

This is where the "Assembly" holds its meetings. All around are wooden cottages, mostly unpainted, and in every direction along the various "avenues," (full of standing trees, stumps and roots!) are other cottages and tents. Not far away, you come on the "Department of Instruction," Dr. Vincent's head-quarters, in a capacious tent, frequented by many visitors. The buildings are of every shape and size, and it is interesting to notice the variously ingenious arrangements for conducting domestic affairs under extemporaneous circumstances. Yankee inventiveness has full scope here. This remark, of course, applies chiefly to those who "find themselves," but even those who eat and drink at the public have room for the exercise of special tastes and talents in the arrangement and adornment of their sylvan abodes. All sorts of companies are found together under one roof of wood or canvas,—a family, a father, mother and children; under another, a band of "men and brethren;" under another, one of women and "sister-en." But one thing is to be noticed among them all,—a universal spirit of good humour and mutual accommodation, "making the best of it," and observing the behests of the "Department of Order," as proclaimed with great tact by Dr. Vincent, from time to time, with such a measure of exactness as avoided all breaches of the peace. Such was the spirit that prevailed, that I do not recall hearing an angry sentence, or seeing an angry look, between any two persons on the ground during the whole fourteen days! Those who catered for themselves, unless they brought their own provisions, could purchase them,—of good quality and at very reasonable rates too,—at the "Department of Supplies," but no private huckstering was allowed. The public tables were set in rough fashion, in covered or half-open buildings, in an elevated part of the ground. At these, the terms varied, but you could live well for a dollar a day. The tables were served by a band of some eighty young men and women from one Sunday School in Akron, Ohio, the Superintendent of which, Mr. Lewis Miller, was also the chairman of the Assembly's Executive Committee. At these same tables there was a continual feast of hearty fellowship, and I think I remember having heard an occasional laugh!

The "Order of the Day" was somewhat as follows, the hours being indicated by a sonorous church bell: Rise at 6; breakfast, 6-30 to 7-30; Assembly worship at 8; Sectional and Class Meetings, 8-15 to 10; 10 to 12, public lectures: dinner at 12; after 2, one or more lectures or sermons; tea at 6; vesper service, 7-30; followed by lectures, exhibitions, music, &c., till 10 p.m., when the "night bell" sounded, and "all was quiet along the encampment."

The sectional and class meetings were gatherings of those specially interested in one or other department of Sunday School work, such as Institute Conductors, Pastors, and Superintendents, Teachers of intermediate classes, and Primary Teachers. In each of these, the several classes of workers took up, in answer to questions submitted by a leader, the various points in connection with their respective duties, in a conversational style, which was most interesting, suggestive and helpful, yet by no means exhaustive; for, the longer they continued together, and the fuller became the recital of diversified experiences, the more widely did the manifold subject open out on every hand, and though there was not the drive and hurry of a two or three day's Convention, the hour was always too short, and the days were too few, to cover any branch of the work!

Dr. Vincent, with his wide acquaintance among eminent teachers of all denominations, had succeeded in engaging a brilliant array of talented men and women for the occasion. Three bishops of his own church, Janes, Simpson and Peck, gave the prestige of their official dignity to the Assembly. Four Presidents of colleges, Drs. Fowler, Haven, Chapin and Hurst, and several Professors, contributed prelections at once learned and popular, with now and then a dry one by way of variety. Of what may be called almost professional Sunday School men, there were present for a longer or shorter time, such as Henry Clay Trumbull, Ralph Wells, J. Bennet Tyler, W. F. Crafts, G. A. Peltz, J. S. Ostrander, Dr. W. A. Niles, C. P. Hard, M. Worden, Dr. Gillett, Hon. H. P. Haven, E. C. Wilder, J. H. Kellogg, A. O. Van Lennep. "And of honourable women not a few," Mrs.