

MARITIME SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The first annual convention of the Maritime Sunday School Association will take place in Amherst, N. S., Nov. 4-6. A bulletin containing a call to this convention has been sent out to all ministers in the Maritime Provinces and to all Sunday School Superintendents whose names were available. These bulletins contained Credential Certificates for delegates. Each school is entitled to one delegate in addition to Superintendent and each Pastor is a delegate ex officio. Delegates should procure Standard Certificates, and this will entitle them to return at two-fifths of the single first class fare.

In the literature sent out it was stated that entertainment would be on the Harvard Plan, but we have since learned that Amherst will do better than this, and will give to all delegates supper as well as bed and breakfast.

The Convention will no doubt be an outstanding one in every way. It will also be historic in that it is expected to mean the re-organizing of Sunday School forces throughout the Maritime Provinces. The Denominations and the Sunday School Association are combining their forces to carry on the work co-operatively and it is expected that the new executive committee will represent not only the various counties of the Maritime Field, but also the Denominations officially. The Denominations will be represented by their Secretaries at the Convention and these will take a prominent part in the program.

Also, we are to have with us from the International Association our great General Secretary, Mr. Marion Lawrance, and the Children's Division Superintendent, Mrs. M. J. Baldwin. These together with the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. workers will make a staff of Sunday School leadership such as has never been arranged for in any Convention hitherto held in our Maritime Field.

GOD'S REGARD FOR HIS WORD.

One of the most remarkable utterances of the Bible is found in the 138th Psalm: "Thou hast magnified Thy Word above all Thy Name." That God has the highest regard for His word is proved by the history of the results of the first transgression. The first precept was as simple as an injunction to little children. The results of its violation are complex enough to touch human nature at every point. The penalty for transgression has come with an impartiality and a certainty and a power appalling to human thought. The track of humanity along the ages is marked by black monuments of woe, and upon each one is written the terrible words: "The soul that sinneth, it shall die!" What a vivid view this gives us of the honor in which God holds His law! The deep philosophy of this is in the fact that God's Word is not only the expression of His will, but it is the sublime revelation of His character embodied in human language. Hence, He 'magnifies His word above all His name.'—Christian Advocate.

OBITUARY.

Benjamin Charters.

Of pneumonia after a few days illness on the 22nd inst., Mr. Benjamin Charters, aged 75 years. Mr. Charters was one of the pioneer fruit growers of New Brunswick.

The funeral took place from his residence at Chartersville on Friday afternoon, 24th inst., and was largely attended by numerous friends and relatives. The service was conducted by the Rev. S. A. Baker, pastor of the Reformed Baptist Church, assisted by members of the choir, who sang very appropriately the hymns, "Lead Kindly Light," "Nearer My God to Thee," and "Face to Face."

The pallbearers were Mr. W. L. Broad, Mr. S. C. Charters, Mr. C. L. Arnold and Mr. W. H. Slater. The floral offerings were numerous and beautiful. The remains were interred in the family lot at Chartersville.

Rev. C. H. Orser.

Rev. Charles H. Orser died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Earl Never, Hartland, N. B., on Sunday evening, after several weeks acute illness consequent upon old age. Mr. Orser was one of the charter members of the Primitive Baptist church and of late years was the leading figure in its ministry. Funeral services were held at Hartland and Mars Hill on Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. Manley Stanhope.

At Chipman Hospital, St. Stephen, N. B., Oct. 4th, Mrs. Blanche Stanhope, wife of Manley Stanhope, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Hatt, of North Head, Grand Manan. Mrs. Stanhope was a member of the Reformed Baptist Church at Calais, Maine, where she resided. She is survived by her husband and a daughter, and an infant, also father and mother, two sisters and four brothers. The funeral took place at the home of her parents at North Head, Grand Manan. The service was conducted by Rev. C. S. Hilyard.

Jasper Hatt.

At Seal Cove, Grand Manan, Oct. 1st, Jasper, aged 1 year and 6 months, of scarlet fever, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hatt. The funeral service was conducted in the yard by Rev. C. S. Hilyard.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Fredericton, N. B., Oct. 27, 1919.

Dear Brother:

Just a word or two to say that we have been making preparations for the meetings. Had a half day of prayer on Friday from 3 p. m. to 9.30. Yesterday saw some result, not many out in the morning but a wonderful time of refreshing. Last night was a good congregation and twelve stood for prayers, eight of them came to the altar and professed to get through. We are looking for a gracious outpouring.

Yours in Him,

P. J. TRAFTON.

"If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you." All hinges on the word "if."

In Loving Remembrance of
VIOLA MULLEN,

Who Died Oct. 28th, 1918.

The one in whom we live and move
By His unceasing care,
Bestowed those precious gifts of love
Which made her life most fair.
In days of happiness and health
Her choice was wisely made
She set her mind upon that wealth
Whose treasures never fade.

Her parents, brothers, sisters and friends
Were glad in her to find
That music which forever blends
In hearts sincere and kind.
And then when she was called to tread
The fiery path of pain,
Upon her heart that light was shed
Which never shines in vain.

She said the Lord's my shepherd now,
For all my needs provides
Upon His gracious will I bow
My heart in him confides.
And although I soon may have to tread
The valley strange and dim,
No evil will my spirit dread
For I am safe in him.

While softest strains of music rang
And day drew near its close,
She of the Lily sweetly sang
And then of Shannon rose.
Affliction was most bravely borne
While ebb'd away her strength,
Until she hailed the summer morn
The fair sweet morn at length.

Made strong through comforts which
abound
In Him who loves His own.
She said, Christ my soul hath found
Its all in thee alone.
Upheld by his almighty hand,
Her loved ones heard her say,
On Christ the solid rock I stand,
He is my strength and stay.

From pain and weakness then set free,
Her spirit homeward soared,
And she in triumph went to be
Forever with the Lord.
With those bereaved the Saviour King
Will in all fulness dwell,
Until they in his presence sing,
He has done all things well.

A FRIEND,
Per Mother.

Every man who comes into close and vital association with God is continually surprised at the bounty of heaven, at the tenderness of the divine fatherhood, at the largeness of the divine love; surprise follows surprise in evergrowing amazement because imagination is left behind and expression utterly fails when the goodness of God is contemplated.—Joseph Parker.

Our faithfulness is far better tested by the rough places encountered in life than when the road seems smooth and even.—B. E. Warren.

The Christian Witness was only half its regular size on October 9th.