

First Church Endeavorer.

"FOR CHRIST AND THE CHURCH."

VOL. II.

HAMILTON, ONTARIO, APRIL, 1892.

No. 9

First Church Endeavorer.

A JOURNAL devoted to all Departments of
Church Work

PUBLISHED BY THE

Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.

TERMS OF SUBSCRIPTION 25 CENTS PER ANNUM.

Address all communications to 45 Wellington Street
North, not later than the first of each month

THOMAS MORRIS, Jr. - - - Editor-in-Chief.
CHARLOTTE KERRISH, - - - } Asst. Editors.
JENNIE HARVEY, - - - }
FRANCES NICHOLS, - - - Proof-Reader.
ALLAN DAVIS, - - - Business Manager.

The Children's Song.

GEO. W. ARMSTRONG

Judea's children once employed
Their youthful voices and God praised;
They sang, and Israel's King enjoyed
To hear the hallowed notes they raised.

"Hosanna to the King," they sang,
"That cometh from the Lord most high;"
And mountains, hills, and valleys rang,
Re-echoing the children's cry.

Christ, then, was gratified to hear
Those Hebrew children sing His praise;
He kindly lent a listening ear,
And spoke approval of their lays.

And now, we may His praises sing,
And raise to heaven a cheerful song;
Thus joy into our hearts will spring
And Christ in blessings will respond.

So then, while on this earth we live,
We'll sing "Hosanna to our God,"
And in our youth our hearts we'll give
To Christ, to wash them in His blood.

Then, when we leave this world of sin,
And soar to worlds of bliss on high,
We'll sing in nobler strains to Him
Who reigns enthroned above the sky.

The New England Sabbath of our Childhood.

Since the days of the Puritans, the Sabbath has been held in peculiar reverence by the native inhabitants of New England. Our memory does not extend back of the time when pretty little painted churches, whose pointed spires dotted the landscape, were seen in almost every town. Our fathers and mothers, however, remember when the religious services were held almost altogether in school-houses, a meeting house being too far away for the Sunday's journey, except on some particular occasion. As the population of the country increased, and frequent powerful revivals tended to band bodies of Christians together, one or more denominations united in building a small "Meeting House," each one interested promising to pay so much for a pew, or perhaps two or more pews, which fund paid for the House, and the pews were deeded to the purchaser as any other property. It will be noted that no carpets or upholstery found a place there, and the heavy creaking boots of the male members of the congregation, as they took their seats, will always be remembered. As may be expected, people came a good many miles to attend Sunday services, as the Meeting House was built in a place as central as possible, to accommodate comers from all directions.

There were no sextons, but the member nearest church generally lighted the fire in a huge box stove as early as he could on Sunday morning. Our ideas of things change greatly as we pass on in life to new scenes and experiences, but nothing can rob us of the remembrance of the suffering we experienced during morning service in winter—icy feet, cold fingers, blue faces, everyone wrapped to the very ears, and trying to enjoy the sermon under such auspices.

After morning service the Sunday-school was held. Every one remained, knots of old men gathered in one corner and discussed weighty theological questions, and in another the elderly women talked with each other under the leadership of one who was best versed in the Word, while the younger

portion of the school were placed in classes, and repeated lessons which had been committed to memory on the evening before.

After Sunday-school the people gathered in groups and discussed their luncheons, which were brought in wooden boxes or buckets, and chatted in monotonies. The more daring children played quietly together and ate apples and pop-corn, which was gotten ready for Sunday lunch time before hand, and donated by one to the other as a great treat. About one o'clock the afternoon service was called, and by this time heat wrappings prevailed, and a good many outside havings being laid aside, there was enjoyment and pleasure on every face as the minister mounted the pulpit to deliver the afternoon sermon. Notices like the following might be heard, "There will be a donation for Elder Briggs one week from Monday afternoon and evening; all invited," said donation being a basket party at the parsonage, the entire lot donated being consumed by the visitors. "There will be a prayer meeting in the Whitman school house next Sunday evening at early candle lights."

The average New England preacher discoursed from heads which often reached ninthly or tenthly. Meantime our childish forms were strained listening for the falling cadence of voice which was an indication that the longdrawn discourse was nearly completed. The great musical event of the day was the closing anthem in the afternoon, when, as the choir gallery was at the back, all arose and turned to face the singers.

Perhaps the best part of the day to the children was yet to come—that is, the Sunday dinner. After spending about five hours at church, surely one was entitled to a good dinner, two meals a day being the custom then, as it is now. The rest of the day was spent in a quiet; if the family were musical there might be singing. We never remember to have heard one mention calling upon a friend or sick person on Sunday, unless connected by family ties. No one ever took a social cup of tea with another; it would have been considered Sabbath breaking.

A good many years had passed since the days of Salem Witchcraft, and the time when a man was punished for kissing his wife on Sunday, but some of the ideas which obtained even a few years ago are very amusing to us now, as the Puritanism is fast giving way to the demands of a wider culture. We have often heard of the dread which the Sabbath inspired, owing to the rigidness of its observance, but as far as we remember it was always a very pleasant day.

We never expected to step outside of the gate, or take ever so short a walk, but we were taught to consider such an act as improper on that day, and so enjoyed ourselves with our books, with perhaps an occasional longing for Monday to come, that we might use our toys.

While the restricted Sunday of our childhood has merged into a Sunday of work in and out of church, and wherever we can offer a cup of cold water in His name, we reverence the peaceful, quiet Sunday, and it will always fill an important place in the memories of childhood days.

C. I. KNIGHT,

Providence, R. I., Feb. 8th, '92.

A Lost Opportunity.

Sad and glad I'd trampit muckle,
 Ne'er a pretty thing I'd saw.
 Till this quiet, timid, angel,
 Sculptured beauty without flaw,
 Flitting came with gayer maiden,
 Arm in arm, across my way,
 How I longed, my heart was beating,
 To approach her, ask her stay.
 But, alas! fool was I always,
 Timid 'came I, couldna spier:
 Speech forsook me. How I loved her!
 And she ken't it—without ear.
 Oh! the look of love she gave me—
 Could she love a thing like this?—
 Aye, we ken't we lo'ed each other,
 But oor e'en alane did tell
 Of the springing deep affections
 That our mutual hearts did well.
 Ne'er a word did pass between us,
 She and I each gang't oor gait,
 Left impressions, perhaps unfading,
 But we went both on, to wait
 Chances of a better meeting
 In some time we didna ken.
 And we part, both ment'ly asking,
 Ah! my loved one. When? O! When?
 So with all life's countless prizes,
 Timid men, but lag and stray,
 Manly men, with manly daring,
 Must, and ever win the day.

—D. McK. MACARTHUR.

Montreal, Sept. 30th.

"I know a heart that never will feel fear,
 Of cruel wrong or what the world may say,
 That never more will ache from sense of bitter loss,
 Why?—'Twas broken only yesterday."

Life on the Prairie.

THOMAS MORRIS, JR.

Extracts from my Diary.

Winnipeg, May 24th, 1881.

We felt sorry to leave the poor, miserable fellow with no companionship but his oxen, but it was necessary to move on, for we still had ere nightfall six miles to go across the trackless prairie. Thus far, it had been comparatively easy to keep a straight course, but now we must attempt to travel without a trail, and without a single visible object to guide us. Of course we had a compass and we were not afraid of getting lost, but the difficulty of finding our claim on such a flat, treeless, uninhabited plain seemed to us almost insurmountable. However, we did not wish to express our fears or betray our ignorance, so we boldly started out. We had been informed by our friend, the homesteader, that section mounds were thrown up at every half mile, and that wooden stakes were placed in the centre showing the numbers of the sections. This information was no doubt very definite, but the trouble was to find the mounds, for they were mostly overgrown and hidden by long grass, and it was possible to discover them only after coming close upon them.

As it was very essential to find each mound, we resorted to an expedient which answered admirably, and which, as far as I am aware, remains unknown to most land prospectors. We measured the circumference of the off front wheel, which we found was twelve feet. By a little figuring, we found that the circumference was contained just two hundred and twenty times in half a mile. We then tied a handkerchief securely to a spoke to facilitate counting the revolutions of the wheel. One used the compass and drove the horse, the other watched for the handkerchief and counted the turnings of the wheel. When the requisite number was made we stopped the horse, jumped out, and hunted for the section mound. This we repeated every half mile with uniform success. In some cases the wooden stakes were charred by prairie fires, and it was necessary to go on to the next before we could read the figures carved on the stake.

As we drew near the stake we were most interested in, viz, section twelve, we became quite excited, and when we actually saw the figures, xii, iv, iii west, we felt as pleased as Christopher Columbus when he discovered the continent of America.

We planted a long pole on the mound and then ran up a flag. This was not done simply to denote possession, but to make it easier to find our land when we came back. Next we pitched our tent, then strolled proudly over the rolling acres, among fragrant pea-vines and rose bushes and sun-flowers, sure indications of good soil. We dug a hole about four feet deep, and found that about twelve inches on top was rich black loam, and that underneath there was a thick bed of yellow clay. Buffalo bones were scattered around quite plentifully, showing that it had been a favorite resort years before. There were badger mounds, and fox and skunk holes. We found prairie chicken and duck eggs in abundance, and helped ourselves liberally to them.

Our journey westward was now at an end. We had found our claim. Our happiness was well nigh complete. We had been so intent upon our discovery, that up to this time we had given very little attention to the swarms of mosquitos which continually surrounded us. Once or twice I rubbed my hand over the back of the old horse to rid him of the pests, when I was appalled to see my hand dripping with blood. Now that we had a little leisure we began to critically inspect each other before returning to Winnipeg, and we were somewhat alarmed with our finding. The mosquitos had without much objection on our part, been feasting for two or three days on our fresh eastern blood, and not content with taking all they could get, they added insult to injury by leaving their vile poison behind, and we were fast swelling beyond recognition.

Curiously enough, it is only the female mosquito which is so cruel and venomous, the male being perfectly harmless. I watched one bold, bad huzzy under a microscope, and this is what I saw. First she selected a tender spot, just over a blood vessel, then shoved down a sharp pointed lance. Next, two tiny saws were placed in position back to back, and set in rapid motion, and the aperture was soon widened; the saws were then withdrawn, and a tiny pump was inserted, and I could see distinctly the blood being pumped at an alarming rate into madame's transparent body. I always thought of mosquitos as all legs and wings; now I saw the emaciated body become distended like a pudding bag, and it was not until she became apparently satiated, and after squeezing a drop of poison into the wound, that she reeled off and fell into a deep stupor.

TO BE CONTINUED.

Our Sixty-Eighth Sunday School
Anniversary.

The services on Sunday, April 3rd, will long be remembered. In the morning Rev. G. W. Kerby preached from "Therefore with joy shall ye draw water from the wells of salvation."—*Isaiah* 12: 3. He adapted the sermon specially to the children and secured their best attention throughout. Rev. Isaac Tovell preached to a large congregation in the evening, on lessons from the life of Timothy. The afternoon meeting was addressed by Rev. W. E. Pescott, and the ex-superintendents of the school. Our present superintendent paid tribute to the faithfulness of his noble band of officers and teachers, and spoke of the love the children have for the lessons taught them in the school. He also referred to the sympathy and hearty cooperation of our pastor in all our work.

Rev. W. E. Pescott in his happy manner began by congratulating us upon our good looks. He then told Bunyan's story of "Mansoul" town. Mr. James Mathews, 1872-1881, referred to the time when the church was only able to contain a tenth of the number it will now hold. He hoped that the young people would do better work than those who had gone before them, because of the greater advantages they were enjoying. Mr. W. A. Edwards told of the origin of Sunday-schools by Robert Raikes, in 1780, and how only forty years later our own school was established where we now stand. He thought the soul of Robert Raikes would be gladdened could he see the strides Sabbath-school work was making, not only here but all over the world. Mr. H. S. Williams expressed himself as being glad to notice that the scholars of all ages in the school were becoming more deeply interested in the work of the church, through the medium of the Christian Endeavor. It was with much pleasure he noted the improvements made of late in the school. With these new privileges come greater obligations which we must not neglect to fulfil if we would receive a blessing. On Monday evening the church could not contain the large gathering, many were unable to gain admittance. The programme was an excellent one, and the credit is largely due to Miss Lizzie Murray and Miss Cora Small. Our Orchestra lent much to the enjoyment of the evening by the selections they rendered. Mr. W. H. Robinson, the popular leader, was presented on behalf of the teachers, officers and friends of the school, with a purse, and he made a happy reply. The programme was brought to a close at

9.50 P. M., and one and all voted it the best anniversary held yet.

ANNUAL REPORT.

In presenting the sixty-eighth annual report of the First Methodist Sabbath-school, the officers and teachers express gratitude to God for the many mercies bestowed upon us as a school. During the past year we were called upon to mourn the loss by death of two of our scholars, Miss Johanna Andrup and Miss Jennie Wright, also one of our most efficient teachers, Miss Sargison, but our loss is their gain, as they have entered into the rest which God has prepared for those who faithfully serve Him here. The progress made both numerically and financially is a source of much gratification. We trust that the truths imparted from Sabbath to Sabbath may result in an equally satisfactory manner. It was decided early in the year that no money should be raised by entertainments, but that a plan of systematic giving be adopted. The result has equalled our most sanguine expectations. Recognizing the fact that we must have increased accommodation, a building fund has been started, and the sum of four hundred dollars has already been applied. The Orchestra, under the leadership of Mr. Robinson, continues to be one of the most pleasant features of our school.

The number on roll is as follows:—Pastor's Bible class, 38; Boys, 206; Girls, 264; Infant class, 135. Officers and teachers, 51; total, 697. Average attendance: Pastor's Bible class, 24; Boys, 149; Girls, 189. Infant class, 98; Officers and teachers, 50; total, 510. An increase over last year of 67.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

To Cash on hand,	\$ 46 83
" Anniversary Collections, Sunday,	44 93
" " " Monday,	20 31
" Sunday-school Collections,	586 80
" Missionary Coll. by Juvenile Cds.	68 05
" Interest,	6 24
	<hr/>
	\$779 46

EXPENDITURE.

By Anniversary Expenses,	11 00
" Subsc'pt'n to S. S. Workers Ass'n.	10 00
" General S. S. Collections,	5 00
" Grant to Orchestra for Music Exp's	62 50
" Picnic,	30 00
" Music books, Envelopes & Printing	8 90
" Periodicals,	124 16
" Tuning Piano,	4 00
" Repairing Hymn books,	3 00
" Blank Quarterlies & S. S. Record,	2 50
" Extra Quarterlies,	8 02
" Reading Desk,	10 00
" Subscription to Missionary Soc'y,	100 00
" Amount to credit of building fund	400 00
" Cash on hand,	38
	<hr/>
	\$779 46

The following Officers have been elected for the ensuing year:—Superintendent, Thomas Morris, Jr.; Assistant Superintendent, Jas. Hamilton; Secretary Treasurer, W. G. Moore; Assistants, A. E. Baker, F. W. Gayfer, H. Gayfer, Jr., F. C. McIlroy; Leader of Singing, R. L. Whyte; Leader of Orchestra, W. H. Robinson; Pianist, A. Perry; Assistant Pianist, Mrs. A. E. Manning.

Respectfully submitted,

W. G. MOORE, Sec'y Treas.

Self-Denial.

Written for the "Missionary Gleaner."

CONTINUED FROM LAST MONTH.

Unselfishness is one kind of self-denial, and self-forgetfulness is perhaps the highest kind. "Self-forgetfulness is better than a constant struggle toward unselfishness. One may be so desirous of being unselfish as to devote time to the repression of self, or to the denial of self, that ought to be spent in behalf of others to the utter forgetfulness of self. Self is a poor subject of study, for any purpose or in any manner." And when we reach a point where we can forget self entirely in helping others to be better and truer men and women we *shall* be blessed. It is truly said that the most unselfish people are the happiest.

With our different capacities and desires and in our different circumstances what is self-denial to one may not be to another. It may not cost one young woman a second thought to give ten dollars to the missionary cause, while to another it may mean months of careful saving; the latter may be able to give of her time perhaps two hours every day to God, while the former would have to rise early and leave undone some things that she thinks she should have done, to enable her to give one half hour to her Master's service; but God will help us to bear and to do each what is best for us.

A puzzling question is, to what extent may we practise this self-denial. On a particularly uncomfortable day I may wish to ride up town on the street car, but I say, "No, I will put that five cents in my mite-box;" and I may say this every time. Am I then never to ride up town in the street car, and never to buy a beautifully bound book. The young woman who reaches the stage of self-negation, (for it is self-negation), where she can do this will be blessed in a far greater measure than the one who does not give up that much for Christ, for we know that we do not enjoy as much of God's richness of love as if we were willing to give up more for Him; but He will help us to decide how much is necessary for our minds and bodies, and how much we can possibly give to His work.

Let us be sure that we practise the right kind of self-denial, and not a counterfeit that will not stand the test of a thorough heart-searching, and then (for virtue is its own reward) we shall be the happier and better for every act of self-denial, and the best of all will be, "God is with us." —F. N.

Annual Gleaners' Concert.

The fifth annual concert of the Gleaners of First Methodist Church was a great success. At 8 o'clock, when over 130 children marched through the church singing "The Maple Leaf Forever," every available seat was occupied many having to stand.

The Sunday-school Orchestra, under the direction of W. H. Robinson, added much to the evening's enjoyment. The choruses showed the efficient and careful training of Frank McIlroy. The partsongs were under the direction of Miss Lounsbury and Fred Gayler, the solos being taken by Minnie White, Alie Davis, Alma Gayler and Hamilton Robinson.

The Literary Committee were Misses Dexter, Knight, L. Small and Mrs. Ross. Recitations were given by Miss Lottie Small and Arthur Gayler; also several well trained dialogues, The Doll Drill and Three Kittens, did credit to Misses Magen and Oaten.

Piano Duets were given by Edna and Nita Waters, Florence Tallman and Clifford Foster; also a solo by Violet Stewart.

One of the best features of the programme was an exhibition of club swinging by Maggie McLachlan.

The cantata, A Day in the Woods, was the gem of the evening, and deserved praise is given to Miss Cora Small for its training and arrangement. Miss Tovell ably accompanied the choruses and cantata, while Miss Heard assisted in other committees.

Mr. Manning in a neat little speech presented Mrs. Gayler, the president of the Mission Circle, with a beautiful basket of flowers. Rev. Mr. VanWyck occupied the chair, and although the program was rather long, kept everyone in good humor.

INSPIRATION'S FIRST SENTENCE.

WEIGHT AND WORTH OF THE WORDS.

The opening sentence of the Bible, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." This sentence contains five great universal terms, and speaks of as many boundless totalities,—God, heaven, earth, creation, and the beginning. It is perhaps the most weighty sentence ever uttered, having the most gigantic members. In its comprehensive sweep it takes in all past time, all conceivable space, all known thing, all power, and intelligence, and the most comprehensive act of that intelligence and power. It gives a theory of the origin of things, names the originator, states the time of their origin, and makes all stand together as one system. This sentence is a declaration on nearly all the great problems now exercising scientists and philosophers; God, creation, the whole, eternity, cause, time, space, infinity, force, design, intelligence, will, destiny, and in general universality. There is in it the germ of the whole Bible, as of the whole philosophy and the sciences.

Committee Reports.

PRAYER MEETING. Your committee have been pleased to see quite a few new faces at our meetings during the past month. Let us, as a society, endeavor to make strangers feel at home by giving them a hearty welcome; this is not alone the duty of the social committee. The leaders for the next month are as follows:—April 11th, Mrs. Lounsbury; 18th, Miss J. Harvey; 25th, Mr. Harris, (consecration); May 2nd, Miss Kerruish.—M. NIEHAUS.

SOCIAL. At the last meeting of the committee we decided that the anniversary of the Christian Endeavor in our church should be celebrated on the 12th of May, in the Sunday-school room; also that we should have programmes printed and sent to the different societies in the city. Some of the program is already prepared and we will have the rest as soon as possible. Miss Burgess, the popular secretary of the Y. W. C. A., Rev. Mr. Boville and Mr. McCrae, will be among the speakers, and Prof. Johnson and a quartette from the A. M. E. Church will also assist.—BETHIA MURRAY.

FLOWER. During the month of March we have not had as many sick reported to us as in former months. Sometimes members have been overlooked and we have not heard of their illness until they have recovered, but not intentionally have they been omitted. We would take it as a great kindness if any one would kindly leave the names of any sick as they enter the church on Sunday, with Mr. Harris, or on Wednesday evening, and we will see that they are attended to. On March 6th the basket was given to Mrs. Sarginson, and on the 27th in place of the basket we purchased two plants.—C. LAVERY.

TEMPERANCE. Since our last report your committee have protested against the introduction of another liquor license in No. 1 ward. The petition for the transfer of a shop license from Market street to the corner of King street and Martin's Alley, less than one block from our church, was gotten up so quietly that we were not aware of the fact, until the meeting of the License Commissioners, held on the 23rd of March, was announced in the *Evening Times*. Although the time was short, your committee set to work with a will, and, assisted by our pastor, a deputation appointed by this society and one or two others, we succeeded in quashing the petition of the applicant. If, at any time, any of our friends should be asked to sign a petition for a license in this vicinity, we would esteem it a favor if they would report the fact promptly to us, so that we might have more time to act. Continued from last month. "Not only may a license be exacted from the keeper of a saloon before a glass of his liquors can thus be disposed of, but instructions may be imposed as to the class of persons to whom they may be sold, and the hours of the day, and the days of the week on which the saloon may be opened. Their sale in that form may be absolutely prohibited. It is a question of public expediency and public morality, and not of Federal Law. The police power of the State is fully competent to regulate the business, to mitigate its evils, or to SUPPRESS IT ENTIRELY." Continued.—G. F. FISHER.

PUBLISHING. Subscriptions paid in since last list in ENDEAVORER: Mrs. Bement, Miss Burton, Mr. J. Bowron, Mrs. Battram, Mrs. Campbell, Mr. Fletcher, Mrs. Gage, Mr. Laking, Miss A. Mellon, Mrs. G. Mathews, Mr. H. Moore, Mr. Nichols, Mr.

R. Oaten, Mr. Rason, Mr. W. B. Smith, Royet Smith, Mr. Seaman, Mr. Sage, Mr. Tremble, Mr. R. J. Wood, Mr. R. S. Wallace, Mr. McFarlane.—ALLAN DAVIS.

MISSION.

RECEIPTS.

To Balance on hand.....	\$40 04
" Mission Collections.....	2 90
" Artie Gayfer, 45c.; W. C. T. U., \$30.....	3 45
	—————\$46 39

EXPENDITURE.

By Wood, \$3 75; Caretaker, \$3.....	\$ 6 75
" Rent, \$5; Coal Oil, 20c.....	5 20
" Balance in bank.....	34 44
	—————\$46 39

As announced in our last report, our Concert took place in the Mission room on the 10th of March. It was a grand success. We were justly proud of our young people who attend the Mission. They had the rooms tastefully decorated, which made it more pleasant and inviting. They rendered four choruses, and two solos and choruses, the balance of the programme being given by members of the Mission Circle and our own Endeavor society. We take this opportunity of tendering our sincere and heartfelt thanks to all who contributed to the programme. We would not forget to thank Mr. Gayfer for the kind words of encouragement with which he favored us. We are learning by experience the truth of the poet's words, when he said that

"Down in the human heart,
Crushed by the tempter,
Feelings lie buried that grace can restore,
Touched by a loving hand,
Wakened by kindness,
Chords that were broken will vibrate once more."

We adopt different methods of work, but always face the one object in view; to win souls for Christ's kingdom. Our God has been very good to us during the month that has just closed. The work has not suffered for lack of workmen, when our strength had almost failed us. He provided help to carry on the work; and although God in His kind providence removes some of His workmen, and lays aside others, still His work goes on without interruption. We will trust His wise unerring hand to guide us always. We gratefully acknowledge a donation of 45 cents from Master Artie Gayfer. Some of our young people are going away about the 15th of this month, and we are preparing for another concert to be given before that date. The leaders for the Sunday evening services for the month are: April 10th, Rev. E. Lounsbury and Thomas Morris, Jr.; 17th, Messrs. Joseph Kendall and A. Davis; 24th, Messrs. Oaten and F. C. Morris; May 1st, Messrs. John Henry and Thomas Morris, Jr.; 8th, Messrs. D. Kappele and A. Davis.—MRS. G. F. FISHER.

SUNDAY SCHOOL. The work of your committee for the past month has been chiefly that of preparing statistics for the last quarter of our Sabbath-school year, ending with March. The various class-books have been marked for the past three months, and we are pleased to note that ninety-five of our teachers and scholars were present at every one of the thirteen sessions held. We learn from the Sunday school record, kept by your committee, that Miss Jennie Baldwin, Owen Baldwin, Albert Cummer, Edward Overholt, Robert Potter and Willie Tallman, scholars, and Mr. J. C. Harris and Mrs. Gildon, teachers, were present every Sabbath during the past

year. We hope that if spared to see the close of another year, to be able to report the names of many other such scholars and teachers. We have been preparing for the present quarter the books in which a record of the contributions of each class is kept. For some time past our committee have been endeavoring to devise some plan which would enable us to systematically look after the absent members of our school. We now propose at the close of each month, when marking the attendance, to send a printed form to each teacher, with the names of scholars who have been irregular in attendance during the month. We would like the form returned after the teacher has stated on it whether the absent ones have been visited, or whether our committee are to do so.

We would respectfully submit the following statistical report of our school, for the quarter ending March 27th. Number on roll: Officers, 9; teachers, 15; total, 24. Pastor's Bible class, 38; Primary, 135; Boys, 209; Girls, 294; total number of scholars, 643. Total number on roll, 697. Total average attendance, 551. Increase over last quarter, 32. Number belonging to Junior Endeavor, 54; number belonging to Senior Endeavor, 108; total, 162.

CONTRIBUTIONS

From Officers,.....	\$10 08
" Pastor's Bible class,.....	10 72
" Boys' classes,.....	54 04
" Girls' classes,.....	77 91
" Primary classes,.....	9 75
	<hr/> \$163 40

Average collection each Sunday, \$12.57. Increase over last quarter, 36 cents.—ANNIE HENRY.

JUNIOR ENDEAVOR. We are pleased to report an increase in the number on roll and also in the collections, and most of all the increasing interest taken in the meetings by the members. The total attendance for March was 172; the average attendance, 43; the number on roll, 54. The receipts were \$10.03; cash on hand before the commencement of this month, \$3.38; total, \$5.31; 87 cents of this belongs to missions. The lookout committee needs members, there is but one, and we hope that some of those who are not on any committee will become members of the lookout. The leaders for the month of April are: 3rd, Herbert Cowan; 10th, Garnet Raycroft; 17th, Edward Gain; 24th, Marshall Lounsbery.—MARSHALL LOUNSBURY.

Union Meeting of the Christian Endeavor Societies.

On Monday Evening, March 21st, the Union meeting of all the Christian Endeavor Societies was held in our church. On the platform were the pastors and presidents of the different societies, the music was supplied by our choir, and the meeting was presided over by Mr. McLeod, of Central church. Mr. Thomas Morris, president of the Union, gave a short address, after which the chairman called upon each society in order of their organization. Each one responded either by singing or repeating a verse of scripture, thus publicly renewing their consecration. A few minutes were given to the pastors to give their opinion as to the benefit of the Christian Endeavor in their own church, and the unanimous verdict was, "We could not do without it," each one declaring it was a blessing in the church, making the young people a power for good in the Master's service.

Odds and Ends.

Owing to lack of space we are obliged to leave over for next month an interesting contribution from Miss Murray.

How would it do when summer comes and the church lawn is carpeted with thick, luxurious grass, to provide seats for the public and allow the people to use our grounds for park purposes?

On Friday evening, March 4th, a very pleasant time was spent at the home of Mrs. Tallman, in honor of Willie's birthday. Miss Giddon, his Sunday-school teacher, together with his classmates were invited to spend the evening, also to partake of a sumptuous tea. Music and games made the time pass all too soon. The boys are only sorry that Willie's birthday does not come oftener than once a year.

SUBSCRIBERS for the ENDEAVORER who have not paid up would confer a kindness by handing twenty-five cents to Mr. Allan Davis.

OUR Annual Choir Concert takes place Thursday evening, April 28th. Mr. John Morley will sing and the choir assisted by the Orchestra will give a first-class programme. Everyone should secure a ticket in time, only twenty-five cents.

THE SCIENCE CLASS "AT HOME."

The Science class "At Home," held Tuesday evening, March 15th, was well attended and passed off very pleasantly. Botanical specimens were displayed by Miss Nettie Raycroft, Miss Ada Smith, Miss Bessie Nichols, Mr. Henry Moore, and Mr. Thomas Morris, Jr. Two fine microscopes, owned by Mr. A. Chapman, and Mr. George Leslie, with interesting slides, proved attractive to those present. Trays of geological specimens were also on exhibition. Mr. A. Alexander, president of the Hamilton Association delivered a beautiful address on flowers and the pleasure to be derived from the study of Botany. Our pastor, Rev. Jas. VanWyck, B. A., also talked pleasantly about the "ologies and referred to the time when he enjoyed studying botany under Professor Macoun, the Government botanist. Mr. Alexander inspected the different specimens, and Mr. John Calvert, president of the Science class, presented Miss Bessie Nichols with the first prize, a handsome book, for the finest collection, and Miss Ada Smith with second prize. The class will continue the study of Botany, and all are invited to attend. The Greek history has been finished and the class feel greatly indebted to Rev. Mr. VanWyck, for taking charge and making the lessons so interesting.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

	Scholars.	Officers & Teachers	Collection.
Mar. 6	508	55	\$12 53
" 13	544	50	15 30
" 20	498	54	13 00
" 27	534	54	15 00

Average attendance, 576.
Average collection, \$13.96.

A PROGRESSIVE AGE.

The world's a great deal better for
Its churches, schools and colleges,
For nations now no longer war;
They simply make apologies.

—Chicago Mail.

LETTER PUZZLE.—J. H.

My first is in mind—but not in thought,
 My second's in bring—but not in brought,
 My third is in sing—and also song,
 My fourth's in short—but not in long,
 My fifth is in fling—but not in thrown,
 My sixth is in show—and also shown,
 My seventh's in nature—not in art,
 My eighth is in character—a part,
 My ninth is in sinner—also saint,
 My tenth is in picture—not in paint,
 My eleventh is in palace—not in hut,
 My twelfth is in closed—but not in shut,
 My thirteenth you'll find without much need
 Of looking far in creed and deed.

N. B.—My whole is the name of an energetic branch
 of the church.

PLEASURES.

THE intellectual pleasures of the world are to the person of refinement and education far above the pleasures of the uncultured and ignorant. So the pleasures of the Christian are as far above and superior to the pleasures of the worldling as are the world's pleasures to the uneducated, yet each may be perfect in itself as far as knowledge, experience and capacity is concerned. The higher the life—the greater the capacity for pleasure. The spiritual life is the highest life and so nothing short of spiritual pleasures can satisfy it; hence we read, "In Thy presence there is fulness of joy, at Thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore."

—GEO. W. ARMSTRONG.

THERE are now over 18,000 local societies of Christian Endeavor with a total membership of 1,100,000. Thirty evangelical denominations are represented. The Presbyterians lead all others, the Congregationalists are second, the Baptists third, the Methodists fourth, and the Christians (Disciples) fifth. The first four denominations have over 2,000 societies each, the Presbyterians having 4,500.

WHAT special work shall your League do this year, do you ask? Let me reply by asking if you are in a thoroughly healthy condition. Epworth League officers are prone to diseases of their own manufacture. The "Social Craze" may seize one department and jerk them hither and thither in the endeavor to give as many novel entertainments as possible. The insidious microbe, "People must be entertained," has permeated the system. The only remedy for this is "Sanctified Common Sense."—*Onward*.

THE "Head Worm" in another department shows itself in the desire to have numerous scientific lectures, essays without number, recitations ad nauseam. He thinks (this worm can think) that he is the most important personage in the League. If you want to keep him in check oil him well with "the oil of salvation."—*Onward*.

"THERE IS ALWAYS WORK."

"No man is born into the world whose work
 Is not born with him; there is always work
 And tools to work withal for those who will,
 And blessed are the horny heads of toil."

—*Lowell*.

3 WORD PUZZLE.

tin-e-s-M-v-l-y-U-u-i-U-to-P-m-t-m-c-r-e a-E

(SOMETHING GOOD FOR OUR BOYS.)

The person sending the first correct answer to 12½ John Street North, will receive a box of A-1 Stationery.—*Ed.*

*Knight
 Dentist*

Cor. King and Mary Sts., - - Hamilton.

F. J. Steinmetz, 

TROPICAL
 FRUITERER,

—❖❖❖ Confectionery and Ice Cream.

—><<>—
 TELEPHONE 976.

233 & 235 King St. East, . . .

. . . . HAMILTON.

THE HAMILTON BUSINESS COLLEGE
 AND SHORTHAND INSTITUTE.

34 & 40 JAMES STREET SOUTH.

Is pre-eminently a HAMILTON COMMERCIAL SCHOOL.—Sixty per cent. of last year's attendance was from the city. Students admitted any week day. For terms apply to the principals,
 SPENCER & McCULLOUGH.

GEORGE LONG,

DEALER IN

WOOD, COAL AND SAND.

OFFICES:

COR. FERGUSON AVE. & HUNTER ST., & 162 KING ST. EAST.