

same language, and the heirs of the same glorious literature and heroic traditions. This is a sort of reciprocity—that of Christian sentiment and thought and feeling—that not even the most rigid Protectionist would forbid; we may anticipate therefrom great and permanent benefit in the dissipation of prejudice, the fostering of friendships, and the reciprocal communication of important information.

Since the above was written we have noted in an American exchange the following expression of opinion on the subject on which we have been writing, which we quote in corroboration of the sentiments we have expressed. "Our conventions ought to be allowed more time. Two or three days for the deliberations of a great body of active workers is an altogether insufficient period. The denominational assemblies consume weeks in a single session. It is common for local secular institutes to allot a couple of weeks to an annual meeting. Our great state and international conventions should be given a fortnight, and our county meetings at least three or four days. Within a few days I have heard some most earnest brethren most bitterly complain of the brevity of our local conventions. They say we stop just as the interest in the meetings is at the boiling point, while we ought to go on and thoroughly treat the subjects under consideration. The cause in which we are engaged is one of the very first in religious importance. Its opportunities are constantly opening, and its burden of responsibility is being heavily augmented. Its supporters must take time, and thought, and means sufficient to answer the large demands which the unchristianized and uncultured world is making upon Sunday Schools."

Such assemblies as that at Chautauqua

help to meet the want here spoken of, and local conventions and Sunday School Institutes in every town and county in the land, the holding of which we hope will soon become a general practice, will bring the advantages and garnered results of the great conventions almost to every man's door and within the reach of every earnest Sunday School worker.

The programme of the Baltimore Convention embraces, first, "The Work Done," second, "The Work to be Done." Under the first head we shall have reports from the Statistical Secretary and the International Lesson Committee, and under the second the following topics will be treated first by selected speakers, and then thrown open for general discussion:

"How to secure pupils from the unevangelized masses. How to secure more pupils from the Church. How to secure more efficient co-operation with the home. How to secure for children the fullest advantages of the sanctuary services, and the social services of the Church. How to increase the teaching power of the Sunday School. The contribution of the Sunday School to the intellectual and spiritual power of the Church."



WE regret that the *Sunday School Helper*, published by C. W. Wills, Pottsville, Pa., and edited by the Rev. George A. Pettz, has ceased to exist. It was one of our most valued exchanges. Cause of suspension, lack of remunerative patronage. In his touching valedictory address the Editor remarks:

"In taking our readers by the hand for the last time, we do it with many a heart-pang, for we have grown to love the *Helper* and its work as a pet child, and our pen lingers over the page hesitating to say the final word; but it only remains for us to bid all our friends to more earnestness to the Master's work, to encourage them to love the children, and for

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