

## A Veteran's Story



Mr. Joseph Hemmerich, an old soldier, 520 E. 14th St., N. Y. City, writes us voluminously. In 1862, at the battle of Fair Oaks, he was struck with typhoid fever, and after a long struggle in hospitals, lasting several years, was discharged as incurable.

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## LOBO SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Third Annual Convention at Poplar Hill—Election of Officers—Papers Read.

The third annual convention of the Lobo Township Sunday School Association was held in the Poplar Hill Baptist Church on Friday afternoon and evening, Feb. 23. The large number that had assembled manifested the deep and heartfelt interest in the people of Lobo took in the laudable object of the meeting. In fact, the main difficulty that presents itself to the executive committee is to find places large enough in the township to accommodate the increasing crowds that assemble at these meetings. Mr. John McVicar, the president, occupied the chair, and opened the convention by asking the Lord's prayer. Rev. J. M. Smith, to lead in the devotional exercises. The report of the secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Breckenstahl, and that of the visitor of the schools of the township, made by Mr. John Ferguson, both showed an increase in members and interest. A very instructive paper was read by Mr. S. P. Zivitz on "The history and purposes of the Sunday school," tracing its upward and upward progress from the small beginning in England to its present wide influence for good in every land of Christendom.

Rev. J. M. Markwick addressed the children, taking for his subject the Bible, impressing its great value upon the minds of the children by making an object lesson of the word. "B" he said, might stand for book of blessing, with which it is so full, "I" means interesting, for what in all literature can compare in absorbing interest with the story of the sinless life of Jesus. "E" means best book, for all who come under its influence own its mighty power for good. "L" stands for life, love and liberty, which the Bible dispenses to all. "E" means everlasting. Its purpose, its promises and the life which it treats of are everlasting.

Mr. Thomas Alder, in a very earnest manner, related some of the experiences of a superintendent. He said that one great hindrance to Sunday school work was Sunday visiting; another objection was Sunday school entertainments, where we might destroy in one night all the good we have accomplished during a whole year of faithful labors. A complete sacrifice was necessary, that no evil influence through example would be left. Discussion followed, in which Mr. Breckenstahl and Mr. E. German, president of the county association, took part, impressing the fact that influence by example is greater than by precept, and asking for a sacrifice of those practices that make even a brother to stumble.

Mrs. Breckenstahl read an able and thoughtful paper on the "Elements of a successful Sunday school teacher." Among the requisites she mentioned that they should have a high ideal—that they should be Christians—worthy followers of Christ, living examples of the ideal life asked in others. They should study the class as well as the lesson.

The convention next took up the studying of the lesson, led by the president. This proved to be, as heretofore, one of the most interesting features of the session. It gives the adherents of different faiths a chance to compare notes, to see where their premises or reasoning is doubtful and where it is above doubt, so that they may amend it or become more deeply confirmed therein. It affords a grand opportunity of practicing our Christian virtues in making us acknowledge that sincerity and truth dwell in other denominations than our own, in making us to respect all shades of opinions when honestly and conscientiously held, and in making us to love even those whose views antagonize our own.

"Sunday school literature" was treated by Mr. Arch. Sinclair. He strongly objected to the introduction of imaginary stories into the Sunday school library. The unreal in them begets a want of confidence in the mind of the child. The characters treated in them were too pure and sinless to be true to nature and one little boy noticed that these good little boys and girls always died young, and he concluded that he wouldn't be good for fear he would die young. He said it would be impossible to improve on the good old book—the Bible—and thought that that was sufficient.

The session was closed with devotional exercises, when all repaired to a feast of another character in the school house near by, where temporary tables were loaded with good things in the shape of eatables. Here also was opportunity for the meeting of strangers, the mingling of friends and mixing in social converse.

The evening session was opened by short devotional services led by Rev. Mr. Ballantyne, after which the nominating committee reported the officers for the coming year, which was accepted as follows: President, John Ferguson; vice-president, Edgar M. Zivitz; secretary-treasurer, Rev. J. M.

Smith; visitor of schools, Peter Mitchell, jun., also accepting the invitation sent from Ivan Presbyterian congregation to hold the next annual meeting in their church.

Rev. Mr. Breckenstahl conducted the question drawer department very ably and satisfactorily. After this Mrs. Breckenstahl was called upon the platform and presented with a Bagster Teacher's Bible as a slight recognition of the association's appreciation of the able and prompt manner in which she has served it as secretary-treasurer during the past three years, now that her connection is about to be severed by her departure to other fields of labor. The token was gratefully received with appropriate and feeling remarks.

Mr. German, who was very warmly welcomed, gave a short but able address, directed chiefly to the teachers. He cited as the first essential to successful teaching is to love your class. It will not do to pretend to love. The pupil will look through your face down into your heart. He will be planning mischief while you are thinking hate. Your love must go so far that you would give up life if by so doing you could win one soul to Christ. Know whom you are to teach. Do not teach promiscuously but personally, and after a thorough individual diagnosis. You can reach the unknown only by building upon the known. Know what you are to teach. Make your subject familiar with the Bible, meditate, contemplate, brood over it. Know how to teach. Know less if need be of the what, and more of the how. Win their attention and may the love of God fill your hearts.

An excellent paper was read by Miss Annie L. Cutter on the "Influence of the Sunday school on the home." How often do we see the beneficent influence of the Sunday school, carried away by the children, blossom in their humble homes, leading their parents into the church and unto Christ.

Our old friend, Rev. Mr. Ballantyne, feels annually constrained to meet with us to observe the progress and to aid in the good work he had so earnestly labored to inaugurate. His watchword was, keep the point of sight in view in studying the Bible. The point of sight where all lines converge is Jesus Christ. The point of sight in the New Testament is Christ's second coming, which may be to some of us, soon, all of us within the next 100 years; how soon or how remote it matters not, so that our life be shaped from day to day with this point of sight in view; then we shall be like him.

Rev. Mr. Smith in his able manner discoursed on "Inductive Bible study." Study all the circumstances bearing on the lesson. Find out who wrote it, to whom it was written, the stations of the people, their position in the evolution of truth, etc. Look at things in their wholeness. Make the Book interpret itself. Don't think you can teach spiritual truths without you possess the spiritual power. If you have the spirit of love and the spirit of Jesus you will always be successful.

Rev. J. A. Breckenstahl gave some practical points on "How to teach so as to convert." Find out how much the pupil knows and build on that. Give him something to attend to and you will hold his attention. Educate him, that is, draw him out. Win his respect; his love, if possible. Be in earnest, because there is so much at stake. The destiny of a soul may hang upon your words.

Musical of a very high order was furnished by the Poplar Hill Baptist choir, led by Mr. Newton Gray. Great credit is also due the lunch committee.

## A Busy Day

For Rev. Drs. A. T. Pierson and A. J. Gordon.

Addresses to Brother Clergymen, Women Workers and the General Public.

"Women and Missions"—The Work of a Chinaman—Missionary Martyrs—The Apostolic Style of Preaching, Praying, Living and Giving Wanted—Evolution of the Zulu.

Yesterday was the second day of the missionary convention and a busy one for Doctors Pierson and Gordon. In the morning the visitors met the clergy of the city in Victoria Hall and a most interesting service was held. At 3:30 in the afternoon both men spoke to a large audience in the Dundas Street Methodist Church on "Women and Missions." The audience was largely composed of ladies. Rev. Dr. Antilip presided and Rev. W. J. Clark led in prayer. Miss Ziegler sang a very pretty solo and was accompanied by Mr. Moxon. Dr. Antilip in his introductory remarks said that during the last 40 years a great deal had been accomplished by devoted and consecrated women, who had gone forth to teach the ignorant and the simple in the heathen lands the teaching of Christ. One could not as one read the story of their heroic labors and successes keep glorifying God, so great was the number of these consecrated women.

Dr. Pierson said in part: "It seems strange in this advanced age, the nineteenth century, to be drawing distinctions between women and men in missionary work. The day has come when in Christian work there is no longer any male or female member of the family. We scarcely know any discrimination now between men and women in the great work of missionary labor and philanthropy. All great callings are being filled with competent and educated women. They are entering the field of medicine and in some parts surgery. They are going into teaching and are becoming the founders of great institutions of learning, and the heads of these institutions are godly and educated women. They are becoming mistresses of all the arts and sciences; they are outstripping men sometimes in intellectual attainments and power and use of the hands in handicraft work most skillful and difficult—in arts, painting, sculpture and so on. And yet there is a special reason why in the work of missions we should stop at times to look at the sexes in their separation, but it came still harder upon woman. 'Thy desire shall be to thy husband and he shall rule over thee.' Just look at the despotism to which woman has been subjected. You talk of slavery, slavery is only one form of bondage. Woman has always been in slavery and the emancipation of woman is just coming in the days in which we are living. She is just beginning now to know what her free estate is in Jesus Christ. We cannot study the history of mankind without seeing that a special department in that history belongs to the female sex."

Dr. Pierson went on to say that he almost felt as if he was standing on too familiar grounds in speaking of women's missions. He wanted to tell his hearers what woman was doing for woman as well as what Christianity was doing for woman herself. He first touched on the condition of heathen women, their degradation, ig-

norance and unbelief, and contrasted their unhappy lot with that of their educated, civilized and Godlike sisters in Christianity. His narrations of the work done by women for the women of India and Africa were touching and instructive. Mr. Pierson caused no little mirth by the expression that now the civilized Christian woman led in society and Christian work and the man was the tag on the bundle.

## THE OUTLOOK OF MISSIONS.

"The Outlook of Missions" was Dr. Gordon's subject. Going back to the beginning of the century he contrasted vividly the puny efforts of that time with the mighty mission tide of to-day when 8,000 ordained missionaries are laboring among the heathen; when there are 180 missionary societies raising annually \$12,000,000. The Scriptures in whole or in part are now translated into 320 different languages. That meant that the Bible was now within reach of nine-tenths of the human race. All of which facts were most cheering and should cause Christians to lift up their hearts and rejoice. Then every door was open with perhaps one or two exceptions. How had these doors come open? One important factor of the opening was, the speaker said, the women missionaries and the women's missionary societies. They were an institution of 1860, yet to-day there were 42 societies in the United States and Canada and 72 in Great Britain composed entirely of Christian women. They raised \$2,000,000 for the cause last year.

Dr. Gordon told an interesting story in the life of a woman missionary, Mrs. Ingalls, a woman bishop of India. During the days of her itinerancy Mrs. Ingalls came across in one of her journeys a whole village suffering from cholera. She set to work to doctor them with medicine she had with her. After a week the natives began to get better, and the missionary continued her journey, after leaving a case of bottles for emergency. She had occasion to return that way a year later and the natives were very glad to see her again. They told her that they loved her so much that the whole village had decided to follow her religion. Feeling glad of the good work that she had been the agency of, Mrs. Ingalls followed the natives into one of the houses, where she found all the empty medicine bottles on a mantel and the natives on their knees worshipping them. Mrs. Ingalls lost no time in instructing the Indians in the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ.

## EVENING SESSION.

The St. Andrew's Church was crowded to the doors in the evening upstairs and down. Rev. J. A. Murray had so far recovered from his late illness as to be able to preside on the occasion, and introduced the speakers.

Rev. Dr. Gordon was the first speaker. If he read the Scriptures correctly, he said, there were two Christs, one in heaven and the other on earth. In the Epistle to the Corinthians the church was called Christ. This was held to be suggestive of the fact that the church is to be exactly upon earth as Jesus Christ is in heaven. The church is to repeat through the Holy Ghost all that Jesus Christ does. It was to be exactly a fac simile of Jesus Christ, perfectly reproducing his life and his ministry. Wm. Carey, who, as a collier as he was, made the best translation of the Bible into the tongues of India that has ever been seen, was so successful in his mission that before he died he had made his work not only self-supporting but had returned \$300,000 to the society that sent him out. This was missionary consecration of a man of no previous reputation. The speaker cited the Moravian Brotherhood as a church of unsurpassing consecration, that sent one in every 60 members to the foreign mission field and had three times as many missionaries in the foreign field as in the home field. They also gave \$1250 per capita to foreign missions. One of the greatest examples of missionary consecration that Dr. Gordon ever knew of was the case of a man of a race that was despised on the other side of the line. Why, in one prison in Michigan last week there were no less than nineteen Chinamen lying, simply because they could not conform to the anti-Chinese law. He was speaking now against the outrageous, unjustifiable discrimination against the Chinamen. (Hear, hear.) The story of Lee Hook was the only example that he knew of where a man who not only made himself of no reputation, but took upon himself the form of a slave. He sold himself as a galley slave and was transported to Demerara, and there began work in a mine, that he might be able to preach Christ to his countrymen. He died after twelve years, but around him was a church of 200 members. Again a Chinese church of 80 members in Portland, Oregon, raised \$600 for foreign missions. Over \$7 per capita. And this the despised Chinamen! Allin Gardiner starved to death on the islands of Terra-del-Fuego because the islanders were so hostile that they would not give him food. But these same islanders, although depraved, according to Darwin, below the level of some animals, afterwards became Christianized. John Cole-ridge Patterson was killed among the Sandwich Islands, but the natives that killed him afterwards were converted to Christ. The death of Livingston on his knees was so hostile that they would not give him food. But these same islanders, although depraved, according to Darwin, below the level of some animals, afterwards became Christianized. John Cole-ridge Patterson was killed among the Sandwich Islands, but the natives that killed him afterwards were converted to Christ. The death of Livingston on his knees was so hostile that they would not give him food. But these same islanders, although depraved, according to Darwin, below the level of some animals, afterwards became Christianized. John Cole-ridge Patterson was killed among the Sandwich Islands, but the natives that killed him afterwards were converted to Christ.

Prayers by both Dr. Pierson and Dr. Gordon closed the convention.

## THROUGH THE ICE.

A Port Stanley Youth Drowned—Two Men Lose Their Lives in the St. Lawrence.

PRESCOTT, Ont., Feb. 27.—Two men were drowned while crossing the St. Lawrence River last night on the ice. They were Frank Clark, of Ogdensburg, and Henry P. Berg, a commercial traveler in the employ of the American Clock Company, Montreal. Their horse and sleigh went through an air hole in the ice.

PORT STANLEY, Ont., Feb. 27.—Last evening James Morgan, aged 17, son of Jas. Morgan, of the Lake road, 4 miles west of this place, went skating on a lake near his father's farm. The young man failed to come home last night, and this morning his body was found in ten feet of water; he had skated into a hole in the ice.

THE BITE of a strange cat, which he had casually stroked, and which had turned on him, caused the death of a young man in London two weeks ago. The bite healed but he had almost forgotten the occurrence when a month later symptoms of hydrophobia developed, and he died in convulsions six days later.

YET TWO more international exhibitions have been arranged for this year. An exhibition of oil and wine industries is to open in Milan sometime in the coming spring; and the Car has just authorized an international exhibition of fruits, vegetables, fish, deer, preserves, wine, cider, beer, and medicine, to be held in St. Petersburg during the autumn.

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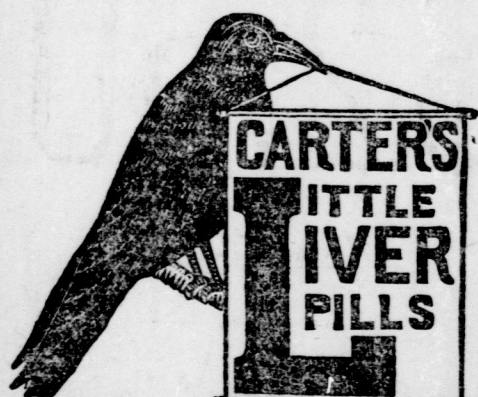
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