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## Editorial Notes.

VERY soon the Methodist church in all parts of the world will join in memorial services commemorating the one hundredth anniversary of the death of John Wesley, and it is our intention to give short sketches of his life from time to time during the memorial year. The walls of Westminster Abbey contain a plain tablet on which is inscribed John Wesley, M. A., born June 17th, 1703, died March 2nd, 1791. These simple sentences are also engraved on the tablet. The first is: "I look upon all the world as my parish. The second is: "The best of all is, God is with us." And the third the words of Chas. Wesley: God buries his workmen but carries on His work."

How can we begin ever so brief a sketch of John Wesley without first paying tribute to the memory of the mother of Methodism, Susana Wesley? The world owes much to its mothers, but the mother of the Wesleys laid the foundation of the church in the early training of her sons. "Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all." The subject of our sketch was the tenth child

of Samuel and Susana Wesley, and is described as a very thoughtful, studious, calm and self-possessed boy. He writes of himself that he lived a most unsatisfactory life from a religious standpoint, until about the age of twenty-two years, he performed certain duties such as reading of the scriptures morning and evening and saying his prayers." But during these years of university training he was developing traits which enabled him to cope with the doctrinal questions which have been of so much moment to the church. His skill as a logician was extraordinary and it was recognized by him as a providential gift.

At the proper time, when the ground was ready for the seed he read Taylors "Holy living and dying" and Thomas A. Kempis "on the Initiation of Christ" and his conscience was aroused he resolved to adopt a new method of living, his taste led him to the life of a catholic recluse but turning to his mother he was assured by her that God had better work for him to do, he also listened to the advice of another who urged upon him the fact that the bible knew nothing of solitary religion. Wesley never forgot these words. They perhaps forecast the history of his life. In 1725 he took Deacon's orders, two years after that he became his father's curate and preached much but saw no fruit of his labor, after two years spent as curate he returned to Oxford and the "Holy Band" having been organized he was at once sought to join them and from his natural ability to lead was soon recognized as the leader.

Infidelity was rife in the university had the Methodical ways of the little band and called forth in derision from a student the name of Methodist which has been committed to Ecclesiastical History.

THOSE who had the pleasure of listening to the Rev. Dr. Farrar of Albany, N. Y. during his recent visit to our city will not soon forget the earnest words to us as Christian Endeavorers. He is a man who thinks deeply upon the questions that are so perplexing in our times, and believes "We are living in a grand and wondrous time, in

an age on ages telling to be living is sublime." He called this the young people's age, and that during the past ten years there had been more inventions, more discoveries, and more of the great secrets of nature revealed than in the previous one thousand.

When Methuselah lived he could sit on a stump for a hundred years and weigh a proposition, but we have to think like lightning and act in the same way or else lose magnificent opportunities. The race has always since the dispersion at Babel been moving westward, but now we have reached America and can get no further west. The race must either go up or down, consequently in America the great battle between good and evil, light and darkness, must be fought. There have been golden ages in the history of the world, in Egypt when the pyramids were built, in Greece when Pericles ruled and the Parthenon was built, in Rome under Julius Caesar, in England under Elizabeth, but the golden age of America is yet to be. What caused the ruin of these great nations? Was it not the moral evil of the times? What hope is there for us? Who cannot see dangers threatening us. The hope of America is her young people, almost a million young people banded together in Christian union, pledged followers of the Lord Jesus Christ. "I promise Him that I will pray to him and read the bible every day." Five minutes of communion with our Father every morning, five minutes spent in the looking into His word, what an undergirding for the day!

And as each one goes forth, what sunshine and gladness they must carry with them wherever they are! There are three agencies at work for making men and women and only three that I know of, Society, Schools and the Church. The Doctor spoke of the kind of men society made, and said it was to the Church that we must look for men. But the Church is making them too slowly, almost every boy and girl in America attends Sabbath school. God has given a special mission to it. The Sabbath school is the church teaching. Every teacher should consider himself called of God to teach, as much as the pastor is to preach. The Sabbath school is the place from which the Church can draw its supplies, and yet what is the case? Fifty out of every hundred drop out of the Sabbath school between the ages of fifteen and twenty-one, the majority lost to the Church forever. Something must be done, and the Doctor with great earnestness spoke to those engaged in Sabbath school work, trying to impress them with the responsibility

He believes in giving the boys a chance, and says there are not many boys but would rather go up than down, rather be good than bad. To this end, he says, pack the associate membership of your Christian Endeavor, get the boys in and the girls in and give them some definite work to do. Not as conveners of committees, but let them work on a committee, and you will find in a short time they will be interested, and soon become active members. The Doctor concluded by saying he had a secret to tell us. When a boy I read of a cave where a band of robbers hid their treasures. When they wanted to enter they stood before the door and said "Sesame!" and immediately it flew open, so I have found the "Sesame!" that unlocks all doors and lets us into the treasures of wondrous value. It is a magic word of four letters, w-o-r-k. Work and God's blessing will attend you.

## Life on the Prairies.

*By Th. S. Morris, Jr., (Continued from last month.)*

ONE evening, I got back as usual, and after putting my horses in the stable went into the shanty. I could not find Thomas nor the oxen, and there was no fire in the stove; so I concluded Thomas had gone to the collee after water. I lit a fire then sat down, to look over my mail. I had not been reading long before I heard my name called in most heart rending tones, "Tom! Tom! I'm frozen! I'm frozen! help me! save me!" I jumped to the door and rushed outside. There I saw Thomas running towards the shanty looking like a wild man, his face was smeared with blood, his eyes were starting out of their sockets and he was flopping his arms up and down like pump handles. I saw at a glance that something serious was the matter; and, in a moment or two I discovered that his nose, cheeks, and hands were pretty badly frozen so I hurried him into the shanty, got a pail of ice cold water and put his hands in it, I then rubbed his face with snow until after a long time, color came back to his cheeks. His hands were frozen the worst, I was very much afraid when I saw them turn black and begin to swell; but after keeping them in cold water for about two hours they seemed to improve and I wrapped them in cloths, and made him as comfortable as I could.

When he got over his fright, he told me that he started out for water, and after getting

the barrel full was returning, when he discovered that his nose was freezing. He immediately took off his mitts to apply snow to his nose when his hands began to freeze, then he lost his head entirely and ran to the shanty calling for help. It was a good thing that I was in or the consequences might have been serious. As it was I had to take him to the hospital and he was there five weeks before he fully recovered. The doctor said that he narrowly escaped losing his hands. By the way, speaking of doctors, it may be interesting to know that a doctors fee was \$20. to \$25. each trip to the settlement near where I lived and people would almost die rather than send for one.

The very coldest day that I ever consciously experienced was in the winter of 1884-85. I had taken my stock over to the Rose Farm a few miles distant, and with Dick Farrell, a neighbor, looked after the place while the manager was away in Winnipeg. Dick and I "hatched" together that winter, and, on the whole, passed a pleasant time. One of our duties was to go down two or three times a week to Plum-Coulee, 4 miles to the south, for a supply of water. We started out with two yoke of oxen hitched to an immense water-tank upon runners. We were warmly clad, each of us wearing a long Buffalo coat coming down to our feet and big collars coming up over our caps. We wore moccasins, belts around our waists, fur caps and three pairs of mitts. Underneath, we wore three garments of each kind. We were thus thoroughly protected except parts of our faces which we were obliged to keep uncovered.

As we left the shelter of the stacks and buildings the keen cutting air began to pinch our cheeks and noses and we were obliged to keep up a constant motion, rubbing our mitts over our faces, to create heat in order to prevent freezing. The breath from our nostrils, seemed like so much dense steam, almost immediately fastened on our whiskers, and soon huge icy plasters spread over the lower part of our faces and effectually stopped our mouths.

The cold was so intense as to squeeze tears out of the corners of our eyes and then before we could wipe them off, they were frozen to our eye lashes and in a little while we could hardly see because our eyelashes were frozen together. We almost perished with cold that day. When we got our mail the next week you may be sure we scanned the markings to see the temperature, and we were not at all surprised to find that it had fallen that day to 55° below zero. Dick and I, were highly favored in living at the Rose Farm. We had an immense range, and we did

not spare the coal, yet there were days when the milk, bread, water, meat, coal oil and everything would freeze three feet from the fire. I was quite used to this, however, as at my home everything was solid, the milk was in chunks, the potatoes were like cannon-balls, the syrup like taffy. I always kept a small sharp saw handy for the purpose of sawing off slices of bread, as it was the only way I could cut it. I could not see out of the windows since the frost was an inch thick on their inner surface.

## Committee Reports.

**REPORT OF THE LOOKOUT COMMITTEE.** Change is upon us at every hand. A New Year: a new officer for almost every position in our society; a new inhabitant for the heavenly city; and, alas! for use, a new vacancy in our midst. O Thou who changest not, abide with us. "Great is the Lord, His understanding is infinite." The Lord of Heaven and earth, is our Father too, and has ordained that by change, we shall grow and improve, by beholding the glory (character) of Christ, we are "changed into the same image." How are these changes affecting our society? They have brought new responsibilities, and a determination on the part of many of our members to be more faithful to "Christ and the Church."

Gladly, at our meeting, have we noted, the response to the invitation "who will be on the Lord's side?" and as a society have resolved to make this invitation of weekly recurrence. And now we want our younger members to read over their pledge very carefully and prayerfully occasionally; for surely some have forgotten the clause: "I promise to be present at and take some part, aside from singing, in every meeting unless hindered by some reason which I can conscientiously give to my Lord and Master Jesus Christ. Lose sight of self, in the greater thought of duty; "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in Heaven."

Your committee have sent a copy of following letter to each teacher in the Sabbath School.

Dear Teacher, HAMILTON, Jan. 14th, 1891  
As a worker in the Master's vineyard, we, the members of the Lookout committee, of the Y. P. S. C. E. make the following appeal to you, in behalf of your class, viz: that you will do all you can, (by personal appeal to each of your scholars) to persuade them to come to our society and aid us in the work of advancing the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

It is our earnest desire to see each member of your class (if not already) savingly converted to God, ere the shades of this year come upon us.

Signed on behalf of the committee.

MARY LOUNSBURY, *Convener*.

The following members have been received into the society during the month of January, Mr. Overholt; Mr. & Mrs. A. Baker; Messrs Daniels; McNair; Lampman; Pettit and Miss Gilbert as active members and Mr. F. McCallum, associate.

M. LOUNSBURY, *Convener*.

#### PRAYER MEETING COMMITTEE;

This committee in presenting their first report, desire to thank our heavenly Father for his manifest presence with us during the first month of the New Year. We hope during the coming months to do "larger things" for Him. As one of the duties of this committee is to look after those active members who are not in the habit of taking part in the meetings, we would therefore earnestly request all such to endeavor to be faithful to their pledge, and they will not only help the committee, and add to the interest of the meeting, but they will also find it will prove a great blessing to themselves. This committee is composed of:—Miss A. Henry, Miss A. Hall, Mrs. Seelig, Mr. Wood and Miss I. Lavery. The program of services for the next five weeks is as follows:—Feb. 10th, Leader, Miss Sarginson; Feb. 17th, Leader, Mr. Wood; Feb. 24th, Consecration Service, Leader, Mr. Morris, Jr.; Mar. 3rd, Leader, Mrs. Nolan; Mar. 10th, Leader, Miss Ripley.

I. E. LAVEY, *Convener*.

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE.** We are pleased to note that a cordial friendly spirit exists among our members, they do not hurry away at the close of the meetings, but move around and speak to any strangers that may be present. Instead of standing at the door to welcome strangers and visitors they enter (which we think is too formal) we have decided to come about ten minutes early and walk around and speak to them, in this way we hope to become better acquainted with them. We had arranged for a social to be held in the school-room on Jan. 13th, but owing to the death of our dear Pastor, it was postponed and will be held on Thursday evening, Feb. 12th. We have arranged a very good musical and literary program for that evening and have ordered five hundred programs to be printed at a cost of \$3.00

AVERSA RAYCROFT, *Convener*.

#### THE FLOWER COMMITTEE of the

Y. P. S. C. E. beg leave to submit their first monthly report for the year 1891. Your committee is composed of the following members: Mrs. Lounsbury Mrs. Seelig, Misses Lavery, Ripley, Harvey, Kerr, Angold, Derby and Messrs Harris and Taylor. It is the intention of your committee to some extent, to visit among the sick. The Visitation and Flower committees to work together in this respect, and we will be glad to have any sick reported to us at any time. Our flowers are not so plentiful just now, but we will do the best we can, and if any friends would like to loan us a plant, or help us in any way, we may say it will be very much appreciated.

We have had many kind words as to the comfort and blessing flowers and verses have brought to those who have received them this last month. They have been distributed as follows: Mrs. Laking, Miss Raycroft, Messrs Morgan, Derby, Williams, White, Battram and Dridge. On Jan. 11th, the basket was sent to Mrs. Laird. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. SARGINSON, *Convener*.

#### REPORT OF THE MUSIC COMMITTEE.

Believing that it is a great assistance to the singing to have a few leading voices in front, we have formed a choir for the meetings. Anyone who is willing to help us, will be very welcome; we are especially in need of male voices. We think it is a great attraction to have plenty impromptu singing, besides helping the leader it gives life to the meeting, and this is part of the work your committee has undertaken. But we need your help. Have a hymn ready to fill a pause in the meeting, or if you think of a suitable hymn at any time, start it. Often a hymn sung in this way will reach and help someone more than any spoken words would do. Your music committee for this year are: Misses Harvey, Kappell, Bethia Murray, Frances Nichols, Aversa Raycroft, Lillie Raycroft, Ripley, and Mr. Fred Gayfer.

Respectfully submitted,

LIZZIE MURRAY, *Convener*.

#### REPORT OF THE TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE.

Your committee have been busy since last report circulating petitions for the reduction of Licenses in the city, and for the Dominion Parliament for prohibition. We have been successful beyond our expectations. About 90 names were secured for the reduction of Licenses, and a large number for prohibition. If every Church re-

sponds as well as the First Methodist, the request of the Rev. Mr. Brethour for a million names will be granted without much difficulty. We feel very grateful to our people for their liberal response.

Your committee would like to impress upon the minds of the heads of families in our church, the inconsistency of dealing with grocers who handle intoxicating liquors. There are several members of our church who are struggling to carry on a first-class grocery business without liquors, and we feel impelled to urge upon the consciences of the Christian community, a careful consideration of this important matter.

GEO. F. FISHER, *Convener*.

#### REPORT OF MISSION COMMITTEE.

Work progressing favorably, the interest is gradually increasing, and we are encouraged to work on and leave all the results with the Master, who has told to labor on at his command, and offer all our works to him. We have a good staff of active workers on our new committee, viz: Mrs. Powell, Mrs. Fisher, Miss Maggie Creighton, Miss J. Harvey, Mr. W. B. Smith, Mr. Snider and Miss I. Lavery. Our Band of Hope workers are still found faithfully at their post of duty doing a grand work. The Dorcas committee, under the direction of Miss Jarvis is doing as good as can be expected for the short time it has been organized. We have taken up the C. E. Work on Thursday evening and would be glad to have any of the members of this society come and help as with the lesson as we find it rather difficult to get the people interested in Bible study.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. HARRIS.

#### REPORT OF VISITING COMMITTEE

Your committee report sixteen calls upon the members of the congregation during the month of January. Illness still lingers in one or two cases, but we are all hopeful that these will soon be restored, and take their places among us. Those lying sick in the Hospital are not forgotten by this committee. We realize the heavy loss that has fallen upon us, as a church, and a society, in the sudden removal by death of our beloved pastor, the Rev. W. H. Laird. As we recall the many earnest words addressed to us at all times, but especially in the latter part of the old year, and the still greater earnestness and feeling displayed in the beginning of the

New Year, upon which we had just entered, we understand in some degree, how very much he was impressed with the importance of redeeming the time. How many times he spoke of, "these passing moments," as if they contained a "golden gift" for us if we would but take it, and so they do; the "golden gift" of the present; which is ours to improve and do with as we will, before it resolves itself into the irrevocable and unalterable past.

When he referred, at one of the week evening services to very short time which was left to him, to labor among us, and how his one desire was to fill that time with every good word and work, neither he nor we could foresee how very short that time would be, but we pray that this great affliction may be blessed to us, and that stimulated by his example, we may be more diligent and earnest in the work required of our hands.

Respectfully submitted,

M. E. BASTEDO, *Convener*

PUBLISHING COMMITTEE. A few changes have been made in the membership of our committee. Miss F. Nichols has resigned her position as business manager. Mr. Morris' name will not appear on the staff, although as ex-officio-member, he will continue to take the same interest in the work of the committee as formerly. Miss Jennie Harvey will assist Mr. J. W. Hamilton in the correspondence department. We hope the members of our church will continue to take an interest in our paper. During the last month the following names were added to our list of subscribers:—Mr. E. H. Dalton; Mrs. Tovell; Mrs. Trusdale, Mrs. Hannah, and Mr. Sutton, of Los Angeles.

THE DORCAS COMMITTEE has opened a sewing class in connection with the mission, at present there are about twelve girls, between the ages of five and fourteen attending. The class meets every Thursday afternoon at 4.30, it is opened with prayer and a hymn, then work is commenced. During the time one of the girls reads an interesting book, after we have worked half an hour or so, we stop, sing a few hymns and dismiss. We have not done a great deal yet, but have made a good start, and hope to do much better in the future. Miss Lizzie Reid is assisting the work of the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

ANGELA JARVIS.

### TREASURER'S REPORT:—

#### RECEIPTS.

Balance from 1890 .....	\$ 2 47
From Publishing Committee .....	19 76
Mission Collections.....	2 96
Flower Donation.....	3 25
Consecration Collection.....	1 85
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$33 29</b>

#### EXPENDITURE.

Printing January "Endeavorer".....	\$18 00
Pennington & Baker, Pews.....	6 00
Rent of Mission to March 4th.....	5 00
Caretaker of Mission.....	1 00
Balance on hand.....	3 29
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$33 29</b>

JENNIE HARVEY, *Treasurer.*

### CHRISTMAS TREE ENTERTAINMENT:—

#### RECEIPTS.

To Doll's Tables.....	\$ 12 26
" Refreshment Tables .....	2 85
" Candy Tables .....	1 45
" Fancy Work Tables .....	46 37
" Oranges.....	1 04
" Tickets sold at door.....	10 00
" " " by children.....	36 70
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$111 27</b>

#### EXPENSES.

Printing and Paper.....	\$ 2 55
Wool, &c .....	6 45
Balance handed to S. S. Treasurer...	102 27
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$111 27</b>

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

(Edited by Jas. Hamilton.)

**THE CHURCH OF DISCIPLES OF CHRIST, Y. P. S. C. E.** On the evening of Dec. 16th, 1890, a few young people met together to discuss ways and means of furthering Christian work among us. The outcome of this meeting was the organization of the above society. Two committees; Prayer and Lookout, were formed. The active members, in turn, lead the meetings which, as a rule, are bright and

interesting. Those who never before have taken part in any meeting are gaining confidence and learning not to be afraid of the sound of their own voices. Our numbers are increasing. A number of the older Sunday school scholars are taking an interest in the work and attend very regularly. We pray that God's blessing may rest upon our endeavors, to extend his kingdom.

L. V. RIOCH, *President.*

**WENTWORTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH SOCIETY.** Mr. Webber informs us that this society is making very satisfactory progress. Last summer it was organized with seven members, now there are thirty-one active, and some eighteen associate, and three more to be enrolled at the next meeting. The committees are all doing their work well, the Temperance committee being one of the most active. Lately a Missionary committee has been added to the list. The out-look for the society is exceedingly bright, and its members are hopeful, that through it much work for the Master will be done, and His kingdom advanced in the east end.

**CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH C. E. SOCIETY.** In looking over our past year's work we feel that we have sown seed for Christ which he has owned, and is owning and blessing. We were pleased to have one of our young members join the church this month, and testify to the good received from the C. E. meeting. Others express themselves as being convinced that it is the best meeting of the week. Although we have made no special effort to raise money, our receipts amounted to over eighty dollars, about twenty of which was distributed in practical Christianity. We have commenced the year with eighty-one members, and believe with as great an interest as previous years, our members being principally young people, many of them Sunday school scholars.

We were much pleased to send a delegation to Paris, and help establish two C. E. societies there, one Presbyterian, the other congregational. At our last business meeting we adopted the model constitution and believe that will be the best for all new societies to adopt from the start.

R. R.

## A False Alarm.

A CHARACTERISTIC INCIDENT OF THE "FENIAN INVASION."

At seven o'clock, on a dark, starless night, in the June of the eventful year 1866. The streets of Hamilton were silent and deserted, and the city slept. Yet, at the wharf, and here and there throughout the streets, a light told of the presence of watchers; for it was a time of danger to the Canadian border, and men kept strict watch, lest the enemy should come upon them unawares. And not only that, but the city, even in its young days, was an important place, so widely noted for its enterprise and activity that it had been dubbed "The Ambitious Little City."

Being hemmed in at the back by the mountain, the side open to the bay was naturally the most defenceless, and hence the lights at the wharf. Suddenly these began moving about. What was the matter? Look! The dark outline of a vessel loomed up against the sky. But what of that? There were vessels coming to the wharf at all hours. Yes, but see what she is doing! Her actions were strange indeed. She passed close by one point, turned and made as if for another, then turned again straight for Hamilton. No regular trader made such erratic movements.

Soon the streets about the wharf were all alive. The city bell was rung, and the alarm spread like wildfire that a Fenian boat was coming up the bay. Excitement ran high. Women, barefooted and but scantily clad, rushed, terrified into the streets. One, with an idea that something must be done, buried her silver, and besought her neighbor to put on a wincey dress, for they did not know when they might sleep under a roof again.

While the city awoke, preparations went steadily forward for a stout resistance to the enemy, if needful. The captains of the Sixteenth Battalion and Home Guard, our own brave Thirteenth being away to the frontier, were promptly on hand; forces of citizens, full armed, were stationed at the principal points of the city, the guns made ready for action, and the battalion hastened to the wharf to meet the hostile intruder.

Nearer and nearer came the craft. The report of a gun boomed from the city, then another. Surely that would warn her! But no; she came steadily onward. On, till the soldiers, straining their eyes in the darkness, could fancy they saw the men on board. On,

till they could hear the water splash about her bows. They waited for some sign; but none came. She might have been a phantom ship, so silent she seemed to their excited fancy.

A few moments after and a somewhat discomfited battalion marched back to its quarters. The innocent disturber of their peace was but a lumber tug, which, having lost its bearings while in the lake, had drifted about aimlessly for a time and then proceeded to its destination, the railway wharf. Our citizens, though a little touched upon, having been frightened so easily, had yet gained by this experience. They knew their own powers—had tested them—and better still, had found out "what was best to be done, and what was not best to be done" in such an emergency.

And such an emergency might come. For if Canada were invaded from the water, the little city, now no longer little, nestling between the mountain and the bay, and fronting on one of the greatest of the great lakes, would form a prominent point of attack.

Thus Hamilton might have played an important part in what, at that time, caused such widespread consternation and dismay, and which has been called a great combined farce and tragedy, "The Fenian Raids."

BESSIE H. NICHOLS.

High School, Hamilton, Ont.

## A Prayer.

I ask not wealth but power to take  
And use the things I have aright,  
Not yeass but wisdom that shall make  
My life a profit and delight.

I ask not that for me the plan  
Of good or ill be set aside;  
But that the common lot of man  
Be nobly borne and glorified.

I know I may not always keep  
My steps in places green and sweet;  
Not find the pathway of the deep,  
A path of safety for my feet.

But pray that when the tempest's breath  
Shall fiercely sweep my way about;  
I make not shipwreck of my faith  
In the unfathomed sea of doubt.

And that though it be mine to know  
How hard the stoniest pillow seems;  
Good angels still may come and go  
About the places of my dreams.

I do not ask for love below  
That friends shall never be estranged;  
But for the power of loving so,  
My heart may keep its youth unchanged.

Youth, joy, wealth, fate, I give thee these!  
Leave faith and hope till life is past,  
And leave my heart's best impulses  
Fresh and unailing to the last.

HAMILTON, Jan. 15th, 1891.

TO THE OFFICIAL BOARD OF THE FIRST  
METHODIST CHURCH.

GENTLEMEN:

On behalf of my mother, sister, brothers and myself, I beg to extend to your respected body, our most sincere and heartfelt thanks, and appreciation of the thoughtful kindness and many loving favors we have received from you during these last few days of our sore bereavement. We take it all as an indication of the esteem in which our dear father was held by you and we can assure you that he fully reciprocated your feelings. We regret that it will not be possible for us to express our thanks to all of our friends personally, but we assure you that, though we shall never be able to repay your many acts of kindness, we shall never forget you.

As some of us will be leaving Hamilton probably for good in a very few days, we take this opportunity of bidding you an affectionate farewell, and trust that the Almighty Father will continue to bless the work in your church from which our father has been so suddenly called.

We would esteem it a favor if you will have this expression of our thanks and esteem regularly entered upon the minutes of your meeting.

Faithfully yours,  
FRED C. LAIRD.

### Items.

We welcome Mr. Pescott to our church and homes, and trust his coming among us at this time, may be a great blessing. We are sure that each member of the church and congregation will feel under renewed obligation to be found in his place, and become a co-worker. Mr. Pescott's home will be at the parsonage, where he will no doubt be pleased to meet any one in the capacity of friend and pastor.

The "Gleaners" have begun rehearsals for an entertainment to be given the 26th Feb. We hope every one will rally to the help of the Gleaners as in former years.

The Sunday school anniversary is also approaching, and committees have been formed to arrange the order of exercises, which will be duly announced.

During the four Sundays we were without a regular pastor the following gentleman rendered very efficient services' Mr. J. L. Hughes, Toronto. The missionary Sunday services were conducted by the Rev. Geo. Boyd, of London, and the Rev. Mr. Woodsworth of the Manitoba conference. Rev. Mr. Blackstock and Dr. Dr. Burns both of this city, the following Sunday, and the fourth Sunday the Rev. Mr. Willoughby of Toronto, preached most acceptably morning and evening.

We are glad to receive contributions to our paper, but will request all correspondents to kindly sign their names to their articles, the names may or may not be printed as the writer directs.

The James St. Baptist's young peoples society has fallen into line, under the banner "for Christ and the Church." This makes twelve societies of Christian Endeavor in our city, three of which are Baptists.

We are desirous of joining our congratulations with those of the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Bristow, upon the celebration of their silver wedding. We hope they may be spared to enjoy happy anniversaries of that blissful event.

Mr. Edg. Hunter left for Buffalo this week to engage with a large firm of architects. We are sorry to lose him from our church and school but wish him every success.

The third Y. P. S. C. E., social of the series, was extremely enjoyable. Rev. W. E. Pescott occupied the chair, and made many friends by his genial manner. The program was good, while the intermission was taken advantage of to get the autographs of the strangers present.

THE first month of the New Year found our school in a very prosperous condition. The missionary anniversary of our church being held on the third Sunday of the month, our school had a missionary service in the church in the afternoon and listened to a very instructing and entertaining address by Dr. Gifford, of Acton. The average attendance for the month was 480, the collection being \$7.60. The special collection on missionary Sunday amounted to \$10.40, which, of course, makes the average higher than last month.



## German Student Life.

(Continued from last month.)

THIS duelling practice is a very foolish one, but dates back hundreds of years and may be regarded as a survival of old barbarism. The state does not take any measure to repress it, unless sabres or pistols are resorted to; and the university authorities are not very severe, even if they do succeed in surprising a duelling party. Though the fighting is done almost within calling distance of the town, the system of espionage adopted by the students is so perfect, that it is next to impossible for the university police to catch duellists in the act, and unless they can succeed in doing that their chances of proving the combatants guilty of fighting are next to hopeless. The weapon used in these ordinary duels is a long thin sword called a "Schlaeger" which is sharpened to a razor edge for several inches from the point.

But if the authorities wink at the usual "Schlaeger" duel, they act very sternly when the weapons employed are sabres or pistols. One of my friends vanished from our midst for a month or two, and I found out that he had been imprisoned in a fortress for merely attempting to fight a duel with pistols. If he had succeeded in carrying out his intention and the State officers had got wind of it, he would probably have had five years of imprisonment in a fortress to cool off his fighting proclivities. In fact, both the German student and German officer are liable to be placed in a very awkward predicament. If grossly insulted, they are expected by their comrades to challenge the offending party to a duel; if they shirk this "duty," they are immediately "cut" by their friends, and things made so unpleasant for them generally, that they find themselves compelled to change their quarters. If they please their comrades by fighting, the State interferes and away they go into bondage more or less severe and protracted, according to the gravity of the offence against the laws of the land. It is sincerely to be hoped this barbarous practice of duelling in all its forms will be done away with before many years, both in university and army. Perhaps the utter absence of athletic games had something to do with German students amusing themselves by slashing each others faces and heads.

Cricket, baseball, football, rowing, &c. were all unknown to them, and the only exercise taken by them outside of fencing and fighting,

was an occasional swim in the river during the summer, and strolls and drives in the vicinity of Heidelberg—and where can a place be found so rich in beautiful surroundings as Heidelberg? In the course of a very chequered life, I have travelled many thousands of miles: but there is no spot on earth that I am acquainted with, that has left pleasanter memories, than the environs of this old seat of the Counts Palatine.

It has always seemed to me, that if I could choose a place to rest in after the storms and ups and downs of life, that spot would be Heidelberg. But it not be supposed that all or even the majority of Heidelberg students belong to either Corps or Burschenschaft. It costs money to be a member of these organizations, and money is a thing that most German students have very little of. In fact, people in America and Canada would be astonished to see upon how small an amount of cash, a young German will manage to get through his university course. I knew one young student whose means did not exceed six hundred florins a year, or two hundred and forty dollars, and yet he managed to live and pay his college fees; and there must have been many who managed with much less.

The Corps students used to affect a contemptuous manner towards these humble individuals who did not see fit to join any of the color-wearing organizations, and generally spoke of them as "Bummler" or "Kameelon" "loafers" or "camels." But the despised ones did not fret about this assumption of superiority on the part of the colored cap gentry. They had clubs of their own, the largest of which was the Academical Union, in which much brilliant debating was done. The English and American students had a club which generally was known by the nick name of "Pestilentia" a name that was given to it in consequence of some strictures made upon the conduct of some of its former members by a clergyman. However, in my time its members were no worse than their neighbors: and it had on its roll the names of Dana, Doremus and others, men who stood second to none in intellect and ability. I think that if a list were made of eminent Englishmen and Americans, that many of them would be found to be graduates of Heidelberg. I can remember seeing inscribed on the roll of workers in Bunsen's laboratory, the names of Roscoe, Williamson and Russell, all of whom have distinguished themselves in the world of science.

(To be continued.)

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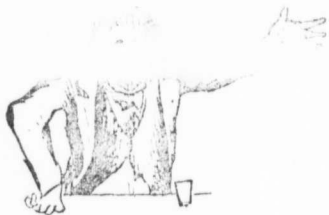
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