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Every Sabbath School teacher who can possibly do so, should lay his account to attend the great International S. S. Convention in Toronto, June 23-27. Alberta is entitled to send 4 delegates, Assiniboia 4, British Columbia 8, Manitoba 12, Newfoundland 8, New Brunswick 30, Nova Scotia 20, Ontario 60, Prince Edward Island 8, Quebec 16, and Saskatchewan 4; but every visitor will be welcomed to all the meetings.

In addition to names of speakers already announced, there are expected, Robert E. Speer, Bishop McDowell, Dr. W. H. Roberts, of Philadelphia, Drs. Atkins and VanNess, of Nashville, Tennessee, Newell Dwight Hillis and John Wannamaker; Prof. Excell to lead singing.

Dr. Blackall's splendid Exposition of S. S. literature, equipment and appliances will occupy the most of two large buildings. It includes Missionary and Art Departments.

Love's Way

John called himself "the disciple whom Jesus loved." He did not thus claim any special pre-eminence among the disciples or lay claim to peculiar honor. True, he leaned on the Master's breast at the Supper. No one of the Twelve had so deep and real an insight as he into the very heart of Christ. But after the Lord had risen, there was no putting of himself forward, no demand for a high place among the apostolic band.

On the other hand, this title expresses John's sense of what the Lord had done for him and in him. He wore it, not as one who had deserved much, but as one who had received much from a loving Master.

And in truth, the wondrous grace of Christ had done much for this disciple. There was a time when he was fitly called a "son of thunder." Stern, harsh words sprang all too readily to his lips, and the compassionate tenderness of the gospel was sadly lacking. But the companionship of Jesus changed all this. The heavenly seed planted in his heart, by and by ripened into the sweet gentleness, that brought the aged apostle into the church at Ephesus, to pronounce, as his only sermon, the blessed injunction, "Little children, love one another."

Ah, yes, and was it not John, too, who came to his Lord, with the ambitious request for a place next to Himself in His kingdom? But look at him, as he listens to the conversation between the risen Christ and Peter beside the Sea of Galilee. To Peter the great commission is given to feed the lambs and the sheep. And what of John? "If I will that he tarry till I come." And the disciple is content, if that is the Master's will, just to wait quietly for His return, doing patiently the humblest tasks, if only He may serve the One who loves him so.

There were those, during the Saviour's life on earth, who claimed power to cast out demons in His name, and yet did not join the company of the disciples. With fierce intolerance John denounces these, refusing to recognize them as followers of Christ. Soon, however, a very different spirit took possession of him. For, in his writings, we find no trace of that old harshness and bitterness.

So love had its way in the heart of John. The touch of Christ sweetened and made pure all the inmost springs of his nature, until they