

S. S. WORKERS.

Wednesday Afternoon and
Evening's Proceedings

AT THE CONVENTION.

Valedictory Address by Rev. J.
H. McDonald.

INTERESTING REPORTS BY FIELD
SECRETARY LUCAS.

Another Able Address by Rev. Dr. Clark
of Ohio.

At the meeting of the Provincial Sunday School Association, Wednesday afternoon, the treasurer's report, read at the morning session, was adopted and referred to the audit com.

Field Secretary Lucas then read his annual report which was attentively listened to. During the year 298 meetings had been held and there was an abundance of office work to attend to. He reported 878 schools, with 6,056 officers and teachers, and 40,944 scholars. The average attendance for the year was 30,611. No less than 898 scholars have joined the church during the year. The needs of the work are an institute in each town, and an assistant secretary, and missionary aid for three or four counties. He called attention to the need of missionary work in some of the counties and stated that there were places where boys and girls have never been in a Sunday school.

The secretary's report was received and placed in the hands of the executive.

In the absence of Rev. W. C. Matthew, who was to have given a normal lesson, Dr. Clark resumed the round table discussion of the morning session. He answered a large number of questions and much valuable knowledge was contained in his replies.

The new department on temperance army work was then introduced. Mrs. T. H. Bullock of St. John, opened the conference, telling a few incidents in her own life which strengthened her belief in divine temperance work. We have had temperance meetings in our Sunday school, but the time has come to make a special effort.

Considerable discussion followed and it was evident from the tone of the remarks, that those present were convinced that the time had come when a determined stand should be made against the drink evil.

The report on the "Advocate" was read by E. R. Machum. There was due the paper \$15 for an advertisement and \$27 for subscriptions. The amount received from subscriptions during the year was \$80.15, which shows the percentage of delinquents to be quite a large one.

It was resolved that the pledge to the International Convention be the same as last year, \$100. Adjourned.

Evening Session.

The service in the evening opened with song and prayer followed by a bible reading led by Rev. J. H. McDonald. Rev. Mr. Fotheringham opened the discussion on normal work, and some interesting facts were brought out. Seventy-five applied for examination last year, fifteen of whom passed, six taking honors. The total number of students was 294, divided denominationally as follows:

Presbyterians, 48, post graduates 28, making 76.

Methodists, 26, post graduates, 28, making 54.

Baptists, 25, post graduates 13, making 38.

Free Baptists, 12.

Reformed Baptists, 3.

New plans are, for the first year Hurlbret's Revised Normal lessons, for the second year, Pease's Normal Course, Part 1; third year, Pease's Normal Course, Part 2; fourth year, a denominational course of reading not yet mapped out.

The Normal Diplomas were then given out to the graduating class and Mr. Fotheringham welcomed the class to the alumni of the association in a few well chosen words.

Rev. J. H. McDonald then arose to deliver the valedictory address: "To whom shall I say farewell? Surely not to our alma mater, the Sunday School, not to our honored president, Dr. Fotheringham, although he has announced that he must drop this beloved work, not to our text book, the Bible, I only see one class to whom we shall say farewell, and that is to the S. S. teacher who has not taken the Normal course. We want trained S. S. teachers. The prime qualification for a teacher is a personal knowledge of Christ, but that is not all that is necessary. We want the best that can

be had. I wish we had a training school for S. S. teachers as well as for day school teachers. Go home and see that classes are organized. I am only then here to say farewell to the one who will not engage in this work, to the rest I do not say farewell.

The convention then listened with much pleasure to a solo by Mrs. Fisher.

Dr. Clark then asked the convention to sing God Save the King for him, which was done as only S. S. workers can sing. Then Dr. Clark said "Now sing America for me," which was done with equal heartiness, followed by a request to sing Blest be the Tie That Binds, which was also done.

Dr. Clark then addressed the convention upon "The self training of the teacher." It is a great thing to be a teacher. Christ might have been leader, ruler, anything he chose, but he chose to be the model teacher.

Wellington said Waterloo was won at Eton. It is a great thing to be a teacher of the mind, but it is a far greater thing to be a teacher of the heart. The S. S. teacher has only one hour in the week, one chance in one hundred and twelve. How great then should be his preparation for that hour. He should lend every energy to that end. I believe the day is at hand when the S. S. will demand a trained teacher. The Chataqua movement had its birth in an aim to better equip S. S. teachers for their work.

We are all agreed that teachers should be technically trained for their work, but this is not always absolutely essential.

Mr. Moody was trained by God for his work, in a S. S. Convention.

God calls to teach just as much as He calls to preach. Step out and do your duty normal training or no normal training.

Four things all teachers can have.

First. All teachers should be trained in fundamentals, tenets of faith, etc. Be able to bring the scholar to the point of contact where he will know God. We must have conviction so we can say with John, we do know that we know Him.

Second. The teacher should train the social and sympathetic side of his nature. Some people are naturally social. The Lord bless them! And some are naturally unsocial, the Lord bless them too, they need it too. Use the the cordial hand shake and smile. God intends His children to smile, because He has shone the Sun of Righteousness in our hearts. Sympathy is the golden key that unlocks the door of the heart, the chords by which we hold the children.

Third. Trained in pedagogy, he must understand the art of securing attention. Approach from the unexpected which always secures attention. Also must understand the art of asking questions.

Lastly, Each teacher must be trained in spirituality. He may have all the other training, but will absolutely fail if he lacks spirituality. There should be

that subtle something which makes the boy and girl instinctively feel that the teacher belongs to the Kingdom of God. Each teacher should take every member of her class to God in prayer.

Dr. Clark then took charge of the financial outlook. Before appealing for pledges he asked all to bow in prayer for God's blessing. Then a blackboard with 120 squares was brought forward to be filled with \$5 pledges, to raise the debt of \$500 which the convention now carries. Pledges to the amount of \$346.50 were then given.

At this morning's session the home department report was presented by Robt. Reid, of St. John, and discussed at some length.

Mr. Alex. Murray, of St. Stephen, presented a report on International bible reading, and Dr. Clarke conducted a round table lesson.

At this afternoon's session Field Secretary Lucas announced that the sum of \$50 had been subscribed by Hon. A. F. Randolph toward wiping out the associations, indebtedness. Mr. Lucas referred to Mr. Randolph as being one of the association's best friends, who had always evinced a practical interest in the work.

The Convention will be brought to a close this evening, with an address by Rev. J. D. Freeman of St. John.

Concert at Marysville.

Every man and woman looks back with horror at the many hours spent in the study of dates. Some may say such time was mis-spent. However, we should all strive to remember such important dates as Friday, Oct. 11th, when a high class musical concert will be given in the Marysville hall, under the auspices of the Parsonage Aid society. The best local talent, assisted by Fredericton friends, will take part. Winter's orchestra will be in attendance. Admission 25c. Don't forget!—Oct. 7, d 4i.

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