

SUNDAY-SCHOOL EXPOSITION.

Under the direction of Rev. Dr. C. R. Blackall, of Philadelphia, a large, unique and comprehensive exhibit of Sunday-school publications, helps, appliances, etc., in the basement of Massey Hall and in St. James' school-room, afforded the delegates a splendid opportunity for examining ways and means of improving Sunday-school work.

A very interesting feature was a display of historical material, arranged by Rev. Edwin W. Rice, D.D., illustrating the epochs in the literary progress of the Sunday-schools during the last century. Here was shown the early system of teaching music, the first attempt at Sunday-school periodicals and lesson helps.

One might very profitably have spent a whole day examining the various systems and many devices used in making the work of the Sunday-school more effective. Bible maps and charts, sample plans of manual work, exhibits of missionary and temperance plans, as well as countless books and periodicals, all artistically arranged, demanded the

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INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS



REV. DR. HAMILL
Supt. Teacher Training, M. E. Church,
South.



W. A. DUNCAN
Founder of the Home Department.



REV. DR. BLACKALL
Who was in charge of the Exhibit.



MARION LAWRENCE
International General Secretary.

attention of the visitor to the exhibit. Father Crowley, the author of "The Parochial School," had a space filled with his book, and himself cordially welcomed the visitors to his exhibit. Our own Methodist Book Room had a fine exhibit of its publications.

In St. James' Cathedral school-house six choice paintings from the private galleries of Hon. John Wanamaker were displayed, attracting marked attention. These paintings, valued at \$150,000, had been kindly loaned by this man, who has done so much in Sunday-school work in the City of Philadelphia. One represented the Legend of St. Veronica, a woman who, it has been said, covered the head of the Messiah with her handkerchief, obtaining thereby an imprint of the face of the Crucified on the linen. This she is showing to the women and some of the disciples.

"The Return from the Cross," by Jan Styka, where we see John taking the mother of Christ home after the crucifixion.

"The Woman at the Well," recalling to mind the conversation of Christ with the Samaritan woman at eventide.

"John Huss, the Reformer, before the Tribunal," and "The First Communion of Protestants," by Brozik, were striking pictures.

THE INTERNATIONAL LESSONS.

The subject of the International Lessons for the Sunday-school, was considered on Monday morning, when there was a pretty lively discussion.

Dr. Tyler moved that "an advanced course" of lessons be provided for senior scholars, such course to be optional.

Dr. Hamill moved, as a substitute, that the Lesson Committee be instructed to continue the present system, namely, a Beginner's Course, and a uniform course for all other grades.

Dr. Shaufler stated that personally he did not desire any change, but there was a desire among many schools for an advanced course, and he felt like meeting their wishes.

Dr. Hamill took the position that there was no general demand for such a course, and it was not needed. The basis for the lessons should be evangelistic rather than pedagogic.

Dr. Doherty thought such a change would bear heavily upon small denominations, which would find it hard to publish helps for several courses.

Mr. C. D. Meigs asked what such "an advanced course" would advance from, and what it would advance to.

Mr. E. P. St. John, of New York, said that there was a decided desire among many schools, especially in New York and New Jersey. He was satisfied that if the International

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TEACHER TRAINING.

Principal Falconer, of Halifax, N.S., read a paper on the important subject of teacher training.

He said that there were several classes of teachers, and the object of all instruction in Scripture, and all hints on methods should be to transform the poor teachers into good ones, and the good into excellent.

All grades of teachers should have a knowledge of the child mind, and the best methods of approaching it. The study of child nature is of the greatest importance. It is absurd to have a set of pedagogical rules and then forget the child.

The good teacher must have a good supply of knowledge. The secret of good teaching is not merely the art of imparting. Behind that is the art of selecting, to pick out the important truths, and group other facts and truths around them.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

A very impressive service of praise and fellowship was held on Sunday morning, June 25th, in the Metropolitan Church, conducted by Dr. Tomkins. After a delightful song service, led by Prof. F. H. Jacobs, Dr. Tomkins addressed the large audience, taking for his theme the friendship of Jesus. Three essentials of true friendship, he said, were loyalty, expression and service. Then with bowed heads the delegates listened to Prof. Jacobs as he sang "My Lord and I," after which the meeting immediately took the form of a consecration service, sometimes two, three, even six, and more persons speaking at the same time, reciting brief texts of Scripture bearing upon the thoughts set forth by Dr. Tomkins. After one hour of devotion and praise, the gathering was conceded to be one of the most beautiful fellowship meetings ever attended.

The preaching services in the churches were largely attended. All the preachers had been requested to preach on the general topic of the convention, "Winning a Genera-