Kent News

SATURDAY, - - APRIL 11, 1896.

MISSIONARY ANNIVERSARY.

Interesting Exercises — Building of the "Gospel Ship."

The Juvenile Home Missionary Society of Christ M. P. Church, Chestertown, held its anniversary last Sunday evening, in the presence of a very large audience. Though its previous anniversaries have always been interesting this in some respects excelled all its other efforts in this line. Beautiful blooming flowers and evergreen decorated the pulpit and chancel spaces.

The symbolic feature of the exercise consisted in the building of a SHIP, emblematic of the Gospel, or Religion, as a conveyance for human voyagers over the ocean of life to the heavenly port beyond. The "Fruits of the Spirit," as given in Gal. v; 22, 23, were taken as a foundation for an exercise which would at the proper time bring together piece by piece the different parts of the vessel.

The school was arranged in nine divisions—the thirty classes giving abundance of good working material for each; besides these, one from each division was selected to compose the superintendent's division, or banner bearers.

After the preliminary exercises, the president, Mr. M. Earle Usilton, delivered a short address, congratulating the organization upon its success, and foreshadowing the exercise of the evening, and concluding with the lines—

"I hear the billows breaking along the narrow sea
That rolls its dark and cold flood between my home and me.
I hear the billows breaking; the night is dark and drear,
But morning will be shining when I get over there."

In softest tones the organ promptly took up the sweet notes of this touchingly beautiful hymn, and the school in hushed voice sang the first verse. Then in quicker time and in full volume followed the other verses so appropriate to the occasion. The first division, designated "Love," was then called upon by the superintendent to know what it could say of this "fruit;" the response promptly followed: First, a young lady stepped forward to the altar rail, bearing a plainly painted piece of wood, and said, "Love is one of the fruits of the Spirit, and its relation to the others may be likened to the *keel* of a mighty vessel—it is a foundation timber." The piece, which was the keel of the miniature ship, was received by two lads—Howard Dodd and Gleaves Frazier—and placed in position upon a pedestal about three feet high, so arranged as to be in full view of the audience. Then followed other interesting exercises by this division, lasting not over five minutes. The other divisions were called in quick succession, and each in turn furnished its quota of timber, masts, spars, etc.; during which individual scholars impressively recited appropriate selections, while every division had pieces in concert, and some of them closed with singing. The *Joy* division very happily rendered the verse—

"Joyfully, joyfully, onward I move,
Bound for the land of bright Canaan above,"

and *Faith* division sweetly sung two verses, with the chorus—

"Resting in faith, resting in faith,
Sweetly the moments glide."

Gentleness division, which embraced the infant classes, furnished the small boats and flags for the ship, and its part was closed with a verse of—

"Over the river, the river wide,"

touchingly rendered by two little girls—Eva Hurlock and Augusta Aldridge—the latter prefacing it with the remark that "the Gospel Ship will take us little folks safely over the river"

After the divisions had all been called the banner bearers, one after the other, went forward with the division banners—each of these bearing upon one side the name of the division and on the other a single large gilt letter. The bearers each delivered a short address or recitation in keeping with the exercise—all of them very efficiently rendering their parts.

The last recitation by the banner bearers closed the work. There stood, in all its beautiful proportions, *a full-rigged Ship*, four feet in length, with masts, spars, and innumerable ropes, all in place; her anchors and small boats were appropriately swung, and at the gaff floated a red silk flag on which was worked a white cross, and encircling it in Hebrew characters the words, "In this we conquer." At the main and fore-top were others with different designs. Immediately above the ship were suspended the Division banners, and the gilt letters told her name—"THE GOSPEL." In the centre of the pedestal upon which the ship rested a pivot worked, and during the singing of the following verse the vessel moved gracefully round, giving a full view of all her parts:

"Embark! Embark! the ship of Zion spreads her sails;
Aboard! with favoring wind and tide, &c.

At this point the president announced that the "Gospel Ship" was not only complete but on board of her was a gallant gospel crew, and one of the scholars would tell their names.—Thereupon Mr. Wm. N. Sherwood stepped forward and read "The Crew of the Gospel Ship," (published on our second page.) The names were affixed to the ship according to their location in this article.

The whole affair was a perfect success. The contrivance was a marvel of mechanical ingenuity, and was built by Mr. Milton Baker, one of our town carpenters; the exercise was arranged by a committee the principal work falling upon Mr. Percy T. McFeely. The conception and design was entirely original with the school, as was also the beautiful exercise which brought together so perfectly the different parts of the vessel. The exercise lasted about an hour.

Among the single recitations the following were particularly good: "Words of Cheer," by Lizzie Quelett; "Life's Ocean," Mary Elliott; others by Belle Boston, Marion Lusby, Lillie Fowler, May Hurlock, Hettie Greenwood, Annie Plummer, Eva Hendrickson, Emma McFeely, Mae Hill, Katie Shuster, Ada Barnett, Zoa Elliott, Amy Russell, May Cannon, Carrie Sappington, Tannie Willis, Blanche Cox, Stockton Startt, Albert Morris, and among the "little folks" Nellie Nicholson, Ethel Bacchus and Edith Frazier.

After the above exercises the classes handed in their contributions for the past month, the whole aggregating $121.48; the largest class contribution being $20, by Mr. Jeff. D. Bacchus' class. The banner was presented this class by M. Earle Usilton. The annual report showed a total for the year of $268.80. The largest class contribution for the year was $37 by Mr. Harry Rickey's class, the next highest $30.80, Mr. J. K. Aldridge's class; third, J. D. Bacchus' class $28.41; fourth, Mrs. T. R. Hubbard's class $27.96. These classes were awarded premiums, which were presented by Mr. Wm. F. Russell. A quartette, "From Over the Sea" by Misses Julia Thompson, Marian Lusby and Messrs. F. G. Usilton and A. M. Culp, and the chorus, "Beyond the Ken," completed the program. Miss Clara Usilton presided at the organ, while Messrs. J. N. Dodd and A. M. Culp, cornetists, added much to the grand choruses, which were led so finely by the chorister of the school, Mr. W. W. Chapman.

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Mrs. M. E. KEYSER departed this life April 10, 1895, aged 48 years.

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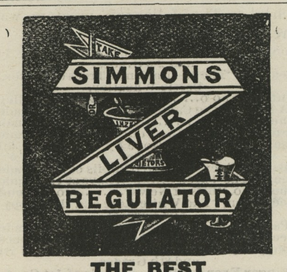
Joy and gladness banish sighs;
Perfect love dispels their fears;
And forever from their eyes
God shall wipe away their tears." F.



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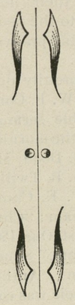

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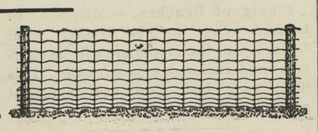

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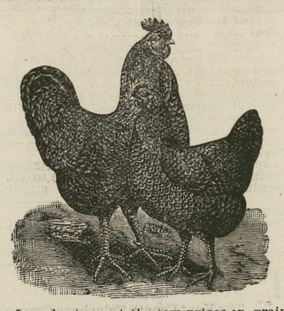

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