

Willing, a most *womanly* and winning speaker, Mrs. E. H. Miller, and the Primary teachers, Mrs. Knox, Mrs. Partridge, Mrs. Crafts, and Miss Morris, than whom no gentlemen more interested, instructed, and delighted the assembly.

There had been a "course of study," marked out for the meeting, comprising 1. The Bible; 2. The Interpretation of the Bible; 3. Contents of the Bible; 4. How to teach the Bible; and this course, to a certain extent, and in a somewhat irregular fashion, was followed out. But the experimental nature of the whole proceedings, this being the first gathering of the kind, the failure of some expected helpers, and the necessity of "working in" eminent men who were birds of passage at *their* time, interfered with the *systematicity* of the exercises. Notwithstanding this drawback, however, a great amount of solid work was done. And in another year, everything will be much more ship-shape.

Music played an important part at Chautauqua. Such leaders as Phillips, Sherwin, Bliss, O'Kane and McCabe, successively took charge of this department. An "Itinerant Trio" of young Methodist ministers made beautiful harmony. And the people sang out heartily, the choruses being led by a silver cornet, whose piercing tones compelled every one to keep time and tune.

As to the numbers present, the estimates varied from 3,000 to 5,000 "residents," besides whom a constant stream of day-visitors poured in by every steamer. There were seldom less than 2,000 present at any public service, and from that number up to 5,000 or 6,000 on "great days," as when Talmage preached or Gough lectured. No less than twenty-five States were represented. Pastors and Superintendents were there by the hundred; teachers, innumerable.

The ordering of this great assembly was a master-piece of administrative tact, for which all praise is due to Dr. Vincent. He had able lieutenants in the several "departments," but he was the general-in-chief, and the "Department of Instruction" was wholly in his hands. The result makes us think more than ever of the "one man power"—provided you get the *right man*. But the wisdom, the ease, the wit, the address and the gaiety, with which the exercises were conducted and all crooked things made straight, were charming to behold.

The Doctor was in his glory at the final examination, when some 200 persons prepared answers to fifty printed questions on Biblical and Sunday School topics. Those who were successful will receive a diploma.

The "Park of Palestine" was one of the notable features of Chautauqua—a raised map, constructed out of doors, on a scale of 2 feet to the mile horizontal, 14 feet vertical, with the lake for the Mediterranean, and running water for the Jordan, the cities in plaster models, and Van Lennep in Turkish costume conducting a body of pilgrims through it every day! It was a great help to multitudes in "placing" the Bible stories.

Before rising, the Assembly enthusiastically voted to meet again next year, in the same place. We predict a far greater company,—indeed, we fear its being drowned by the multitude,—and better-ordered classes.

Hundreds have gone home, determined to do what in them lies, each in his own manner, to carry on that great work of TEACHER-TRAINING, which was the underlying idea of the Chautauqua Assembly. The specimens given of Normal Class work, by those who had had experience in the same, showed how easily this could be grafted on to a Teachers' Meeting or a Bible Class, and so a constant succession of young people be thoroughly prepared "how to do it."

The Sabbaths at Fair Point were charmingly Sabbath-like in their stillness. No visitors from outside were admitted at dock or gate. A Mammoth Sunday School was held each day. In honour of his country, the writer was called on to preach on the 9th, and to review the lesson, as Pastor of the School, on the 16th.

Altogether, the occasion was one not to be forgotten, in the beauty of the forest, the lake and the sky, the happy throngs of people, the genial society, the inspiring utterances, the practical instruction, the lifting up of the Bible, Childhood and the School! But in these three little pages, the tithe has not been told!