

Sunday School.

THE sixteenth anniversary of the Sunday School, held on September 1st and 2nd, was in many respects the most successful of recent years. An improvement on previous anniversaries was the presence of an orchestra which added effectively to the attractiveness of the musical element of the service. The idea was born of the enterprise of the conductor of the School Choir, Mr. J. Thompson, whose pains in the training of the children were evident in their hearty singing of the selected hymns. Another improvement was a substantial increase in the amount contributed at the collections, the sum raised being upwards of £42. It is to be hoped that future anniversaries will make both these features permanent, and the latter one progressive.

On the Sunday morning, the Rev. Wm. Burgess preached from the text, "Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven," addressing his sermon particularly to those

Forthcoming Bazaar (Spring 1910).

On Nov, 16th Mr. J. Thompson presented a grand orchestral concert in aid of our Bazaar Fund. The Schoolroom was taxed to its utmost seating capacity. It is many years since we had an evening of such high quality music and unique talent. The orchestra was assisted by Miss Hilda St. John. The artistes included Miss M. Burdge, Miss G. Harper, Mr. J. Barber, while Mr. Toscani delighted the audience with his recital of "Letitia's Gooseberry" and "Encounters with Snakes." The pianist for the evening was Mr. E. Wilkinson.

Future Event.

Mr. G. Laing Dales is to give an organ recital at 8 o'clock on Wednesday, December 8th, in aid of our Bazaar next spring. An excellent programme of music is in course of preparation, and he will be assisted by Miss Edith Kite and Miss Ethel Wells. May we ask that this be a Circuit Musical Evening, and thus added enjoyment will be given, and increased funds will be forthcoming towards our Bazaar.

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Notes.

The collections at the Sunday School Anniversary Services was £27 10s. 2d.

The new secretaries of the Guild, Messrs. Carlton and Martin, have prepared an excellent programme, which is tastefully printed. They will be glad to welcome new members.

Leaders of Class Meetings will be glad to be informed that a special series of articles in reference to these meetings will appear in the *Methodist Recorder* from the able pen of the Rev. W. L. Watkinson. Doubtless they will be not only bright and interesting, but highly profitable and suggestive.

At a meeting of the Council of the Gymnasium, held recently, it was decided to make a strong effort to infuse more life and energy into that Institution which has seriously fallen off in membership; and with that end in view, it was resolved to call a representative meeting of those interested, elect a strong committee and discuss the present situation. Mr. Norris has retired from the position of instructor, and it is necessary that a new, but not less competent one, be secured, and given a free hand, so that this admirable institution, if it is to be efficient, shall be carried on with vigour and a due regard to system and strict discipline.

Mr. Thompson, who on several occasions has undertaken the direction of the singing in connection with the Sunday School Anniversary, now retires from that position. His services deserve the highest praise; and we feel sure that he is sincerely esteemed by all those who know how to appreciate and value honest and conscientious work for the best interests of the Church.

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