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PROVINCIAL CONVENTION

In St. John, Oct. 18th, 19th and 20th. This is the uppermost subject in many minds, as in no previous year. Committees in St. John and Sussex, talks in county conventions, talks in Sunday schools, and other meetings, paragraphs in city dailies and country weeklies, make one feel that the religious atmosphere is full of this subject. Does your own school feel this?

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The chairman of our executive (and no one is in a position to give a more correct opinion), says that "Our Association never had so good a programme as is prepared for the approaching convention." See copies enclosed in this issue of HELPER.

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Superintendents, as you keep it before you school be sure to ask *continued prayer* in its behalf. Will you not see that it is mentioned in your weekly prayer-meeting? and from your pulpits by the pastors, so that the congregations who do not come to Sunday school may join you in prayer for the blessing from above? One motto of the C. L. C. S. C. should be remembered, "Let us keep our Heavenly Father in our midst."

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Yes, talk about it. If you believe this movement is of God, "Tell it out," or as Isaiah says, "Lift up your voice, lift it up, be not afraid." If satan publishes his circuses, and we have to bear his indecency on the walls of streets, and his horse races, &c., surely we need not be

afraid to tell of any work which our God is doing. Yes, publish it. Use the accompanying programme freely.

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Have you elected delegates from your Sunday School? We asked you in September to do it early. Be sure to *forward their names early* to the local committee secretary, Mr. W. C. Whittaker, St. John. That committee *must* have the names or cannot guarantee homes for your delegates. Send not later than the 10th, earlier if ready. Post card does not cost much. If later your delegates or substitute cannot go, then let them know later. *Do not neglect this.*

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Give special attention to the railway arrangements in another column. If, when getting your ticket on the Inter-colonial Railway, you forget to ask for a certificate, no one at the convention can send you back free. Note each other line of travel.

DUTIES AND PRIVILEGES

Of Vice or Parish Presidents.

These useful officers, appointed by their county convention, are not always instructed by those who appoint them as to the great privileges lying in their duties. As a result some of them come at the end of a year not "bringing their sheaves with them."

The following is a summary of what has guided us in parishes where the most and best work has been done. "It is the duty of the vice-president to take special interest in the Sunday school work throughout his parish; to visit them from time to time, semi-annually if possible. He should, as far as possible, awaken an interest in better ways of working; direct all to the necessity of the conversion of the pupils; urge the importance of teachers' meeting; inquire if the neighborhood has been well canvassed for attendants old and young for the Sunday school; and urge the possibility and advantage of sustaining the school with strength and interest through the entire year. He shall collect statistics on forms provided for him and forward to his county secretary not later than two weeks before the date of the county convention."

When the parish becomes organized, then our uniform constitution says: "The officers shall do," &c. For many reasons it is to the interest of a vice-president to get his parish organized. His fellow officers will then share this work with him.

Dear brethren, let us suggest that the present time is a very important one for some of your visits. Some of the schools in your parish have been in the habit of closing for winter. Remember, October is upon us. Hasten and save them if possible. Tell them how easy your school and others you know keep open all winter. Say that "as long as one teacher and two scholars come they need not think of closing." Suppose that soon after reading this you write a letter or postcard that you are coming to visit the schools of certain superintendents. You do not go with any imperious authority to command, to correct any doctrine. These things you leave with the pastor and superintendent. It is yours to encourage, to suggest helps over the hard places of which perhaps that superintendent will tell you. Along the line of the above you can tell him and his teachers of the blessings of the last county convention, if they were under that disadvantage of not being there. He is depressed, cheer him. He talks of his insufficiency; tell him of the sufficiency of Christ, our Head. Remember that your work is akin to that of your Divine Master. Seek a rich supply of His Holy Spirit. Let the "sunlight of the morning" be in your face and cheerfulness in your tone of voice. Tell him, prepare for this in prayer and thought. Recognize its importance. Trust in help from above and you will return with gladness filling your soul and like many others long to do more.

TO COUNTY DELEGATIONS.

One new feature in our programme will be that a vice-president from each county will give a condensed report of various features of the work in his county. Questions have been framed by the executive and sent to these. Let us suggest that on boat or train the delegates from each county gather in a group, debate their report and talk of their county. When the question comes up in the workers' conference, What is the greatest need in our county? the answer will represent the county as a unit.

Let everybody in town and county hear as many of the normal lessons and addresses of Dr. Hulburt and Miss Harlow.

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Has your county paid its pledge made one year ago? Send to the treasurer, Geo. Haddow, Dalhousie, Restigouche, before he leaves for the convention. His report will be closed before he leaves home. It would be a pity not to get your last installment in.