

Ontario; and when I see, as I have in England, and in Scotland, and Ireland, and the United States, the home-life of the people, I have come to the deliberate conviction that there is no part of the world where Christianity is doing the work that it is in this fair Province of Ontario.

The central point of Sunday School work is the matter to be taught; and I suppose that all those whom I see from this pulpit are deeply interested; in fact, I can see how deeply interested in the work of the International Lesson Committee you all are, and that is the subject on which I propose to address you for a few minutes to-night.

It is composed of fifteen ministers and laymen, with an Advisory Committee in London; the committee is composed of some of the best men in the United States. Let me draw you a picture, so that you may see the committee at work. We meet in some large room, and there, with Bible in hand, the work of the International Lesson Committee is accomplished. Sitting at the head of the table is the greatest Sunday School man of the nineteenth century—Bishop John H. Vincent; when he was elected Bishop of his Church it was a compliment paid to the Sunday Schools of the world. And there is Dr. Warren Randolph, Baptist Minister of Newport, R.I., who has been Secretary of the Committee ever since it was started; and so highly is he esteemed that when he stepped forth on the platform to read the report of the International Committee the whole of the Convention rose to their feet to do honor to the man who, perhaps, more than any other member of the committee, has rendered efficient service to the country.

To the right of Dr. Vincent sits one of the most eminent ministers of America, and there you will find John Hall, one of the most popular ministers of one of the largest churches in New York; a man whose common sense is as massive as his body—and he is a bigger man than I am—whose every utterance is listened to with all respect, for Dr. Hall never speaks without saying something well worth listening to. And Rev. John A. Broadus, D.D., one of the best known Biblical teachers in the world, sits just across the table from Dr. John Hall. Then I must not omit that lively Yankee, Mr. B. F. Jacobs, who although spirited enough himself, is always, in his quiet way, delighted to keep us in check. Always restless, energetic, and powerful, never resting until he secures the vote of the committee favorable to the question he propounds.

And then we have a gentleman who has been called the Chrysostom of Richmond—Rev. Moses D. Hoge—and if you were to go through the State of Virginia, and ask any man in it, Who is the greatest preacher in the State? the answer, nine times out of ten, would be, Rev. Dr. Hoge. His church will be crowded with the members of other churches night after night, and yet, personally, he is one of the most unassuming of men.

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