

"Its programme will embrace not so much scientific and critical studies in theology as natural, simple, wisely conducted religious conversation, with a view to the promotion of practical and spiritual life.

"The Church School will be an extension of the ideal home.

The best thing the Sunday-school can do is to set the pace for the home.

"To be a leader in religious conversation the teacher must be a genuine, evangelical, enthusiastic, self-forgetting personality; a student of the Word, a student of the soul, a student of human nature, gifted in the art of speech and with a heart for it.

"To this art of educating conversation the biographical feature of the Holy Scriptures contributes.

"The dullest people can discuss people. (Laughter.)

"We love to talk about folks—about men who achieve great things, about people who come in contact with real life.

"Human biography, the most suggestive field for conversation, at once suggests the themes and the methods which will characterize the home and school life of the future, namely, biographical study and the conversational method.

"The Church School, although a place of conversation, will also be a place of worship.

"The name of the Sunday-school may come to be 'The Church School,' because its best work will be done on other days than Sunday."

CHILDREN'S MEETINGS.

The children had their innings on Saturday afternoon, when several mass-meetings for their benefit were held.

Happy-faced children, their grown elders and enthusiastic Sunday-school workers crowded Massey Hall. In the body of the hall the children from the various Sunday-schools were given the seats of vantage. In most of cases their teachers accompanied them. The youngsters felt a keen interest in the happenings of the afternoon—this was the day when their presence was recognized in the meetings of the great International Convention. The orchestra of the Bond Street Congregational Church Sunday-school opened the services of the afternoon with several selections; afterward the choral services under the directorship of H. M. Fletcher followed. Under the baton the multitude, that thronged the hall from the pit to the gallery, brought out each song with a volume and ring that bespoke the intensified interest of these present.

Mrs. Foster Bryner, of Peoria, Ill., a field worker of the International Sunday-school, impressed upon the minds of her hearers, with the aid of a blackboard, what a mighty thing the Bible was in the field of learning. She brought forth her points to the children present so that none could doubt her meaning.

She was followed by Rev. John C. Carman, of Denver, Col., who spoke at some length upon the stability of the young in being resolute in their endeavors to do the right.

During a short song service presentations were made to the children of pressed flowers from Palestine, attached to souvenir convention cards, which were the gift of Mr. W. M. Hartshorn.

At St. Paul's Anglican Church, Bloor Street, the various schools east of Huron and north of College, were represented by a large number of children and parents. Canon Cody, the rector, conducted the devotional exercises, and Bishop Vincent and Rev. Dr. Carey Bonner, of London, England, gave addresses to the children. Rev. Dr. Carman presided. Bishop Vincent recommended the attaining of three special habits with which to begin a good life. They were the reading of nothing but the good and uplifting in literature, economical living that the temptations of life may be better avoided, and the cultivation of purity and holiness in the thoughts. His exposition of these three simple themes in a simple and direct manner was closely and attentively listened to by the little ones.

Rev. Dr. Bonner's remarks were in the form of an object lesson, and his theme a patriotic one. The British flag was taken in its three points. The St. Patrick cross represented the admonition to be a herald of God's kingdom. St. George's was the champion of rights, and St. Andrew's a finder for the Church.

A CANADIAN PRESIDENT.

On the second day of the convention the Nominating Committee did its work and honored a Canadian by electing him to the presidency.

Until the year 1908, a Torontonian, in the person of Justice John James MacLaren, will guide the ship of the International Sunday-school Association of America. The announcement was greeted with prolonged applause by the immense crowd gathered in Massey Hall, and at the insistent demand of the delegates the Judge made a brief address.

He thanked them for the honor they had conferred upon him. The honor had come late in life, and he had little dreamed when, as a boy, he used to split and carry in wood in the little Sunday-school in Lachute, Que., where he was born, that he would one day be at the head of the Sunday-schools of America. His interest in Sunday-school work had

been of the keenest kind from that time until this last honor had been done him. He was sensible of the difficulties of his position, and would do his best to carry out the work entrusted to him, and use every effort to extend the International until it reached every school on the continent.

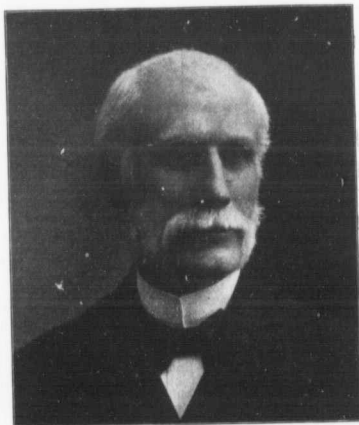
GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The report of Mr. Marion Lawrence, General Secretary, was a document of twenty pages. We have only space for the introductory summary:

Thus far the Heavenly Father hath safely led us on our way, and to Him all praise belongs. The work He has committed to our care is very great, and His service grows sweeter with the passing years.

In the Sunday-school history of the world, Denver and Toronto span the most wonderful chapter that has ever been written. The advance that has been made, the projects that have been consummated, the higher rating which has been given to the Sunday-school, these will furnish a ripe field for the historian, and gives wings to his pen as he writes. He will not fail to tell about:

1. The great development of the Sunday-school numerically and otherwise in all parts of the world.
2. The widespread interest shown everywhere by people of all classes.
3. The rounding out of one hundred years of splend



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service and magnificent achievement by the Sunday-school Union of London.

4. The Sunday-school crusade to the Orient, and the holding of the World's Fourth Sunday-school Convention in the Holy City.

5. The establishing of organized Sunday-school work in Palestine and Syria.

6. The beautiful opening fields of promise in Spanish-speaking North America.

7. The development of our work among the negroes of the South.

8. The unusual attention being given to Sunday-school work by the theological seminaries and other Christian schools.

9. The intense interest now being shown in the matter of teacher training, and our successful effort to advance it through the Committee on Education.

10. The proper recognition of childhood in the Sunday-school curriculum.

11. The tremendous multiplication of helpful books and choice literature bearing upon the Sunday-school and its work.

12. The improvement in Sunday-school architecture.

13. The multitude of conventions, institutes, and summer schools being held in all parts of our great field.

14. The large number of additions to the churches from the Sunday-school.

15. The increased interest in the spread of the Kingdom throughout the whole world.

Surely this is all marvellous in our eyes, and well may we exclaim, "What hath God wrought!"