

The Sunday School  
Superintendents

Opened 18 June 1854

1854 Mr. G. Stewart  
1858 Dr. Hugh Wood  
1860 Revd. James Breakey  
1861 Mr. Brookes  
1863 Dr. Hugh Wood  
1866 Mr. Peter Murray  
1873 Mr. James H. Parker  
1877 Mr. Neil M. Watson  
1886 Mr. James Christie  
1910 Mr. James Christie            Mr. Percy T. Jarvis  
1914 Mrs. R. Cumming  
1922 Mr. W. S. Newton  
1930 Mr. Percy T. Jarvis   Mr. Roy Andrews  
1934 Miss L. M. Strachan  
1935 Mr. L. Kelsey  
1938 Mr. Percy T. Jarvis

The Children's Church  
Leaders

1933 Dr. M. Taylor  
1946 Miss M. K. Barr  
1947 Mr. L. Kelsey  
1955 Mr J . Ogg  
1959 Professor F. Pierce   Mr. Forrest Scott    Mr. John Anderson  
1964 Mr. H. J. Langford  
1973 Mrs. M. Herbert

The Bible Class

## Sabbath School Report

1882

	Morning School		Afternoon School	
	On Roll	Average Att.	On Roll	Average Att.
St. Andrew's				
Officers & Teachers	8	6	20	16
Scholars	40	29	172	121
Bath St. Mission School				
Officers & Teachers			5	4
Scholars			65	28

Total number of Officers and Teachers on Roll, 29, Scholars, 237

On whit-Sunday, in accordance with the arrangements of the Sunday School Union, we joined several other schools at Hanover Chapel, sang the special Whitsuntide hymns, and were addressed by the Rev: A. Flower. On Whit-Monday, after partaking of buns and coffee in the schoolroom, we marched to Norfolk Park and took part in the usual demonstration. It is much to be desired that Friends would come and encourage us by their presence on these occasions, as many of our Teachers, whose homes are at a distance, are out of town on general holidays.

In the Afternoon 46 Teachers, members of the Young Men's Bible Class, and Friends, had a pleasant excursion to Ashopton.

The Scholars' Annual Trip took place on 12th July. Wharnccliffe was the place selected. Owing to the unsettled weather the attendance was not so large as usual.

The "Children's Messenger" has been distributed on the first Sabbath of each month to such Scholars as have been regular in their attendance. The very low state of our funds has caused the Teachers, at several of their Quarterly Meetings, to consider if we could not discontinue them, but it has always been deemed inadvisable to do so.

Pointed allusion was made in our last Report to the unsatisfactory state of the Library to which no additions have been made for a good many years. Our funds not having sufficed to meet our other expenses, we have again been unable to make any additions. Surely an annual sum should be

available for the regular supplementing of such an important agency as a Sabbath School Library, which with 300 worn out volumes can still find nearly 60 readers.

It will be noticed that the School has contributed £12 18. 1d to the China Missions of the Presbyterian Church of England and Wales, the Waldensian Church Missions and the Continental Sunday School Scheme of the Sunday School Union.

Forty two Scholars attended the Sunday School Union Examination; eighteen obtained First Class and sixteen Second Class Certificates.

We have sustained a severe loss by the lamented deaths of Mr. N. McL. Watson, for the last five years our esteemed superintendent, and of Mr. Peter Murray, an old and tried friend.

The aim of our School is to give instruction in the principles of the Christian religion, and by God's help to lead the Scholars in early life to give their hearts to the Saviour and their lives to His service. Good has been done in the past; much more remains to be done; and we need more than ever then and women willing "for Jesus ' sake" to devote themselves to teaching the sweet story of old, which has been the joy and rejoicing of their own hearts; teachers willing for that highest of all motives, to deny themselves and continue at their work, even if it should sometimes be discouraging, and their classes not so large as they could wish. Especially is this self-denial called for in our Morning School, which notwithstanding its evident claims, seems never to have been regarded with sufficient interest.

We need the prayers of the Congregation that our work may be owned and blessed by Him for whom we labour; and we need, too, their practical help and sympathy.

E. M. DICKINSON. Secretary.

### Our first Sabbath School tea

#### 1854

On 28th December 1854 a Social Tea was held for the School. There was a large attendance of scholars, the greater part of which did not belong to the School, most of the teachers and also a few of the parents and members of the congregation were present.

The Revd. J. Breakey presided and distributed prizes to the scholars in the course of the evening. Interesting anecdotes were delivered by Mr. Breakey, Mr. Parker and also Mr. Stewart, the Superintendent, who made a few remarks after reading the Report. The meeting was dismissed at 9 o'clock and the children appeared well pleased with their entertainment.

#### 1901

The Sabbath School excursion took place this summer under favourable circumstances and was such enjoyed. St. Andrew's School went to Lower Bradfield dams. The waggonettes, although more numerous than usual were crowded with scholars and friends and the attendance was increased by a number of cyclists. The tea was served in a barn. The usual games, cricket etc., occupied the scholars, while the scenery around the dams had a charm for all.

#### 1957

Miss F. E. Legge resigned after twenty seven years of faithful and devoted service in the Sunday School and Children's Church.

## Primary Department

1913

The adoption by our school for the new scheme of graded lessons marks the commencement of what we trust will be a new era in Sunday School work; a period of greater efficiency in teaching and learning and producing results which will far exceed those of the past. This graded lesson scheme is one of the results of the child study which is transforming all ideas of education - religious and secular alike. Education is not now regarded as a pouring in of facts into the empty mind of a child, just as one might fill an empty cup by pouring in water. It is not the filling of an empty space but the training and developing of the enfolding powers of the child. All truth is good, but all truth is not good alike, and the child of five or six years is not capable of understanding many of the deeper teachings of our religion, and must have those things suitable for its understanding. On the other hand the older boys and girls outgrow the simpler stories and want a grip of the deeper questions as the minds become more active and trained. This was not allowed for in the uniform lesson schemes, but is the guiding principle of the graded scheme. Time and study will eliminate imperfections necessarily found in new and untried things, and it will undoubtedly prove a great factor in the religious education of the future.

Although the school was closed during August the teachers were not idle. That month a canvas of the district was arranged and carried out with great enthusiasm, about 350 houses being visited. At almost half of these there were no children of school age at about 70 houses the children were already attached to schools. In all we got about 12 as a result of the canvas. This brings out clearly the fact that if the school is to be kept up to a good standard it must be by the children of our own families. Other children of course do come in, and often stay with us, and we welcome them but we cannot rely on these to make up the inevitable losses caused by circumstance over which we have and can have no control.