

wonderful impression ; simply by listening to them, you could not tell whether they were black or white, their language was so good and their ideas so well expressed ; but I must hurry on.

Then there was another recommendation which was made by this committee of union, and that was that, in every case, personal visitation of the schools by voluntary workers should be done as much as possible ; and if we all carried that out as heartily as it was talked of there, it would, indeed, be a grand thing. You cannot tell how it helps a young man or young woman, to have somebody come in and give a word of encouragement or advice ; in this way you get a hold upon them, until by-and-by they become Sunday School workers themselves.

The great assembly of delegates was divided off into sections, where the representatives from each state were to be found ; we noticed that the front seats which had been set apart for Alaska, were almost vacant, and so we asked that Ontario might be moved forward, and so it turned out that your representatives secured front seats.

When the question of finances came up, our good Province pledged two hundred dollars per annum for the next three years, Quebec fifty, and New Brunswick fifty.

Mr. Jacobs, of the Executive Committee, had recommended in an original motion to the effect that the Association should possess a newspaper organ ; Mr. Day, our chairman, moved that an organ of the convention be established, and as there had been a difference of opinion, left the question as to whether a monthly or weekly edition should be issued, open for the present. The *Sunday School Times* in the meantime, answers the purpose very well.

Then came every day the noon recess ; our cards were only good for breakfast and lodging, and so we had dinner and supper in an adjoining building. The whole city seemed to be interested in this matter ; one day we were the guests of one denomination and the next of another. We were once the guests of the Lutherans, who are very strong in that city ; and a large hearted baker sent around six hundred loaves of bread every day ; another firm gave us six hundred pounds of dressed chickens, and there were many other instances of the citizens' hospitality.

Then came the question of where the next Convention should be held ; we urged upon them the claims of Toronto as the most suitable place, where everybody goes to church, and where Sunday Schools flourish and we had a very respectable vote for Toronto. We placed Toronto in nomination, not so much with the hope of getting the convention as with the idea of putting in a claim for it. Chicago was well supported, but St. Louis finally won the day.

Now, only one word. The impression was this, the key-note of the whole matter seemed to be that there must be increased Bible study, and increased preparation on the part of the teachers by all possible means ; second, we must get everybody into the Sunday School, and I believe it will not be very long until we find every one

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