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## Sunday School Banner

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### International Sunday School Convention.

**T**HIS great gathering, which will be held in Toronto June 23rd to 27th, will be the largest Sunday School Convention ever assembled. It is not, of course, a great mass-meeting like the Epworth League or Endeavor Conventions, with their gathering thousands, but a strictly delegated body of sixteen hundred members from the United States and Canada. In addition to these, however, a great multitude of visitors who are not members, will be cordially welcomed, but will, of course, have no power to vote. The following is a list of some of the many topics which will be discussed and meetings which will be held:

The Creed and source of power of

this great organization is "Loyalty to the Bible and faith in the teachings of Jesus Christ." Its object is to gain efficiency in Christian service. Some suggested topics are:

The Discovering and Unifying of the Relation of the Sunday School to the Home, to Reforms, to Civic Government, to the Theological Seminary, to the Public Schools, to the University, the Religious and Secular Press, Home and Foreign Missions. The Sunday School will be considered as an educational and evangelistic force.

Among the minor conferences will be those of the Sunday School superintendents, secretaries, librarians, teachers, of various departments, pastors, theological professors, and the like.

The places of meeting will be the Metropolitan, Cooke's, St. James school-house, Bond Street Congregational, Jarvis Street Baptist, and Massey Hall. The official sessions will be in the Metropolitan Church.

Quiet half-hour devotional meetings will be held daily from 11.45 to 12.15 by Dr. Tomkins, of Holy Trinity Church, Philadelphia. The renowned Professor F. H. Jacobs, of New York, assisted by local talent will have charge of the music. Among the speakers who have been promised to be present are Bishops Vincent, W. F. McDowell, Charles C. McCabe, Hon. John Wanamaker, Lesley M. Shaw, Dr. Hillis, W. J. Dawson, and Carey Bonner (England), Dr. Levi Gilbert, Robert E. Speer, Dr. H. M. Hamill, Dr. J. T. McFarland, Ex-Governor John L. Bates, Dr. Potts, Bishop Warren, Dr. A. F. Schaulfer, Principal Patrick (Manitoba), and many others. Vice-President Fairbanks, Dr. Davis J. Brewer, Justice Supreme Court; Dr. Wilbur Chapman and Cuthbert Hall, New York, and other distinguished speakers are expected.

Schools and churches should be much in prayer for the success of this great gathering. Some of us remember to this day the hallowed influence of the Sunday School Convention of twenty-four years ago in this city. Let us ask great things of God and expect great things of him. Let the Sunday School idea be lifted up and magnified in the sight of all the people. It is significant of much that some of the busiest laymen and ministers of the United States and Canada give so much time and thought and care to the preparation and carrying out of this great programme.

A feature of unique interest will be a