

**S. S. CONVENTION.**

Wicklow and Simonds District.

On Friday the 25th November, notwithstanding the heavy rain, the first session of this Convention was held in the Lower Knoxford church. There was a scarcity of officers present, so formality was dispensed with and the essence of the matter was regarded. There being also a dearth of singers we cheerfully omitted any attempts of a musical nature but had a good, hearty prayer meeting, and was thus prepared for work. We gave close attention for a time to the 8th chapter of Proverbs which had a bearing on the lessons for the 27th which it was expected to have been taught by Bro. Cahill in the afternoon, and in this we had interesting participation. Afterwards we shared the eloquent address delivered at the World's S. S. Convention in London, by Bishop Fowler of the M. E. Church of the U. S. among the wealth of contents of the so admirable Report of that Convention to be obtained in paper cover for 50 cents, of W. B. Jacks, 132 La Salle Street, Chicago, or by sending to Mr. Lucas, Sussex, quite a number of copies of which are being taken in our county either by individual workers or by Sunday Schools, to place in their libraries for use of all the workers who may visit to peruse the so valuable pages. The book is a treasure house of information; a regular power house for the generation of enthusiasm. The number of copies is limited. Desiring purchasers need to be alive and prompt to send in their orders. The above address referred to we esteemed a rich treat.

The afternoon session was attended by, it was estimated, over sixty. Mrs. John Trafford presided at the organ; the singing was good. Another prayer service was held. We were in the spirit for business. The 3rd chapter of Proverbs was read and examined. The minutes of the evening session of the Convention, held at Middle Simonds in September, were read and approved.

Reports from schools were received and contents noted. Those from Royalton, Tracy Mills, Upper and Lower Knoxford schools and from Middle Simonds Union school were in writing, and contained much to encourage Middle Simonds school was better attended than ever before at this time of the year with an average attendance of 35, and an effort being made to have the school evergreen.

Royalton school is evergreen with nearly 50 enrolled, average attendance 30, steady interest, profitable sessions, faithful teachers, sufficient funds, two Evangels taken, use books and blackboards, 20 new hymn books.

Tracy Mills school opens at 9.30 a. m. number of pupils, 50, average attendance, 48, 5 classes, Evangels in use in school, balance on hand \$8.20.

Upper Knoxford school has had an average attendance for six months of 32. Has raised \$9.27 and spent \$8.09, balance on hand \$1.18. Procured a supply of new hymn books, also \$7.00 worth of second hand books for library. Sent \$1.90 to N. B. S. S. Association. There has been a falling off in attendance recently.

Lower Knoxford school meets at 2 p. m.; average attendance 48 Super-

intendant has taken much interest. Many precious thoughts have been brought out which have proved a great blessing to all. The teachers have taken much interest in their work, attending faithfully to their classes. Collected \$7.48, expended \$7.22. Quite a number of visitors have been welcomed to the school and appreciated. The lessons have been profitable to old and young.

Brief verbal reports were given of Greenfield, and Florenceville Baptist and Methodist. All of which go on encouragingly. We hope that a written report from each of these schools will be fourth coming for our February Convention.

As quite a number of children were present at this session expecting to be taught the lesson for the 27th, which they had been urged to prepare, it was taught by the Secretary, the children being brought to the front. It was a pleasure to teach them, they seemed so interested. They older ones took a vigorous hold as well.

A large number filled the church in the evening. Mrs. Jones, daughter of Deacon Chas. White, presided at the organ. Much music of a bright and appropriate nature was interspersed through the session. There were a goodly number in the choir including Deacon White. A duet and chorus, "The Dear Old Home," was very much enjoyed.

Bro. Cahill having arrived ready to teach the lesson according to prearrangement, the audience became his class and with vigorous clearness and marked efficiency performed the duty assigned him. There was the approach to the lesson the noting of the writer's point of view, the examination of the several verses and the emphasizing at the close of the principle lessons. It was much enjoyed.

A discussion of the practical S. S. work was then enjoyed in, taking as our base of operation the report of Lower Knoxford school. Mr. Cahill had to leave early but before leaving he spoke a few greatly encouraging words on the line of taking things as we find them, and being faithful and independent in our work.

A report from the World's S. S. Convention was given by the District Secretary.

Collections in aid of the work were taken Miss Sadie Jones, one of our Vice Presidents, acted as recording secretary. A vote of thanks was given to the District Secretary, which took him by surprise.

Tracy Mills, Royalton and Upper Knoxford each claimed the next Convention. Upper Knoxford carried off the palm.

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