

much as 40 miles to study together the next day's lesson. The attendance of late has been from 800 to 2,200 weekly.

Having agreed on what to teach, Rev. Mr. Wylie opened the subject: "How shall we secure pupils from the unevangelized masses?" This is a question as much for us as for any people, and it is well that this subject is to be discussed by our esteemed friend and brother Lewis, before this convention is over. The first thing is to be impressed with the necessity of labor in this direction. Some figures were given to show how great was the proportion of persons outside the church compared with those who make a profession of religion:—In Alabama, 12 persons outside to 1 in; California 12 to 1; Illinois, 5 to 1; Kentucky 6 to 1; Maryland 4 to 1; Minnesota, 9 to 1; South Carolina, 17 to 1. We must know the want in order to realize the importance of preparing ourselves to supply it. The church must waken up to this work. What is needed is heart preparation. Many of our churches seem to think that if they maintain their regular services that is all that is required of them, forgetting that there may be veritable heathen at their own doors.

*We must go out and bring these people in.* It was said of a certain church by a person belonging to it, "our church is dying of intense respectability," we might rather say of mistaken respectability. It is a very hopeful sign of the times that many of the most wealthy and influential congregations are turning their attention heartily towards the subject of evangelizing the masses. There must be much individual work done. In the olden time two and two went together and brought others in. It is well still to go forth thus and help each other. It is said that Mr. Moody paid for the rent of three or four pews when he was a young man, and would go out and get young men that otherwise would not attend church to go in and fill them. To secure the children of this class is even more important than the adults, and may be more easily accomplished. There may be instances where flowers or charities bestowed may be the best means, but often all that is wanted is a few kind words and a little kind action. There needs in these efforts to be a very cordial understanding between the ministers and the people, let them work together, and honor each other before the world. They will then take knowledge of us that we have been with Jesus, and they will by our influence be drawn to him themselves. In a work of this kind, of course, it is manifest that the exercises of the school must be made as interesting as possible so that when once inside, these persons may ever after feel desirous of coming again. Nothing is more attractive than good singing, and nothing can be secured with as little labor if only some one can be secured who is competent to take this department in hand and will heartily devote himself to the work.

Rev. H. M. Parsons, of Boston, spoke on a subject kindred to the last: "How shall we secure more pupils from the church?"