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Editorial Notes.

"To him, who, in the love of nature, holds
Communion with her invisible forms, she speaks
A various language: for his gayer hours
She has a voice of gladness, and a smile
And eloquence of beauty; and she glides
Into his darker musings with a mild
And gentle sympathy, that steals away
Their sharpness, ere he is aware."

AT this season when each blade of grass
and each tiny leaf, as it appears, are
matters of interest to the student of
nature, we never cease to wonder at the
unfolding of the new volume of the year in
its relation to vegetation.

Plant and animal life, while apparently
differing so widely, are so similar in the low-
est forms that we do not know where to draw
the dividing line. Of one thing we are
certain—that plant life absorbs from the air
that which animals do not make use of and
thus all food is produced from plants.

We accept the fact of seed time and har-
vest, of the verdure of spring and the decay
of autumn, and unless we have acquired a
deeper interest by study we are in the posi-
tion of one of two men of whom we have read,
who, on being interrogated as to what he had
seen abroad, replied in exactly the same
terms as his companion, but the enthusiasm
of the one and the indifference of the other,
has caused the incident to be repeated as
illustrating enlightened perception and the
want of it, but having acquired, by ever so
rudimentary study, a knowledge of plant
life, the spring has a peculiar charm above all
seasons, and as each well known plant
appears at its appointed time, fulfils its mis-
sion as food or shelter, passes into different
forms or decays, its little history often speaks
more eloquently to the student, than the well
rounded periods from the lips of man.

During Christ's life upon earth he taught
frequently by illustrations from the vegetable
kingdom, he bids us "Consider the lilies of
the field," teaching us to be trustful and less
over anxious for the things of this life, he
mentions sowing and reaping as an illustra-
tive of the great principles of Christian
living. We gather from His life that the book
of nature was opened to His perception as
to no other person, as every faculty which in
us admits of cultivation was in Him perfected.

Bryant, in his beautiful "Forest Hymn,"
speaks of the delicate forest flower that looks
so like a smile, "Seems as it issues from the
shapeless mould, an emanation of the indwell-
ing life, a visible token of the upholding love,
that are the soul of this wide universe."

Does any one doubt the fact of a great and
universal Creator? The study of natural
science will do more than establish him, as
he compares it with revelation and finds no
antagonism. Is any one among us heavy of
heart? let him learn cheerfulness from the
modest verdure which feels the impress of
the foot upon it and again bravely lifts up its
head. In thus cultivating a knowledge of
the laws which govern the most common
gifts to us, we cannot fail to enjoy life more
fully, to give more pleasure to others and to
more fully exemplify the teachings of Christ,
our living Head.

A Retrospect.

(Continued from April)

OTHER Missionary efforts have been made by our school. When Rev. E. R. Young left for Norway House in 1868, the school gave a Sabbath's collection to help replenish the library at that far-away mission. Recently the school has been helping a young Japanese, Mr. Kobiashai, who is pursuing his studies at Victoria University. In 1868 the present stone church was built, under the direction of Dr. Rice. The materials were obtained by pulling down the vacated McNab Street Church. Each stone was marked as it was taken down, and afterwards put back in a similar position, to form a similar structure upon our lot. The McNab Street people had, previous to this change, built Centenary Church and moved over there. Our re-opening services were conducted by Rev. Morley Punshon.

The old building had been moved back and was now converted into a Sunday school room, many of us remember its appearance, and just where we sat in that room, the library and class rooms down stairs, the school room proper up stairs, the infant class new with ascending rows of benches to one side, stuck up near the roof, we remember the wall-paper hanging in festoons from the ceiling, the leaky stove pipes with tin troughs and little pails placed at the ends to catch the drippings. We remember, too, how one Sunday, some boys watched their opportunity when no one was looking, and put cayenne pepper on the stove, my, what a time! can we forget it? we tried to sing, but that was impossible, and the school, much to every one's annoyance, had to be dismissed. The boys were not discovered, but they never repeated the offence.

Although this sketch is but an incomplete history of King Street Sunday School, we cannot close without some reference to the annual picnics and anniversaries. Land's Bush or Col. Land's Grove, as solemnly announced by Mr. Stannard, on the Sabbath preceding the picnic, was a place to which all the boys and girls delighted to go. The memory is still green with many of us, oh! the joyous moment when twenty of us were packed into the big red flour wagon of Mr. Morris's, and quivering with delight were driven down King Street, passed the first common, and, at last, over the ditch, bump, bump, around the stumps into the picnic ground. Oh! the visions of lemonade and

ginger cookies, what if Mr. Atkinson's lemonade barrel did look as if it held out at one time. What if Tom Dixon was so engaged getting the swings put up, and the ropes ready for Copenhagen that the boys got at those delicious buns of Bateman's. Oh! those happy days, never have woods and grasses and flowers looked more lovely. We learned to love them then, because we were so happy at those picnics.

Our anniversary, too, was always regarded as a red-letter day. With Mr. Geo. Fletcher as secretary, reading the report, and Mr. R. L. L. Whyte, then, as now, leading the singing. Hymns such as "Shall we Gather at the River," and "In the Sweet Bye and bye" were sung with such effect that King Street school was famous for having the best singing of any of the schools in the city.

A Band of Hope was started in connection with our school by Mr. Douglas Simpson, about the year 1870, in which the triple pledge against tobacco, liquor and profanity, was used. Rev. W. Galbraith, L. L. B. was the first president. The meetings were held monthly, and much good resulted from them. In 1872 Mr. Stannard was succeeded by Mr. Simpson as Superintendent, a position which he held but for a few months, on his removal from the city, Mr. James Mathews was appointed. Rev. W. W. Carson became pastor in 1873, and it was through his efforts that the name of our church was changed from King Street to First Methodist.

Life on the Prairies.

(By Thos. Morris, Jr.)

THE only thing left for me to do, was to get rid of my clothes. I dug a hole, and put them under the sod, then, like Naman, captain of the host of the King of Syria, I went down to the rivers' brink, and dipped myself in the muddy waters of the Red River of the north. My condition was now somewhat improved, and the mistress of the house took pity on me, and I was admitted into the bosom of the family again. I rather gave myself away in this connection: I enquired of the Doctor if the bite I had received was poisonous, and, of course, had to relate the whole matter to him. The Doctor thought it too good to keep, and had the adventure minutely described in the *Morris Herald*. For a long time I was chaffed unmercifully about my nocturnal adventure with the wounded rabbit.

One old man in the neighborhood was a most intrepid s—k killer. His plan was to drive one in a corner, behind some rubbish, then lean over, and, by a dexterous move, catch it by the tail, then, holding it out at arms-length, with head and body downwards, master s—k was at his mercy—for a s—k is dangerous only when it can project its tail at right angles to its body. With the s—k hanging by its tail in one hand, and a club in the other, the old man soon made short work of his prisoner. After he had stretched it lifeless, this old man used to skin it, cut the fat out, and boil it, making s—k oil, which he said was good for rheumatism, and much valued. I used to think sometimes that his olfactory nerves were wanting, for one could not go near his cabin at certain seasons, when in the midst of his harvesting s—k oil, without a strong feeling of disgust.

One day I had gone away from a home, and coming back had brought with me a young friend, who had a clam near me. It was late, and we were cold and hungry. After stabling the oxen, we started for the shanty. As we approached, we saw that the door was open, which seemed rather suspicious. As we drew nearer we heard noises inside, as of tins and boxes being shoved around. Tom Martin, my friend, went to the back window, and held up the lantern while I looked in through the half opened door to see the nature of the occupants. I was horrified to behold three s—ks deliberately waddling around, sticking their noses into everything, and generally making themselves quite at home. I saw, much to my further dismay, a herring box on the floor, which was quite full when I left in the morning, but, which was now quite empty. I had just opened the box in the morning, and had counted twelve dozen fish. During my absence the s—ks had evidently enjoyed a great feast, for I could not discover one herring left. I could not help laughing at one greedy fellow, who had stuck his head into an empty lobster can, and the ragged tin edges had caught in his hairy neck, where it remained a fixture. It certainly was most amusing to see him running around shaking his head, vainly endeavoring to rid himself of his new found patent head-gear.

But what were we to do now? that was the question. We dare not eject the creatures forcibly, because they would take a terrible revenge. We opened the door wide and stood around waiting, with empty stomachs and chattering teeth, devoutly praying that help would come to us in our great extremity. The air was frosty and the night wind was

keen. It was dreary waiting, moments seemed drawn out into hours, and hours into days, we watched the constellations one after another drop out of sight, and still the s—ks came not out. At last, we became reckless, something must be done, after consulting, we decided upon a course, I was to seize an opportune moment, rush in with the lantern, and jump on the bed. Tom was to make a terrible racket outside, hammering the boards of the shanty with a mallet. I got in safely, leaned forward, and silently placed the lantern on the floor beside the bed, then Tom began to hammer. These proceedings on our part, seemed to disconcert the phlegmatic s—ks, while the light from the lantern caused them to blink their eyes, and look around in astonishment. The unearthly noises outside seemed to raise their curiosity, then it apparently dawned upon them that they were not the sole occupants of the shanty, and that their company was not particularly desirable. At first they were stubborn, they acted as though they were indignant, then took it philosophically enough and prepared to leave, during this time I scarcely breathed for fear our tactics would fail; but now they started, one after the other, very reluctantly, as though sorry to go. They waddled a few steps, stopped and looked around. After a few irresolute advances they finally passed through the door into the darkness. Then, and not till then, did I breathe freely; and shutting the door quickly upon the intruders, Tom and I congratulated ourselves that things were not so bad as they might have been. We little knew, however, what was still in store for us.

TO BE CONTINUED

Second Anniversary

Of the First Methodist Church Society of Y. P. S. C. E.

THE visitors and representatives of the different Y. P. S. C. E. and Epworth League societies in the city with the members of our own society filled the lecture room on this occasion, and a most excellent program was provided. The lecture room wore its holiday dress of flowers and palms, and the reception committee did its work well in making every corner at home. The following named ladies and gentlemen gave addresses, which were preceded by the President's (Mr. Thos. Morris, Jr.) address. Mr. Best of the Baptist church; Mr. Malcolmson, (Presbyterian); Mr. Robertson,

(Congregational); Mr. Schofield, (Methodist) Miss Riach, (Disciples.) Fine vocal music was rendered at intervals by Misses Jennie Mann and Walton, and Mr. Harry Gayfer.

The Secretary, Miss Nettie Raycroft, read the report for the year 1890-91, which contained many interesting facts, showing the growth of the society from eight active members in May, 1889, to its present number one hundred and one active, fourteen associate and five honorary members, as all know the late Rev. Mr. Laird was the Honorary President, and helped to organize the society. The Treasurer's report also showed a very flourishing state of finances, total receipts for the year being \$366.87, total expenditure \$361.78, full report will be found elsewhere in this number. It was a great pleasure to all present to hear so many testimonies to the successful work done by the Y. P. S. C. E. in the different churches, and the spirit of interdenominationalism which prevailed is an earnest of what is in store for the Church of Christ at large, in the days that are coming.

The address of Mr. Schofield, representative of the Epworth League of the Centenary Church was very well received, the same purpose actuates to effort both societies, the name is a mere external. Everything points to a complete brotherhood of all who love Christ and are endeavoring to work for Him. We are pleased to give those of our readers who were not present, the privilege of reading the address of Miss L. V. Riach, President of the Society of Christian Endeavor in the Church of the Disciples.

WHY I LIKE THE Y. P. S. C. E.

Address given by Miss L. V. Riach, President of the Y. P. S. C. E., Church of the Disciples.

In considering the subject allotted me—Why I like the Y. P. S. C. E.—in the first place, I like it for its name—Christian Endeavor, it has the true ring, it is one which every Christian can conscientiously subscribe to, to do whatever our Master would have us do, to be up and doing, not burying the talent God has given us, but using it for His glory, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. In the prayer-meeting—for its opportunities of winning souls to Christ, of training young Christians, and building all up in the faith, while above and over us towers “the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.”

Again I like it for the friendly spirit manifested in the meetings. We all doubtless can remember our first attempt to take

part, and, how we almost wished it had not to be done looking upon it, rather as a duty, than as a free-will offering to Him, who, by the mouth of His apostle has exhorted us “to offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually,” that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. And if we would but remember that the timidity, the choking utterance, are but obstacles to overcome, and once conquered they are stepping stones on which we rise to higher things. We have all felt around us a sweet sympathy, knowing that all were so much interested in the work we are engaged in that there was no room whatever for the critic. I enjoy the time given for social intercourse, the warm hand-shake and the kindly word that assures us that the meeting has been enjoyed.

Then again, in our union meetings—when we all meet as brethren, Jesus Christ our head; our hearts animated with love to Him, and consequently with love for each other, for he who loveth not his brother, whom he hath seen, how can he love God, whom he hath not seen? In the interchange of ideas which broadens and enlarges our views in fact the interdenominational feature of the organization, is one that must recommend itself to all. And lastly, for its systematic study of the word of God. As we all believe that the Bible is the complete revelation of God to man, we cannot over estimate the benefits to be derived from its study for the word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart, and I firmly believe that the increased knowledge of Holy Writ will break down the differences existing in the Church and bring about the answer to Christ's memorable prayer—that they may all be one, as Thou, Father, art in me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in us, that the world may believe that Thou hast sent me. That this prayer will be answered, I have not the slightest doubt, and that the young people will be a strong factor in bringing this about, I must confidently trust, then speedily shall the kingdoms of the world, become the kingdoms our Lord and of His Christ.

Attention!

Don't forget the Moon-light Excursion, Monday evening, June 15th, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid and Christian Endeavor societies. Everybody welcome. Buy your tickets early, only 25 cents.

Committee Reports.

LOOKOUT COMMITTEE. Your committee in presenting the fifth report for their term of office, have pleasure in stating that in the month of May, a larger percentage of active members have taken part, than in any previous month. Eighty per cent. have been faithful to their pledge. Our standard is high; we want one hundred per cent. and then only, will every member have done his best. Our average attendance was fifty-four, which is a small number, considering our large membership. This number does not include visitors, of which we are pleased to see a goodly number, and we invite any one interested to visit us on Tuesday evenings. To every member of this Christian Endeavor, we earnestly and lovingly urge upon you, the privilege (we will not call it duty) of attending and doing your part toward making your meeting a success. Two new members have been proposed as active members.

M. LOUNSBURY.

PRAYER MEETING COMMITTEE. Since the organization of our society, nearly all of our active members, have taken their turn in leading the prayer meeting; some leading more than once. Your committee have been endeavoring to get those who have not yet led to do so. Some of these consider it a cross; we feel sure that this feeling would be speedily overcome, if they were to forget self, and think only of honoring Him, who hath said: "My grace is sufficient for thee, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Let us each endeavor to do our share towards making our meetings more interesting, and successful.

The leaders for the services for the next month are as follows:—June 9th, Mr. Bogart; June 16th, Mrs. Snider; June 23rd, Miss B. Jarvis; June 30th, Consecration Service, Mr. Thos. Morris, Jr.; July 7th, Mr. J. C. Harris.

I. E. LAVERY.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE. The work of this committee during the past month, has been confined principally to making arrangements for the moonlight excursion, to be held on the evening of Monday, June 15th. We have secured the services of our very efficient orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Robinson, which will favor us with music during the evening. We have decided to insert one advertisement in each of the evening papers on Saturday evening, June 13th, and, also, to have one thousand programmes printed and distributed. We all remember the very enjoyable time we had at the last moonlight excursion, and as this programme will be just as good if not better. We would like to see all the members of the congregation and their friends present. Tickets twenty-five cents, for sale by any of the members of the society.

AVESA RAYCROFT.

FLOWER COMMITTEE. During the month of May we find that we have some new names added to our list, but we are glad to know, that though some have been very low and weak, they are reported as on the road to health and strength again. Another of our members has been suddenly called to join the Church Triumphant, Mr. A. Bowron, passed peacefully away, on Thursday, May 28th, after being in connection with this church for many years. We wish to thank the kind friends who have helped in any way to make the house of prayer beautiful.

The flowers this month have been distributed among the following: Mesdames Whyte, Perry,

Keruish, Laird, Rayson, Laking, Essex, Pennington, Edwards; Misses Harvey, Christie, Reid, Knight, Flossie Smith, Florence Freed, also to Dr. Case.

J. SARGINSON.

MISSION COMMITTEE. The past month has been one of change, in regard to the work of the Mission. The Band of Hope has been conducted by the ladies of the W. C. T. U. The Sunday school has been more largely attended, which is encouraging. A new branch of work has been commenced, viz.: A Sunday evening service, to be conducted by the local preachers of our church. This service is greatly needed in order to keep track of those who do not attend service elsewhere. This will necessitate more helpers from the Y. P. S. C. E. to assist in the singing at these services, a good number have already volunteered to go and help, still more are wanting.

This new work will involve more expense, and we appeal to you, dear reader, for financial support, in order that the work may be more effectively carried on there. You may not be able to assist us with your presence, but perhaps you can with your substance. We wish for the prayers of all who read these lines that God's blessing will attend all the work at the mission.

J. C. HARRIS.

VISITING COMMITTEE. Your committee regret to report that sickness still lingers among so many of our people. There are some cases of very serious illness, and these suffering feel their only dependence is on the one Friend, who never faileth, and who is indeed for them "the shadow of a great rock in a weary land." We are thankful to know that a few cheerful words are often acceptable to these "prisoners of the Lord," and while it is not much we can do, still, the little done is in His name and service. Twelve calls are reported during the month.

It is our sorrowful duty to record the death of one of the oldest and most respected members of this congregation, who passed away last Thursday. We refer to the death of Mr. Bowron, and would convey to his sorrowing wife and family, the sincere sympathy of this society in their deep affliction.

M. E. BASTEDO.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE. Of the nine hundred thousand names presented to parliament asking for prohibition, five hundred and fifty were reported by your committee, on behalf of this society. Surely we may congratulate ourselves that we have had a part in this grand work. I am sure we will respond heartily to the appeal made by Rev. Mr. Brethour, in the "Guardian." Our church has committed itself more fully than ever before on this important question, both in its ministerial and lay membership, and although our hopes may not be fully realized during this session of the House; we have put our hands to the plough, and let us not turn back, but with renewed zeal and enthusiasm, push forward until victory crown our efforts, and let us not lose sight of the hands, and then victory is assured. May the time come speedily, is our prayer.

GEO. F. FISHER.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE. In marking the attendance of the Sunday school for the past month, your committee have made a list of the names of thirty-five scholars, who have not been regular attendants. These names will be distributed among your committee, who, after seeing the teachers

of the absent ones, will if necessary call upon them, and urge them to come every Sunday. Your committee have provided the Superintendent and Secretary each with a written record of the Sunday school scholars, by classes. Our Mutual Improvement Society has been well attended lately, and at the request of the members, the meetings will be continued through the summer.

A. E. HENRY.

TREASURERS REPORT.

RECEIPTS.	
Balance from April.....	\$ 12
Collection and Subscription for Rockery.....	10 00
Consecration Collection.....	2 52
Collections from Mission.....	1 03
Total.....	\$14 27
EXPENDITURE.	
On Flower Account.....	\$ 2 00
Caretaker of Mission.....	1 00
Wild Flowers for Rockery.....	10 00
Balance on hand.....	1 27
Total.....	\$14 27

JENNIE HARVEY, *Treasurer.*

TREASURERS REPORT.

1890-91.	
RECEIPTS.	
Balance on hand last year.....	\$ 20 83
Entertainments.....	119 47
Consecration Collections.....	30 54
Special Collection and Subscription.....	10 00
Mission Collections.....	9 47
Total.....	\$190 41
EXPENDITURE.	
Printing and Stationery.....	\$ 22 50
Flowers for decorating pulpit.....	25 80
Mission Expenses.....	40 65
To Sunday School Building Fund.....	25 00
Provincial Convention, Y. P. S. C. E.....	8 00
Cleaning Graveyard.....	5 00
Ferns and Wild Flowers for Rockery.....	10 00
Sundries.....	23 08
Total.....	\$190 03
Balance on hand 38 cents.	

PUBLISHING COMMITTEE'S REPORT

RECEIPTS.	
Advertisements.....	\$135 00
Subscription Fees.....	40 50
Extra papers sold.....	96
Total.....	\$176 46
EXPENDITURE.	
Cuts for Paper.....	\$ 9 00
Note Books.....	25
Printing "ENDEAVORERS".....	161 50
Total.....	\$170 75
Balance on hand \$5.71.	

Total Receipts for the year.....\$366.87
Total Expenditure for the year.....\$361.78

Balance on hand.....\$ 6.09

Correspondence.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, Y. P. S. C. E.
Since the organization of our society in 1888, we have cause to believe that good work has been. We began with a membership forty-two, forty active and two associate. Although the increase has not been a very marked one, we have still a membership of sixty-eight; forty-six active, sixteen associate and six honorary. The work of the society 's divided into committees, such as Lookout, Social, Music, Prayer-meeting, Sunday school and Floral. It is the aim of our society to have all the active members work on these various committees.

We have adopted the "Model Constitution," with a few alterations, suitable for our special requirements. The members of our society, are, for the most part young converts, and are willing to do all they can in working out the aims of the society, and do all the good they can. Our denomination in Hamilton is comparatively a small portion of the community, but we think we speak truly, when we say their is no lack of earnest endeavor. One special feature of our "monthly business meeting" is a collection used for a benevolent purpose, in contributing four dollars monthly towards the comfortable support of an aged member of the church, who is in his ninety-seventh year. Two of our members have been instruments in organizing two others in Woodstock and Brantford.

Yours truly,

S. McD. Chilman, Secy.

JAMES STREET BAPTIST. At the last meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E. attention was called to some much needed improvements in the condition of the school room. The matter was, we believe, laid before the Sabbath school to secure their co-operation in the matter. A committee was appointed to confer with the Sabbath school executive on Friday evening, and it is hoped some definite plan may be suggested to bring about the desired change. The work in the mission on the mountain, conducted by Mr. Catchpole, is doing a grand work. A large Sunday school is in operation, having on its roll, a membership of seventy-six in good standing, with an efficient staff of teachers. Preaching services are held every Sunday evening and a prayer-meeting in the school room every Thursday evening.

—E. G.

Sunday School Statistics.

	Scholars.	Off. & T'ch'rs.	Collection.
May 3,	458	52	\$11 25
" 10,	423	50	10 28
" 17,	442	54	11 19
" 24,	394	45	10 07
" 31,	411	50	11 69

Total average attendance, 476.

" " collection, \$10.89.

In Memoriam.

WE mourn the loss of an old and dear friend of the church, Mr. Addison Brown, who died Thursday, May 28th, of Paralysis. God, in His wisdom, has called him home. His life work was ended. He was ready to go to be with Jesus. For fifty years he has been connected with our congregation, and he liked to talk about the old time, when he had charge of an adult Bible class in our Sunday school. We extend our sympathy to the sorrowing ones.

Saved Through Faith.

"Just as I am" a burdened soul,
Pleading no merit of its own;
Draws near in humble faith and prayer
Thy wondrous love is here made known.

While kneeling there, "without one plea,"
Save in His death who died for me,
No other hope, all else would fail;
The refuge, is above in Thee.

"But that Thy blood was shed for me,"
A sinner utterly undone,
Comes to the 'Fountain filled with blood
For Christ has bidden me to come.

And there receive the pardoning grace,
The peace unmeasureably sweet,
In Jesus' name—a sinner saved,
And sanctified, redeemed, complete.

—J. H.

Women's Missionary Society.

THE Women's Missionary Society held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 19th., in the lecture room. There were about thirty-five ladies present, as it was the last meeting, over which Mrs. Laird would preside, and all circumstances considered a deep feeling of sadness pervaded the meeting. The usual routine business was enlivened by excellent vocal music, by Miss Lounsbury and Mrs. B—. An interesting paper was read by Miss Millard, and a resolution was tendered to Mrs. Laird by Mrs. Gayfer, seconded by Mrs. Overholt, expressing the good wishes of the society as she goes from us, and bespeaking God's blessings to attend her through life. The meeting closed with the hymn, "God be with us till we meet again."

Meantime a tea had been prepared in the

church parlor by the ladies, and all present accepted the invitation to remain and spend a social half hour, which proved an agreeable ending to the somewhat sad meeting. Thanks are due to the ladies, who so thoughtfully arranged such a pleasant opportunity for parting words with the retiring President. There were present several who will not meet again with us in a missionary meeting, but by and by there will be a grand meeting, we trust, where we shall be spared the pain of parting "where everlasting spring abides and never fading flowers."

Items.

The Christian Alliance Convention, June 2nd, 3rd and 4th, was very greatly enjoyed. The presence of such a deputation of consecrated men and women in our midst, does us good. They have been warmly remembered since their last visit, and we hope to see and hear them again.

A very pleasant gathering, Monday evening, June 1st, witnessed the presentation to Mr. Wm. Hunter, of a beautiful Silver Ice Pitcher and Goblets from the trustees, on the occasion of his retirement from office.

In our issue of April, under the head of "Retrospect," we mentioned that the Bible class was taught by Miss Armstrong, this was an error, as Miss Armstrong succeeded Mrs. Bickle, as teacher of the infant class, and held the position for a number of years. She had few equals in her complete control of this large class who both loved and obeyed her.

May 1st, the last quarterly meeting for 1890 was held in the parlor, Rev. W. E. Pescott in the chair. Members present: Mr. Thos. Morris, Sen. Wm. Dicker, James Mathews, R. Oaten, R. Raycroft, S. A. Cummer, Jas. Kendall, J. Henry, Geo. Fisher, R. L. Whyte, J. C. Harris, L. Moyer, H. Gayfer and Dr. Smith. The report of the poor fund was presented, shewing a balance from last quarter \$13.60, collections \$16.66; disbursements \$14.70, balance on hand \$15.56. It was decided to organize a young men's class to meet at ten o'clock Sunday morning. The annual Sunday school report was presented and discussed. Dr. Smith presented the last quarters receipts, they were \$522.19, paid Mrs. Laird \$307.26, paid Rev. W. E. Pescott, \$190.53.

