

WORLD SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Tokyo, October, 1920.

One of the outstanding events of the year will be the Eighth Convention of the World's Sunday School Association, which is to be held in Tokyo, Japan, in October. The exact time cannot be stated until the steamer sailings are announced.

In Japan the interest is by no means confined to Christians. Leading Japanese are on the various preparation committees. Missionaries of the Far East are eagerly looking forward to the Convention and are expecting great things from it. Many attractive tours are being arranged to include Mission Stations and leading points of interest in Japan, Korea and China. At the same time special emphasis is laid upon the fact that this is a Convention of Christian and Sunday School people rather than of mere sight-seers.

A Canadian Committee, whose duties will include the credentials of all Canadian delegates, has been formed composed of representatives from the Sunday School Boards, the Mission Boards and the Provincial Sunday School Associations or Councils. The Secretary of this Committee is Rev. H. C. Priest, 538 Confederation Life Building, Toronto.

The number of delegates will of necessity be restricted owing to the limitations of steamship capacity and accommodation in Tokyo. All available space has been reserved on five Pacific lines and the entire capacity of one steamer secured.

To ensure reservation application should be made at once. Application blanks and all information may be secured from your denominational Sunday School or Missionary Secretary, from your Provincial Sunday School Secretary or from the Secretary of the Committee mentioned above.

HOW LONG AFTER CONVERSION?

John Wesley's Journal is a magnificent report of holiness meetings. In Vol. 7, page 389, he reports as follows:

"After meeting the society (at Whitby) I talked with a sensible woman, whose experience seemed peculiar. She said: 'A few days before Easter last, I was deeply convicted of sin; and in Easter week, I knew that my sins were forgiven, and I was filled with joy and peace in believing. But in about eighteen days, I was convinced in a dream, of the necessity of a higher salvation; and I mourned day and night, in an agony of desire to be thoroughly sanctified, till on the twenty-third day after my justification, I found a total change, together with a clear witness that the blood of Jesus Christ had cleansed me from all unrighteousness.'"

"The case of Mr. Timmons is no less remarkable. He had been a notorious sinner. He was deeply convicted two months since. Ten days ago, on a Friday, God spake peace to his soul. The Sunday following, after a violent struggle, he sank down as dead. He was cold as clay. After about ten minutes he came to himself, and cried, 'A new heart, a new heart!' He said that he felt himself in an instant entirely emptied of sin, and filled with God. Brother Barry, likewise, had been justified but a few days before God gave him purity of heart."—Selected.

PRESENTATION AND ADDRESS.

On Wednesday evening, January 28th, about 40 of the members of the Moncton Reformed Baptist Church met at the parsonage, 394 Lutz street, and spent a very pleasant evening with singing and scripture reading, prayer and conversation. Deacon W. D. Blakney presided. Miss Mabel Good organist. Before retiring to their homes the pastor read the following address and Mrs. W. D. Blakney on behalf of the church and congregation, presented Mrs. W. A. MacCallum, the organist of the church, with a seven piece French Ivory toilet sett. Mrs. MacCallum was taken by surprise, but expressed her appreciation of both the gift and the address.

ADDRESS:

Moncton, Jan. 28th, 1920.

Dear Sister MacCallum:

There are two persons whose presence is essentially needful to ensure the most cheering and uplifting services in the church, viz., the organist and the pastor.

It is said some people have three hands. The organist and the pastor need to be of this company, their right hand and left hand and to be at the service a few minutes beforehand.

There are other people who are said to be forehanded. These are good folks to have in a church, providing they are liberal with their forehandedness.

We as pastor and people wish to express our appreciation of your prompt and efficient and faithful services as our organist and especially so as you so freely give your services to the church gratuitously, not only in the regular services, of the church, but also in the special meetings where the labour is more taxing to your strength and time.

And as a small token of our appreciation we wish you to accept this gift of toilet articles, in the use of which you will be frequently reminded of the church and the friends who so willingly present them to you, and by the free use of the mirror you can see how pleased you are with your friends on this pleasant occasion, and feel assured that we are all pleased to express our appreciation of you as helper to all of us in our worship as we sing the praises of God.

On behalf of the Church and Congregation.

THE TRUE AIM OF PREACHING.

A judge gave this word of counsel to a young minister. "You are just commencing your ministry. Allow me to suggest that in each sermon you aim for one of two things—either to win a soul or to build up believers."

It is sad to hear a sermon preached because it "must be done" or "is expected," or to "please the people" or to "win applause," or for any other purpose whatsoever save to win souls or to build up believers.—Ex.

Whatever of success I have attained is due to my unflinching custom of reading my Bible and of praying every morning before I leave my room. No difficulties nor stress of business keep me from thus preparing myself for the day.—Booker T. Washington.

A VERY PLEASANT SHOWER.

About 40 of the members of the Reformed Baptist Sunday School besieged the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Thornton, Main street, on Monday evening, January 26th, and presented Miss Leila Clark and Mr. Roy Thornton, who were present, with a goodly number of valuable and very useful gifts for housekeeping, in anticipation of a very happy event which they had learned was to take place on Wednesday.

The presents consisted of silver, beautiful china, pyrex, cut glass and linen, as well as a number of very useful articles for the home in granite and tinware.

The evening was very pleasantly spent in instrumental and vocal music and pleasant conversation, after which a nice luncheon was served. After Scripture reading and prayer the happy company separated, wishing the young friends a very happy and prosperous journey together.

WHAT GOD SAYS TO HIS SOLDIERS.

Reveille—"Awake, thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light."—Eph. 5:14.

Roll Call—"I have called thee by thy name thou art Mine." Isa. 43:1. "And He calleth His own sheep by name." John 10:3.

Attention—"Look unto Me, and be ye saved." Isa. 45:22.

Quick March—"I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Phil. 3:14.

Halt—"Stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord." Ex. 14:13.

Stand at Ease—"I will give you rest." Matt. 11:28.

When on Guard—"Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation." Mark 14:38.

When in Camp—"The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them."—Psa. 34:7.

When fighting—"Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life."—I. Tim. 6:12.

When wounded—"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength." Isa. 40:31.

When a Prisoner—"Fear thou not: for I am with thee: be not dismayed: for I am thy God." Isa. 41:10.

In the Hour of Death—"Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in Me." John 14:1. "I will never leave thee." Heb. 13:5.

The Last Post—"Watchman, what of the night?" Isa. 21:11.

In the Grand Review—"Well done, thou good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of the Lord." Matt. 25:21.—(The National Woman's Christian Temperance Union.)

"A long journey should be well prepared for. Yet the longest journey of all, that through the limitless stretches of eternity, is given less thought by many persons than a trip across the country."

"Much of Modernism is just a pulling down of the standard of God to meet the desires of the world."