

Rev. Dr. Potts was a prominent figure on the platform at nearly all the meetings, and was listened to with great attention whenever he spoke.

Mr. Jacobs, the leader of the singing in the Metropolitan Church, not only sings well, but frequently speaks, and at one of the convention meetings pronounced the benediction.

Dr. Hamill did a most graceful and wise thing when he promoted harmony by moving for the adoption of the "Advanced Lesson Course," after he had opposed it so strenuously.

The very tasteful and appropriate decorations in the Metropolitan Church were designed and arranged by Mr. Ivor E. Brock, a prominent Epworth League and Sunday-school worker of Parkdale.

The colored delegates went almost solid in favor of the next convention for San Francisco in opposition to Louisville, in their own territory. The negro generally has a bigger time outside of his own neighborhood than in it.

Rev. Archibald Forder, who has spent eighteen years as a missionary among the Arabs of Palestine, with his headquarters in Jerusalem, told of his labors there, and gave interesting descriptions of scenes and incidents in the Holy Land.

It is worth a great deal to have such splendid business men as E. K. Warren, W. N. Hartshorn and H. J. Heintz connected with the Sunday-school movement. They give freely of their time, as well as their money, to extend its sphere of influence.

Mayor Urquhart said that when he was elected Mayor of Toronto, a friend had said to him: "I suppose you will now give up the superintendency of the Walmer Road Sunday-school?"

His reply was: "No, I would rather give up the position of Mayor of Toronto."

Hon. Mr. Whitney, in presiding at the great children's meeting at Massey Hall, said: "It has been my privilege to several times speak from this platform for various reasons and on various occasions, but on no occasion has the invitation to speak been as great as the honor of being here to-day."

Mrs. Mary Foster Bryner was one of the clever lady delegates. She comes from Peoria, Ill., and has been International S. S. field worker for three years, and a primary Sunday-school teacher for 25 years. Her address to the children in Massey Hall on Saturday afternoon was a model of lucidity and simplicity.

Mrs. Barnes and Mrs. Bryner, in their addresses, kept well within the time limit allowed them, with some minutes to spare. The chairman remarked: "These women have been an example to us old ministers." At the close of her report on Sunday-school work in Mexico Mrs. Bryner was presented with a splendid bouquet of flowers by the Colorado delegates.

Rev. Joseph Clarke, of Columbus, Ohio, who spoke in Carlton Street Methodist Church, was one of the very live men of the convention. He is inspired with the enthusiasm of his work, and by his earnestness imparts some of that enthusiasm to his hearers. He is secretary for Ohio State, and his travels give him a broader human sympathy as well as a keener insight into human nature.

Mr. John R. Pepper, one of the most prominent Sunday-school workers of the South, was not able to attend the con-

vention on account of serious illness. Dr. Hamill stated that recently in the City of Memphis, special prayer had been offered by all denominations for Mr. Pepper's recovery. The International Convention passed a resolution of sympathy with Mr. Pepper, and some moments were spent in prayer for his recovery.

Among the colored delegation there were many interesting characters, but probably none quite as interesting as Rev. Dr. J. J. Smallwood. Dr. Smallwood was born in slavery on the plantation of Hon. W. W. Smallwood, in North Carolina, and it is from that he gets his name. When only six months old his father and mother were separated and sold, one going to Texas and the other to the Mississippi. After the emancipation of the slave he struggled for an education and became a temperance lecturer. After one of his meetings he remained to have a heart-to-heart talk with an old colored lady, and was surprised to find she was his mother. He took her home with him, but his father died before reaching them.

Nuggets from Speeches

The results of Sunday-school work can never be calculated by the mathematics of earth.—J. W. St. John, M.P.P.

Christian education and Protestantism came together. They will stand or fall together.—Rev. G. W. Richards, D.D.

"There is nothing more important in the Church School than that good people should become interesting."—Bishop Vincent.

"W-O-R-K"—that is what his speech means," remarked Rev. Dr. Shaffner, at the close of a suggestive talk by one of the pastors.

The Master's invitation to "Come" is my call to discipleship, and His command to "Go" is my commission to apostleship.—E. E. Chivers, D.D.

The Sunday-school not only imparts knowledge, but it is a place where men and women are engaged in a holy work fraught with great possibilities for the future.

The pastors who are most successful and most securely fixed in the affections of the people, are those who take an active part in the Sunday-school work.—A delegate.

If there is joy in heaven over the repentance of a sinner, what must be the glad acclaim when a boy or girl declares eternal allegiance to Jesus Christ!—Dr. Sanders.

To Leaders.—We must keep in advance of the swiftest, but must never get ahead so far that we cannot cheer and encourage those who are in the rear.—Mrs. J. W. Barnes.

The Sunday-school will not attain its greatest power until it is recognized as the educational department of the Church, attended by young and old alike.—Prof. Frank H. Sanders.

When wisely guided and instructed it will be as natural and easy for children to come into the family of God as it is for the flower to develop from the seed.—Rev. Wm. Douglas McKenzie, D.D.

The teacher is the chief factor in successful Sunday-school work, and teacher training is imperatively needed. Let us push steadily on until we have secured a million and a half trained teachers in America.—W. C. Pearce, Chicago.

The teacher, who has poor appliances, but who has genuine interest in his scholars, carrying them on his heart, will

be a power for good, provided he can form a working union with the scholars' parents. Of course he will do better work with good appliances.

The same Pacific waters which wash the shores of British Columbia and the Western States, also touch the shores of great pagan lands. Their message to us, as Christian workers, is: "We trust in you," "We believe in you," "We look to you to do us good." Shall we disappoint them?—Rev. R. H. Bell, D.D.

The primary object of the Sunday-school is the awakening in the mind of the individual scholar, of what may be called the Christ consciousness. It is to bring into the youthful mind a sense of God's existence, of his presence, power and tenderness, of his justice and love, of his willingness to best abundantly every trusting soul.—Rev. W. H. Roberts, D.D.

The golden age of America is yet to come. It is within the power and privilege of the present generation to hasten its approach. Let the moral light and spiritual energy of the American Sunday-school—the best on earth—and the intellectual force of the American university, soon to be the best on earth, be once united in bonds of holy wedlock never to be broken, and the millennial march of our golden age will hasten on apace.—Rev. D. B. Purinton, D.D.

Interesting Facts

The Cradle Roll is not very old, but there are already about 200,000 names upon it.

Mrs. Bryner reported that 400 Protestant Sunday-schools had been organized in Mexico during the past six years.

Eighty-nine secretaries and other workers are employed by the Sunday-school Associations of America on full time, and 59 on part time.

During the past three years, there has been a gain of 25 per cent. in the Home Department, and a gain of 100 per cent. in the membership of the teacher training classes.

Two hundred and seventeen thousand scholars of the Sunday-schools of the United States and Canada confessed Christ and united with the Church during the past year; 3,564 schools observed Decision Day.

The total number of Sunday-school conventions, state, county, township, etc., held during the past year in the United States and Canada totaled 13,811, or about 40,000 during the triennium. Estimating the average attendance at 200 more than 2,500,000 have been reached annually.

The report of Mr. Marlon Lawrence, General Secretary, showed that there are 141,112 Sunday-schools, with an enrolment of 1,457,483 scholars in the United States. In Canada the number of schools is 10,686, with 85,021 scholars. These figures do not show any increase over previous reports, but Mr. Lawrence believed that there had really been a very good advance.

Rev. W. A. Duncan, Syracuse, N.Y., in his report on "The Home Department," stated that the total enrolment of the Home Department of the Sunday-schools was 10,600, the figures for Canada being as follows: Ontario, 9,990; Prince Edward Island, 766; Quebec, 1,489; Nova Scotia, 2,917; New Brunswick, 2,621; Manitoba, 2,012, and Assiniboia, 1,060. The enrolment for Great Britain is 4,835.