

VICTORIA COUNTY

Held its seventh annual convention at Perth Centre on the 31st of August. Mr. Lucas conducted the opening devotional service. President Watson briefly reviewed the year. The Field Secretary was asked to expound the subject of Parish Sunday school organization.

An interesting portion of the afternoon session was that of the vice-presidents' reports, followed by an address on better county Sunday school work and how to do it. This was the subject of earnest discussion.

The next Sunday's lesson was taught as suggesting to teachers as well as scholars methods of study and teaching.

Mr. B. Kilburn was elected as president and Mr. H. Manzer as sec-treas.

Most excellent addresses were made by Hon. G. R. Baird, Mr. Herman Henderson, Mr. Watson and others.

The vice-presidents had not well gathered statistics or done some other duties in some instances, but the convention was a manifest advance over that of other years.

Very hearty thanks were expressed to the provincial association for the services of the secretary through the county and now at the convention.

CHARLOTTE COUNTY

Held its seventh annual convention at Moore's Mills on Sept. 8th. Opening service was led by Rev. Thomas Allen. The excellent report of Secretary Morrison specially marked this first session. It showed 77 Sunday schools in the county, 38 of which are open all the year; officers and teachers, 586; scholars, 3,998. So far as comparison could be made it showed improvement over a year ago. Mr. Lucas suggested that this good report was a strong lesson on re-appointing Mr. Morrison, for it was very helpful to the provincial association to have diligent county secretaries. Seldom has a convention had a more apt recording secretary than the efficient young teacher from a neighboring school.

Miss Clark read an excellent and much praised paper on how to win and keep boys in Sunday school.

Afternoon devotional service was led by Rev. J. Howley. Vice-presidents reported their work, and while it was not known whether some had done any visitation and encouraging of the schools, yet others had done good work and all had much helped the secretary in gathering correct reports. Some fine illustrations of the benefits of organization came out in questions and discussion.

This was very fittingly followed by a discussion on parish association work. It was opened by Mr. Lucas whose illustrations were all gathered from the experience on the field. Many joining in the



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discussion saw new light in the usefulness of such organization.

Better county work was to have been spoken to by Bro. Parsons. Much regret was expressed that he was unable to be present.

Miss MacGowan not being able to be present had sent her paper on "Influence, a factor in Sunday school work." This was well read by Miss McCallum, and after favorable discussion was requested for publication.

W. H. Stevens was elected president; H. Morrison, Secretary; Miss Hattie J. Pinkerton, rec-sec, with an executive committee and list of vice-presidents which promise yet more aggressive work for the coming year.

In evening session a brief address was given by the new president. Miss Morrell read a paper on "How to make Sunday school work more effective." This paper was also requested for publication.

The Field Secretary spoke on our provincial work and many confessed thanking that it had been so favored of the great Head of the church. Addresses were here made by Revs. W. Penna, J. Howley and A. C. Bell. Mr. Young read a paper on who should go to Sunday school and why, which was afterwards freely discussed.

Altogether this was a remarkable convention. The excellence of its papers, the deep interest manifest in discussion, the spirit of devotion pervading it all, the promise which in many points it gave for the future made it a very excellent starting point for another year. Such heaven cannot but be a great blessing.

KENT COUNTY CONVENTION

Opened at Bass River at 10 a. m., Tuesday, Sept. 20th, under the presidency of Rev. Wm. McLeod. The convention elected Rev. J. Cameron as president and E. Bowser as sec'y. Mr. Wightman continuing to act until the new secretary could do so.

The first address was given by Rev. W. Hamilton on who shall teach in our Sabbath schools. This was long and well discussed.

Mr. Lucas called attention to the advantages to the county that parish work should be done. It was resolved that this should be the question for next morning.

In the evening Mr. McLeod spoke on

how to get and retain scholars, and after discussion, Mr. Lucas spoke on our work through the province, particularly on it as an evangelistic agency.

The conversation on parish work, the duties and privileges of vice-presidents, awoke a strong desire to have more of this done in the county. We shall look for early organization and think this convention will mark a new starting for Kent.

Rev. F. W. Wightman gave his statistical report, which showed 39 schools, an increase of seven. A total membership of 1070. The president called attention to the few teachers' meetings and to the small proportion open all the year. The Field Secretary said there was good reason to believe that two schools would be opened on the first Sunday in Oct., as result of a service last Sunday.

Care was manifested by the committee in selecting vice-presidents, to whom more definite instruction will be given.

Mr. Wightman spoke on how to prepare for Sunday school, and Mr. Watson kindly spoke in place of Mr. McLaughlin, who had not come.

In the evening meeting Mr. Lucas gave a blackboard lesson on history of the Christian church, illustrating the current lessons in Acts. Rev. Mr. Cameron gave an address on how parents may assist the Sunday school work. Short addresses were given by others. Solos, duets and choruses were interspersed. The closing thought of the convention was the fitness it gives for the work of the year on which we enter.

ENTHUSIASM IN TEACHING.

Enthusiastic Sunday school teachers rarely fail to hold the fixed and delighted attention of their pupils. Enthusiasm impels the teacher to prepare for teaching. Enthusiasm vitalizes the knowledge he acquires. Enthusiasm is ingenious, and devises ways of "putting" the lesson which interests the pupil. Enthusiasm aids the memory. Enthusiasm quickens the affections. Enthusiasm enlivens the imagination. Enthusiasm lights up the countenance. Enthusiasm forgets to depend upon the lesson-leaf or question-book. Enthusiasm is contagious. It is life and power in the Sunday school. Christian enthusiasm is the right kind of enthusiasm. It is enkindled by the Holy Spirit, and fed by the truth of God, and strengthened by prayer and effort. — *Sunday School Journal.*