

Union, some modifications were made in the scheme to suit our brethren across the water and they adopted the lessons. Since that time they have been used very extensively. That organization issued last year no fewer than 2,000,000 of separate papers in various forms on these lessons. These papers have been printed not only in the English language but in French, German, Italian, &c. The Methodist Episcopal church has lesson leaves printed in Italian Choctaw and Chinese, and their Bereau question book is now translated into Chinese for the use of mission churches. Some of these papers were lying on the table and Mr. Jacobs showed them to the convention. He said he did it because Dr. Vincent was too modest to do it himself, yet he would prefer not to read them as he was not very well up in those languages. There are still persons who object to the use of the uniform series on the ground that different classes require different lessons. An answer was once given in this wise form: "Who ever saw a good leg of mutton from which a hungry man might satisfy his want, which might not be boiled down to make broth which even a delicate child might sup?" A young man once said to Mr. Jacobs, "I dare say it is very nice for a school to have uniform lessons, but my bible class of young ladies and gentlemen prefer to follow their own selection," "Very well," I said, "that is a privilege guaranteed to you by the constitution of the United States, but it seems to me that at this hour you can't afford to make such a mistake as that." Even on the supposition that as good selections could be made, every one must see the advantage to any live teacher of being able to obtain the very best and freshest notes and explanations of the lessons from Sabbath to Sabbath, better than any number of commentaries, and at a very small outlay of money too. We have, for example, Dr. John Hall's notes in the *S. S. World*; Dr. Ormiston's in the *Times*, (and who would not be glad to get the *Sunday School Times* if for nothing more than to see what our old Hamilton friend has to say on the lesson); Dr. Vincent in the *S. S. Journal*, and others. Those of us who attended the first provincial convention that was held here remember well the features of its president. His full, open countenance beaming with life and animation set in a perfect hedge of bristly black hair. On the occasion of the mass meeting held in this church it was difficult to get all seated, he spoke out loudly and said, "let some of the gentlemen take one each of these little fellows on their knee, I will take one, yes, two if necessary so that all may come in." And then where there is concerted action in the study of the lesson by the teachers of a school or a town or city, how much better the uniform series is. Without this system how long might we wait before we should see what has been observed for the past five years in Chicago, without any intermission, large gatherings of men and women on Saturday afternoon, some coming as