prayer Meeting, 8:00 o'clock

The Institute.

Meets 2nd and 4th
Monday in each
month, - 8:00 o'clock

The King's Messengers.

MISSION BAND.

Meet 1st Tuesday
in each month, 8:00 o'clock

The Band of Hope.

Meets on the last
Friday in each
month, - 8:00 o'clock

The ordinance of the Lord's Supper is administered the first Sabbath of March, June, September, and December.

The Sacrament of Baptism, the last Sabbath in each month at the Prayer Meeting, 10 a.m.

Business Meetings.

THE SESSION meets at the call of the Moderator.

THE BOARD OF MANAGERS meet on first Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m.

WOMEN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION meets second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

THE LADIES' AID SOCIETY meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 3 p.m.

THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

SABBATH SCHOOL TEACHERS meet for transaction of business on the first Friday of January, April, July and October at 7:30 p.m.

PRAYER LEADERS.

1888. 10 a.m. SABBATH.
Mar. 11-Mr. A. S. McGregor.
" 18-Mr. R. Allan.
" 25-Rev. J. A. Murray.
Baptismal Sabbath.
April 1-Mr. A. Thomson.

WOMEN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Women's Foreign Missionary Society held their Presbyterian annual meeting in Knox Church, St. Thomas, on Tuesday, 7th inst. About 75 delegates represented the 23 Auxiliaries and Mission Bands within the bounds of the Presbytery, who, with the friends in the city itself, with those from sister Societies of the Baptist and Canada Methodist denominations, made a fine, lively meeting.

Secretaries of Auxiliaries and Bands read their own reports at the morning meeting, the Presbyterian Secretary and Treasurer giving their summaries of the whole in the afternoon.

The work done throughout the Presbytery during the nine months since last annual report has been very good, and the outlook for progress most encouraging.

The energetic President, Mrs. Roger, gave the whole Society ample food for thought and increased effort by showing on the blackboard, in tabulated form, the absurdly small proportion of our female church members represented by the membership of the Society. Also the Society reports themselves show a very small average attendance at the monthly meetings as compared with the actual membership, so that the results are all the more surprising—and yet, no. It is a "Gideon's Band."

There are 20 Auxiliaries and three Mission Bands, including a membership of 734. The average attendance in one month over all is about 350, showing that the utmost must be done to make the meetings instructive and attractive to obtain the needed increase. However, all the membership contribute to the funds and to the clothing supplies for Indian Reserves. The cash contribution to the general W. F. M. Fund is \$1,231.04; and to clothing for Northwest, \$1,031.20, with freight for same, about \$45.00: which certainly shows the power of faith, perseverance, self-denial and united effort.

The officers are the same as last year, with the exception of the Secretary, Mrs. Chisholm, who was most kindly honored by the Presbyterian Society with a life membership on retiring. She is succeeded by Miss L. Fraser, 529 Princess Avenue, city, who was elected by a unanimous vote of the meeting. Mrs. Roger, President; Mrs. Ball, 1st Vice-President, all Presidents

of Auxiliaries being Vice-Presidents ex officio; and Mrs. Thomson, 128 Albert Street, Treasurer.

Mrs. Ewart, of Toronto, President of the General Society, most kindly came at the request of the officers, and gave most efficient help in all critical questions by her advice, as well as added to the general interest of the occasion by a valuable address on the work of women in this department in these days, and also a most interesting sketch of the Pundita Bamcobia, a native Brahmin, whose extraordinary erudition in Oriental languages, literature, native superstitions and customs, her own conversion to Christianity, made her life so far a power for good in India, and now in the United States, where she lives and labors for those still in darkness.

The Society readily embraced a proposal made by their President to have a Presbyterian W. F. M. S. Circulating Library, each Auxiliary to give one book and donations of standard Mission work invited, Miss Kennedy, 583 Talbot Street, city, to be librarian. As the meeting had to close with a sense of not having accomplished all that was desired, it was decided to hold a two days' one in London, in Park Avenue Church, next year, and so secure ample time and satisfaction.

St. Andrew's Women's Foreign Missionary Society Auxiliary meets in the manse, the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 in the evening. All invited.

GREATNESS OF LITTLE THINGS.

BY GEO. W. ARMSTRONG.

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

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

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

A little thought or word 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 and actions be
Pure, gentle, full of charity;
For gentle thoughts and words of love
Are emblems of the life above.

OUR RECORD, MARCH, 1888.

In another column will be found a short article entitled "A Word to Parents," contributed by one of our leading Sabbath School teachers. We wish to give emphasis to the suggestions therein contained.

Who should be more interested in the religious education of children than the parents themselves? and yet, alas! to what an alarming extent this home training and teaching is neglected. Parents, when they offer their children to the Lord in Baptism, take upon themselves the most solemn vows to see to their spiritual education both by example and precept. These vows are not, or should not be, simply matters of form. God, before whom they are uttered, does not view them in that light; He expects them to be kept, and holds those who make the vows responsible for their performance.

Children, especially of Christian parents, are His peculiar regard, and His spiritual promises are "Unto you and to your children." Under the old dispensation He was very strict with the heads of the Jewish families and required that they should teach His Laws and explain the historical circumstances associated with the various feasts and ceremonies of their religious system. "Thou," says he, "shall teach them diligently unto thy children," read Deuteronomy 6th chapter commencing at the 6th verse, and you will see how strict He was in this matter of parental instruction to their own children.

There must have been some necessity why God should require His Laws to be thus rigidly instilled into the minds of Jewish children. Can the necessity be any the less under the new, or Christian dispensation? We trow not.

A German philosopher is credited with saying, "Give me a child until it is *two years old* and after that I will give it to the world." In other words he meant that the child's character and habits were formed in its tenderest years. This philosopher may, or may not, be right, but one thing is certain that before the Sabbath School teacher gets the children under his care at the age of five or six years, their characters, or the foundations of their characters, for all time has been laid.

Parents who neglect this important duty and trust entirely to Sabbath School instruction for the religious education of their children, should think of the inequality of opportunity the teacher has in contrast to that of them-

selves. The parents have the children under their care 365 days every year, the Sabbath School teacher only about 52 hours, and only half this time as it regards direct religious and scriptural instruction. The parents owe it as a religious duty, not only to God, but to the Sabbath School teacher and to the Church that they, at least, study the lesson and help their children to do the same.

Sabbath Schools are our country's glory and we wish them every success, but of the two modes of educating the rising generation we prefer the Old Jewish system of parents studying the Scriptures for themselves and teaching their own children, instead of throwing the responsibility, as much as they do, upon the Sabbath School teacher. When parents do this, our young people will not break from religious institutions as they do, but will rather be more attached to them. "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." Parents, the most solemn weight of responsibility rests upon you in this matter.

SANTO, NEW HEBRIDES.

The congregation will doubtless remember that something over a year ago we were favored with a visit from the Rev. I. Annand and his wife. These devoted missionaries are now settled on their new mission station at Santo.

The Rev. J. A. Murray has received a letter from Mr. Annand, in which he narrates the perils of their voyage and describes their shipwreck and their subsequent arrival in safety. Mr. Annand, with the aid of the natives, has erected a habitation in which to dwell. Since their arrival Mr. Annand has been afflicted with sciatica, and both he and his wife have had neuralgia.

They have settled in the south part of the island and are diligently engaged learning the language. At the time he wrote he had written down eight or nine hundred words, and was so far advanced as to make himself understood by the natives. One great difficulty is the numerous dialects. In eleven villages there are no less than three dialects. The people are said to be cannibals, but so far Mr. Annand has not seen anything of it. We hope and pray he never may.

At the prayer meeting on Wednesday evening, the 1st ult., an address was delivered by Mr. G. W. Armstrong, subject:—"Obedience to Divine Law the Secret of True Success."

The Rev. Mr. Mahon, of Prince Edward Island, occupied St. Andrew's pulpit on the evening of Sabbath, February 5th, and also conducted the prayer meeting on Wednesday evening the 8th ult.

The Presbyterial Society, of the

Guelph Presbytery, met at Fergus on Tuesday the 21st ult. Our pastor, the Rev. J. A. Murray, delivered an address on the occasion. The subject of his address was, "The highest type of heroism is development of Missions."

Mrs. Chisholm was presented with a certificate of life membership at the meeting of the Women's Foreign Mission Society of the Presbytery of London, held at St. Thomas, on the 7th ult., in recognition of her valuable services as Secretary of that organization.

LADIES AID SOCIETY.—The monthly meeting was held in the business room. Large number of members present. The number of persons assisted during the month, seven; amount of money distributed for aid, \$23.00.

We are glad to know that Mrs. Robert Allen is making steady progress towards recovery.

Mrs. Armstrong still remains very weak and low. She has been confined to her room for the past three weeks. The prospects of a speedy return to health and strength are not very cheering.

A WORD TO PARENTS.

There are few things more important than the training of the young in religious knowledge and Christian character. The Sabbath School is an excellent agency for this work, but the teachers, who voluntarily, and at much sacrifice of time, comfort, energy and means, engage to help parents in the discharge of this sacred duty, should receive better recognition. Parents should at least, take interest enough to have the catechisms and other lessons learned by their children, and more especially appoint a time for reading over the Scripture Lessons and preparing their children for its study in the class.

We publish below the Scripture Lessons for this month, hoping thereby to gain a hearty and more general co-operation of parents in this work at home.

LESSONS FOR MARCH.

- March 4th.—Matt. xvii, 17-34. Golden Text, Matt. xx, 28.
" 11th.—Matt. xxi, 1-16. Golden Text, Psalm cxviii, 26.
" 18th.—Matt. xxi, 33-46. Golden Text, John i, 11.
" 25th.—Review. Golden Text, Matt. xvi, 16.
April 1st.—Matt. xxii, 1-14. Golden Text, Rev. xix, 9.

CHOIR CONCERT.

The Choir will give a grand sacred concert in the Church towards the end of the month. The programme will be very choice and a great musical treat to the people of St. Andrews.

Miss Anna Howden, one of the best

sopranos on the concert stage to-day, and Mr. Edward Lye, one of Toronto's best tenors, have been engaged for the occasion. Miss McNeil our own popular soprano, and Mr. McIntosh, Basso, will add to the pleasure of the evening and to the strength of the programme. Miss Howden, whose voice is a high brilliant soprano of great flexibility and sweetness, will among other things sing, "With Verdure Clad," from Haydn's Oratorio, "The Creation," an "aria" of almost matchless purity, beauty and grace, of which Haydn himself was very fond, and which he re-cast three times before he was satisfied with it. Mr. Lye will sing the exquisitely beautiful "aria," from the same Oratorio, "In Native Worth," the second part of which is full of tender beauty in its description of the creation of Eve, and the happiness of the newly created pair. The duet, "Love Divine," full of tenderness and consolation, from Dr. Stainer's sacred cantata, "The Daughter of Jairus," will be rendered by Miss Howden and Mr. Lye, and the impressive and deeply devotional quartette, "God is a Spirit," from Bennett's cantata, "Woman of Samaria,"—to which an additional interest is lent from the fact that it was sung in Westminster Abbey upon the occasion of the composer's funeral—will also be found upon the programme. Mr. S. W. Wilson, who will conduct the concert, will take advantage of this occasion to exhibit the new organ at its best, a task which his splendid technique and finished style well qualifies him to perform. We bespeak for our friends in the Choir a crowded house. The proceeds will go towards the organ fund.

The Atheist says—No God.

The Theist says—A God.

The Christian says—MY GOD.

As you learn, teach; as you get, give; as you receive, distribute.

Giving for God is not the only way to gain heavenly-mindedness; but our unwillingness to give for Him may stand in the way of our entering into fuller blessing.

The sacred Scriptures teach us the best way of living, the noblest way of suffering and the most comfortable way of dying.

There is doubtless a great deal of poor preaching, but it is not to be denied that in nine cases out of ten if the preaching is bad, the listening is worse.

The Rev. Mr. Highflyer—I delivered that sermon off-hand. I hadn't given it a moment's thought. How did you like it? *Hearer*—I can't say. You see, I didn't give it a moment's thought, either.

THE KING'S MESSENGERS.

On Tuesday evening, January 31st, the Mission Band gave one of their popular and interesting concerts. The attendance was large, the lecture room being crowded to its utmost capacity. The Rev. J. A. Murray presided, and introduced the following excellent programme:

PART I.

1. OPENING REMARKS—Chairman.
Rev. J. A. Murray.
2. PIANO SOLO—(c) Minuet in B Minor
Schubert.
(b) Consolation No. 5 *Liszt.*
Mr. S. W. Wilson.
3. SOLO—Selected
Mr. R. H. Morrison.
4. SOLO—"Light of the Land." *Pinsuti.*
Miss McNeil.
5. RECITATION—"Jean Courtney."
De Winton.
Miss Boon.
6. QUARTETTE—"Peace, Perfect Peace."
Gounod.
Misses McNeil and Woods, Messrs. Mason and Wilson.

PART II.

1. PIANO SOLO—"Nearer My God, to Thee."
Miss Gordon.
2. DUET—Selected
Miss McNeil.
3. SOLO—"Prince Charlie."
Miss McNeil.
4. RECITATION—"Abumidjon."
Mr. R. A. Little.
5. SOLO—"Psalm of Life." *Longfellow.*
Mr. J. W. McIntosh.
6. SOLO—"Calvary." *Paul Rooney.*
Miss Woods.

The artists were greatly appreciated, and encores were the order of the evening. The King's Messengers know how to provide for a pleasant evening's entertainment.

IN MEMORIAM.

JEAN LAWRIE.

The subject of this brief sketch, Mrs. Jean Lawrie, was born on the 6th day of May, 1810, in the Parish of Featheresso, in the County of Aberdeenshire, Scotland. Her maiden name was Duthie. She married Mr. Lawrie in 1836, and was the mother of four children, two sons and two daughters. All her children survive her and deeply deplore her loss.

Mrs. Lawrie was a member of the Presbyterian Church for upwards of half a century.

When the family left Featheresso, they came straight to London, Ontario, in 1856, and connected themselves with St. Andrew's Church and congregation. Thus, in Mrs. Lawrie, passes away one of our land-marks.

Her husband died on the 16th January, 1877, and the year after Mrs. Lawrie had the sad misfortune of a paralytic stroke, which kept her confined to her home, though able to attend to light domestic duties. On Tuesday, the 14th ult., she was a second time afflicted with paralysis, which proved fatal. Her spirit returned to God, who gave it, on Sabbath, the 19th, at 1.40 a. m.

Her mortal remains were conveyed to Mount Pleasant Cemetery on Tuesday, the 21st. She has left behind the gratifying testimony that she was gone to spend her eternity with her Saviour.

ALEXANDER BLACK.

Mr. Alexander Black passed peacefully away to the land of spirits on Friday afternoon, the 24th ult. He was a citizen much respected by those who knew him. His family feel his loss very deeply, he being a kind and affectionate husband and father. Mr. Black was a native of Inverness, Scotland, and came to Canada about 35 years ago. His illness was protracted, extending over two years. He was 63 years of age. He was an adherent of St. Andrew's congregation, and the family has the sympathy of the church in their bereavement.

The Bible Class Library has been reorganized, and is now in full and good working order. Members and adherents of the church can enjoy its privileges on payment of a small subscription, to the librarian, Mr. R. McInnes.

Mr. Dimitri Staneff, a native of Bulgaria, who was educated for a Priest of the Greek Church, but now a Protestant student in the Western Theological Seminary at Alleghany City, U. S., attended and took part in the special prayer meeting held in the lecture hall on Friday, February 24th. Mr. Staneff also delivered a lecture in the same place on Monday, the 27th, on "Bulgaria, its people and prospects."

THE INSTITUTE.

The regular meeting, held on Monday evening, Feb. 6th, was of the same high character as all former ones. The attendance was large, the programme excellent in every feature, and the interest taken in it keen throughout. After the usual devotional exercises, Mr. Corban opened the programme with a flute solo, and responded to the well-merited encore he received. The essayist of the evening, Mr. Jones, presented a paper on "Early Rising," and in a clear, racy style, cautioned his hearers against following too closely the time-worn and familiar proverb, pointed out many of its attendant disadvantages and evils, and referred to the habits of many great historical personages in support of his views. An instrumental duet by Misses Ross and Gordon was well rendered, and after Mr. Corban had favored the audience with another flute solo, the debaters took their places at the front. The subject was, "Resolved, that Gladstone has proved a greater statesman than Disraeli." The speakers on the affirmative, Messrs. A. H. Gauld and J. C. Stewart, and the negative Messrs. McClintock and W. Murray. The debate was well con-

tested, both sides showing by their familiarity with the history of the two great men that they had carefully studied the subject. The vote of the audience decided that the weight of argument rested on the side of the affirmative.

THE MISSION SCHOOL.

Our Mission School, on north Waterloo street, has met regularly every Sabbath afternoon at three o'clock in St. George's School House, with an average attendance of 60. Some scholars who came for the first two or three Sabbaths, from curiosity no doubt, have gone back to the schools they previously attended.

We have now an efficient staff of officers and teachers in charge of the school, as well as every necessary equipment for successful work, and the school is destined to take its place as one of the permanent institutions of the city.

We now seek for the kindly interest and co-operation of all the Presbyterian families in the northern section of the city. They can do much to make it a success by having their children join the school, and by looking up others, not now attending any school, and bringing in, or notifying any of our officers or teachers where to find them. This work has been taken up with the intention of making it, in reliance on the Divine blessing, one of the best Sabbath Schools in our city, and this can be done if our people residing in the north part of the city take an active interest in it. Old and young are cordially invited to meet with us on Sabbath afternoons at 3 o'clock, in St. George's School House.

The following is our present staff of teachers and officers:

OFFICERS.

Jas. Gordon, Superintendent.
H. E. Nelles, Treasurer.
R. Arthur Gordon, Secretary.
Miss Rhoda Gordon, Organist.

TEACHERS.

Rev. J. Gordon, Bible Class.
Miss Kate McIntosh, } Prim. Class.
Miss Katie M. Gordon, }
Mrs. Nelles. Miss Clarke.
Mrs. Telfer. Miss M. Ross.
Mrs. Wright. Miss Rhoda Gordon.
Mr. H. E. Nelles. Miss Burnett.
Mr. Robb. Mr. M. A. Jones.

The teachers meet every Friday evening at 8 o'clock, for study and prayer.

SHAKE HANDS.

Shake hands with somebody as you go out of church. The more of it the better, if it is expressive of real feeling and interest. There may be a great deal of the spirit of the Gospel put into a hearty shake of the hand. Think of

St. Paul's four times repeated, "Greet one another," after the custom then in use, and one which is expressive and even warmer feeling than our common one of hand-shaking. Why not give your neighbors the benefit of the warm Christian feeling that fills you to your finger tips, and receive the like from them in return? You will both be benefitted by it; and the stranger will go away feeling that the church is not, after all, so cold as he had thought it to be.

BAPTISMS.

On Sabbath, February 26th, the Sacrament of Baptism was administered, in the Bible Class room at 10 a.m., by the Rev. J. A. Murray.

McDOUGALL, Martha, Westminster, an adult, on confession of faith and consecration of her life to the Saviour.

KENNEDY, Florence Edna, daughter of William and Rollina Kennedy, born 18th December, 1887.

MURRAY, John William Robinson, son of John and Margaret Murray, born 22nd August, 1887.

BAND OF HOPE.

This important work in connection with our Sunday School has been revived, and two meetings have been held during the past month, the programmes being contributed principally by the junior members, and proved entertaining as well as instructive.

At the first meeting, Mr. James Gordon, Superintendent of the North Mission School, gave a very fine address, showing the baneful effect of intoxicating drinks on society; and at the last meeting, Dr. Irvine delivered an instructive talk on the physical effects of alcohol.

Thirty new members were added to our roll.

We hope that this work will be taken up energetically by the teachers and officers of the school as an important part of their duties, so that the seeds of temperance sown in youth may spring up, grow strong, and give us a grand harvest in the future of temperance men and women.

IS IT RIGHT?

Is it right to derive a revenue out of a traffic which no decent man defends?

Is it right to license a man to make paupers, and then tax sober men to take care of them?

Is it right to build churches to save men, and at the same time license shops that destroy them?

Is it right to license a saloon to teach vice, and then tax people for schools to teach virtue?

Is it right to teach your boy not to

drink, and then license a place where he may be taught to drink?

Is it right to take care of your own boy, and vote to license a place which will ruin your neighbor's boy?

Is it right for you to go to the polls and vote, without having studied the question seriously and carefully?

Is it right to teach your boy to be honest, and then vote to license a place where he may be taught to gamble?

Is it right to license a man to sell that which will make a man drunk, and then punish the man for being drunk?

Is it right to teach a boy to restrain his passions, and then vote to license a place where his worst passions will be inflamed?

Is it right to preach justice and charity, and then vote to license a thing which robs the widows and orphans of their bread?

A Quaker was advising a drunkard to leave off his habit of drinking intoxicating liquors. "Can you tell me how to do it?" said the slave of the appetite. "Yes," answered the Quaker, "It is just as easy as to open my hand, friend." "Convince me of that, and I will promise upon my word and honor to do as you tell me," replied the drunkard. "Well, my friend, when thou findest any vessel of intoxicating liquor in thy hand, open the hand that contains it before it reaches thy mouth, and thou wilt never be drunk again."

The membership of the Juvenile Temperance Societies in England now numbers over *two millions*. Leeds has the honor of being the birthplace of the first society bearing the title, "Band of Hope." This was formed in 1847.

MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

Three meetings were held during the month by the Committee, for the purpose of revising the list of subscribers to the Schemes of the Church, and for devising some means of furnishing members and adherents of the congregation, who have no sittings in the church, with envelopes for the monthly contributions to the Mission Schemes, as it is evident there are still a large number not contributing.

It was arranged that these envelopes should be sent to families not appearing as seat holders, to their address, through the mail.

Contributors to OUR RECORD will oblige by sending in their reports not later than date stated on advice. Communications coming to hand late, put both the editor and printer to great inconvenience, besides running the risk of not appearing in number for which they are intended.