

CARLETON COUNTY S. S. CONVENTION

Meets at East Florenceville.

The Twenty-Seventh Session of the Carleton County Sunday School Association opened in the Methodist church at East Florenceville, on Thursday the twenty-first day of August 1902, at 8 p. m. In the absence of the resident Pastor Rev. J. B. Young, the devotional exercises were lead by the field secretary Rev. A. Lucas, and a profitable half hour was spent, after which the President J. K. Flemming, M. P. P., took the chair. Among the other officers present were, John L. Fawcett, Secretary Treasurer, Louis E. Young Recording Secretary, Percy R. Semple Superintendent Home Department, Rev. D. Fiske Superintendant Normal Department.

There was a good representation from the different Parishes. The President in his opening remarks, expressed pleasure in seeing so good an attendance, and especially at the presence of some from the lower parishes, not well represented last year. He reviewed the year's work showing that fair progress had been made.

The Normal Department, which he spoke of as being of the first importance, has been fairly successful. It was fortunate last year in the selection of a superintendent. There were more than one hundred students last year.

The Home Department was also fortunate in the same manner, in Superintendent selected.

The Temperance Army Department had made good progress in most parishes. He described briefly the pledges and chain used and some of its workings. The work had been readily taken up, although only in its first year in this county.

The Primary Work for which Mrs. E. London was selected President found in her an energetic worker.

He referred to the Sunday school work as one of great magnitude and read portions of statistical report in "The Evangel" compiled at Denver. It was a work big in importance as well as in the size of the army engaged in it. After music by the choir the Rev. J. C. Berrie spoke on "How can Teachers best Secure Interest of Scholars in Home Study of Bible," saying among many other things that the youth of a church comprised the most important life of the church, a very large portion of the conversions being from those under twenty years of age. This being so, it was of great importance to know how to interest them. The Bible should not be used as a task book, or means of punishment as it has been in former years. Let each child have his own Bible, and let him have something to do at home in connection with the lesson. The speaker thought that it was necessary to have more men in the school in order to do the best work with the boys.

The President then appointed the following committees:—

Credentia Committee—Mr. P. R. Semple, Miss Bell, of Bristol, Mrs. Wm. Murchie.

Nominating Committee—L. E. Young, Miss Addie Calder, J. L. Fawcett, Miss E. Kinney, Mr. E. L. West.

Advocate Committee—Rev. D. Fiske, Mrs. J. A. Shea.

Reporter—W. A. Rideout.

Collection, \$1.83.

Rev. A. Lucas dealt with the subject "The Importance of Organization." This was an interesting and instructive talk, in which he spoke of the book of Numbers as being the best text book on organization, and said that God originated organization, and his people should be the first to organize. Many do not want to organize. That there are three classes of persons in the churches, shirkers, jerkers, workers. There should be organizations for workers. The present flourishing condition of Sunday school work is the result of organization. He appealed to the delegates to carry back enthusiasm and energy into their parish work and encourage them as to the results. He made a feeling allusion to the death of B. F. Jacobs. The President made some closing remarks, after which the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Mr. Anderson.

Signed, Louis E. Young, Rec. Sec'y.

Friday morning session opened at 9.30 o'clock. Rev. A. Lucas had charge of the opening exercises, which consisted of music, prayer and a Bible reading from Numbers.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The President appointed a Resolution Committee, as follows:—Mrs. A. W. Hay, Mrs. E. London, Miss Janie Kinney, Rev. A. Lucas.

The Executive Committee's report was read by Mr. J. L. Fawcett, the secretary-treasurer of the association, showing that three meetings had been held, that the work had been gradually well done by the 110 schools in the county, that there was \$108.00 on hand to meet the \$150.00 pledge to the Provincial Association. Some difficulty was experienced in obtaining reports from the schools some of which did not report. A number of timely recommendations were made. This report was adopted on motion.

The report of the Normal Department which came next on the programme was postponed and the paper "Frost Killed Sunday Schools," which was on the evening pro-

gramme was now read by Miss Addie Calder. She dealt with the two classes of schools, Evergreen and Frost Killed Schools, in an interesting and instructive manner, and named some of the weak excuses given for closing schools in the winter.

Mr. John L. Fawcett's name was substituted for Mr. E. L. West's on the Nominating Committee, by the President, Mr. West not being present.

The report of the Home Class Department was read by Mr. P. R. Semple its superintendent, showing the number of members in the county to be two hundred and forty five, an increase of one hundred over the previous year, with encouraging words in reference to the prospect for new classes. A discussion taken part in by the President, Rev. A. Lucas, L. E. Young, Mrs. E. London, Mr. Watters and others followed this report.

The Home Department Work was dealt with in an address by the Rev. J. W. Fowler, in a comprehensive, instructive and interesting manner, containing unanswerable reasons why the Home Department should be worked with zeal.

The afternoon Session opened at 2 o'clock. Rev. J. C. Berrie led the Devotional service.

The Superintendent of Primary work, Mrs. E. London, found the number of primary teachers present to be seven, and read a letter from Mrs. Morrison, Superintendent of Primary work for the Province, in which suggestions were given for the organization of a County Primary Association. Mrs. London said she found it difficult to get the names of all the primary teachers in the County, but has secured most of them. She received much help from the Provincial Primary Superintendent. The Primary Teachers Library was ready for circulation, but had been made use of by only one teacher. The report was adopted unanimously.

The subject "The Teachers Preparation" was dealt with by Mrs. Nina McFadyen in an interesting, instructive and prompt manner. The aim of preparation is not simply to debate, to entertain or to teach history, but is to bring some practical thought out of each lesson, home to each child.

Study systematically. Have a plan, and stick to it. At first study independently of helps and begin early in the week, not forgetting the efficacy of prayer. Rev. A. Lucas asked for and obtained five minutes in which to address the Convention, as he had to leave on the train before the close of the Session. He urged the members of the Convention to specially apply themselves in the next three years to forward the work of the Home, Normal, Temperance and Primary Work, so that at the next meeting of the International Convention to be held in Toronto, great progress in our County would be shown.

Rev. D. Fiske reported the Normal Department work, as fairly successful there being one hundred and twenty in all in Normal Work in the County, supplementary to this report he read an admirably written paper on the Normal Work. This report was adopted on motion. Music followed.

Mr. W. H. Smith next read a paper entitled "The Sunday School Teacher and his Class as Two and One," which was well received.

The Nominating Committee made its report and officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:—President, J. T. G. Carr; Vice President, J. T. Flemming; Recording Secretary, W. A. Rideout; Secretary-Treasurer, J. L. Fawcett; Superintendents Normal Department, Rev. D. Fiske; Home Department, Percy R. Semple; Primary Department, Mrs. E. London; Temperance Department, Mrs. William Murchie; Vice Presidents, Wilmot, John A. Watters; Wicklow and Simonds, E. L. West; Wakefield, Geo. S. Wiggins; Woodstock, L. E. Young; Woodstock Parish, Herbert Hemphill; Richmond, Frank Murchie; Northampton, Fred Sharp; Brighton, H. L. Dickinson; Peel, H. B. Taylor; Aberdeen, John Crawford; Kent, D. V. Boyer.

Delegates to the provincial convention in St. John in October, J. K. Flemming, M. P. P., Mrs. A. W. Hay, Rev. D. Fiske, D. V. Boyer, G. H. Stokoe.

A Normal lesson by Miss Jennie Kenny next occupied the attention of the convention. She showed in an efficient manner how the Old Testament history leading up to that of the New Testament was treated in the Normal Text Book.

Closing remarks by the retiring President, J. K. Flemming, followed. Music, and the benediction by Rev. D. H. Fiske.

Evening session opened at 7.30 o'clock. Rev. D. Fiske led the devotional exercises, after which the minutes of the afternoon session were read by L. E. Young and approved.

The officers elected were called to the front and an interesting installation service was conducted by D. Fiske, after which the president elect was escorted to the chair and made an excellent speech.

The Finance Committee's report was now read by J. L. Fawcett the secretary-treasurer, showing the accounts to be correct, and that it was necessary for the county to raise about (\$50 00) fifty dollars in order to meet its obligation to the Provincial Association. Report adopted on motion.

Mrs. W. A. Murchie read M. A. Oulton's

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paper "How to Retain our Young Men in the Sunday School."

The Temperance Army report was called for but none was forthcoming.

An address "Our Task its Nature and Possibilities" was next delivered by Rev. J. A. Anderson. The president remarked that it was worth attending the convention to hear this address.

Mrs. E. London next read her excellent paper "Benefit of Sunday School Conventions."

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The Resolution Committee reported expressing appreciation of the work of the county officers; urging the county executive to pursue the departmental work with increased diligence and to see that the offerings for the work were forwarded promptly, and that each school should send two delegates to the provincial convention in St. John on October 14th, 15th and 16th. They also referred to the claims of the Sunday School Advocate. This report was adopted on motion.

Messrs. E. L. West, D. V. Boyer, Rev. Mr. Fenwick and Rev. D. Fiske made short speeches.

The time and place for the next convention was left in the hands of the executive committee on motion.

Closed by National Anthem and the Benediction by Rev. J. A. Anderson.

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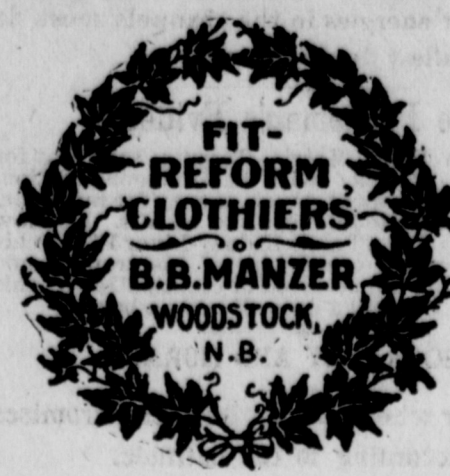
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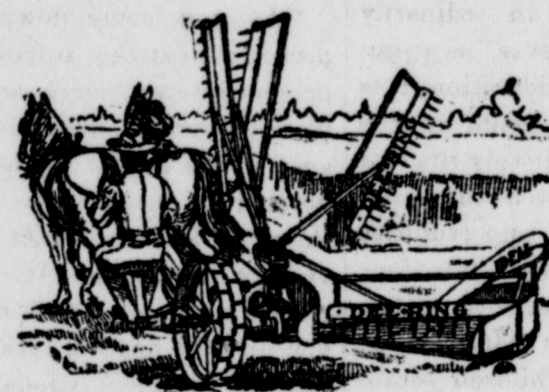
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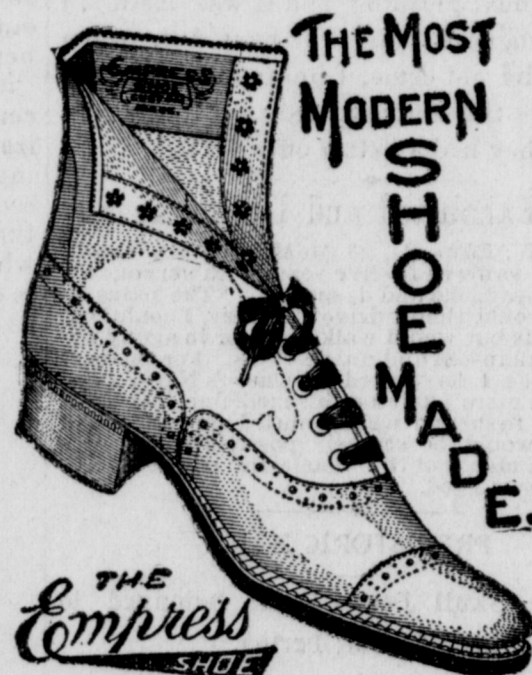


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