

HOLIDAY TRIP.

SEVERAL members of the Association having expressed a desire that arrangements should be made whereby members and friends might enjoy an excursion in a manner which might be pleasant and profitable, the matter was taken up by our Lecture Committee. After consideration, it was decided to make arrangements whereby members might, at a low cost and with profit, spend their vacation. Negotiations have been completed for an Excursion to Chautauqua, the famed summer resort for Christian workers. The party will leave on Tuesday, Aug. 8th, by steamer "Chicora" to Niagara, thence by rail via Suspension Bridge and Buffalo to Chautauqua. The tickets will be good for 8 days, and will be sold at the remarkably low price of \$4 for the round trip. Board can be secured at Chautauqua from \$1 per day upwards.

It is unnecessary to dwell on the beauty of the spot chosen, with the attractions presented by the Grand Sunday School Assembly which will be in session that week. Suffice it to say that the dates named include the two most important gatherings of the season.

Students in C. L. S. C. will fully appreciate this opportunity. As the Committee (in order to secure such low rates, had to guarantee a certain number, it is hoped members and friends will do their part towards relieving them from any financial loss. Those who desire to secure tickets would do well to leave their names with Mr. L. C. Peake, Chairman of Lecture Committee, or with the Secretary at the Rooms.

DOMINION CONVENTION.

WE are pleased to learn from Mr. Crombie (the Travelling Secretary) that the prospects for a large delegation from these Provinces, are daily becoming brighter. There has been much prayer for this gathering, and we believe it will be a season of spiritual power and blessing. The Convention opens August 10th, (at Truro N. Scotia) and continues in session for 3 days. Go if you can.

CHINESE CLASS.

MR. D. McLaren, (who has taken a deep interest in the Chinese who live in Toronto, and to whose energy and love for Christ is due the efforts to reach these hitherto neglected members of our community,) is leaving the city for several months' absence: but "God hath been mindful of the work," and has sent a labourer into the field to take the place soon to be vacated by Bro. McLaren. Mr. W. M. Morse, who has had experience among Chinese in British Columbia, having consented to take charge of the work. The teachers have been very faithful in their attendance, and their labours are fully appreciated, as will be seen from the following extract from a letter written by one of Mr. McLaren's former pupils:—

MY DEAR FRIEND

I am very glad to hear from you about the Sunday School, that the scholars is advancing and many teachers. I would like to be there to see them once more. When I was in Toronto you was the only teacher in the school. There is a difference now. We have a school here but I don't like it as well as yours. I am sorry because I depended on the school to learn the English Language. Here they only teach the Catechism and one teacher has 20 or 30 scholars. So I have no chance to read the Bible. I believe Sue Hoey & Sam Kee getting to read better than me. They so clever and take much pains to study. * * * *

I must close as it is supper time. I expect to hear from you. I am your friend and always will be.

CHIN PEAN.

We have corrected some parts of the letter in order that it may be clearly understood; but, apart from the misplacing of words, the letter both as to spelling and penmanship would compare favourably with nine out of every ten we receive at our rooms.

The Chinese are a difficult class to reach and hold, and much grace combined with patience is needed to secure their attendance at the class; but when led to Christ they are very zealous in working for others, as will be seen by the facts stated in the following extract from an exchange:—

A Chinese Young Men's Christian Association, organized at Honolulu in 1877, has now a membership of 131. It occupies the premises No. 96 Nuananu Street. The upper front room