

led by the Rev. E. T. Capel, of Sutton, Mr. Seth P. Leet, of Montreal, was moved to the chair. The chairman then read the report of the statistical secretary, Mr. D. Torrance Fraser, who was unable to be present. The report was satisfactory, but showed that the denominations were looking more closely after Sunday school work. There was an increase in the number of home departments. Regret was expressed at the fact that the schools still spend more on themselves than on missions. The work of appointing the nominating and resolution committees and the reception of county reports filled up the rest of the morning session.

At the afternoon session an interesting address was given by Mr. G. W. Pease, of Springfield, Mass., upon "Primary Work." Mr. Alfred Day, of Toronto, also spoke regarding the work of county officers.

At the evening session there was not even standing room to be obtained when the proceedings commenced. After devotional exercises, and an address by the Rev. W. B. Day, of Granby, Que., the financial statement was read by Mr. Seth P. Leet. It showed the union to be a little way behind, but still matters were an improvement over the previous year. Mr. Alfred Day then gave an able address on "The Sunday School Teacher's Master Key," which closed the evening session.

There was a large attendance at the morning session on Thursday, Feb. 11th, notwithstanding the intense cold. A variety of work was done. A conference on the home department was led by the general secretary, Mr. G. H. Archibald. The reports from the committees were received and the Rev. E. T. Capel, rector, of Sutton, was unanimously elected president of the union. The Rev. Mr. Capel thanked the delegates for the honor conferred upon him in a few well-chosen words. Several resolutions were then passed having reference to the Queen's long reign, the plebiscite, and other matters.

At the afternoon session addresses were delivered on "Temperance in the Sunday Schools," by Mr. J. H. Carson; on "Scissors and Chalk," by Mr. G. W. Pease; and on "Our Great Bible-School Work," by the Rev. W. R. Cruikshank, of Montreal, all of which heartily interested the audience.

Mr. G. H. Archibald presided at the closing session held in the evening, as the president had found it necessary to leave by the afternoon train. Mrs. Ashley Carus-Wilson, of Montreal, delivered a splendid address upon the missionary work of the Sunday school. Addresses were made by Mr. G. W. Pease and other gentlemen, and the warmest thanks of the convention were conveyed to the people of Granby for the hospitality they had shown to the delegates during their stay in town. This closed the work of what all agreed has

proved as successful a convention as any that the union has had in recent years.

## Correspondence.

### The Pas Indian Mission.

To Editor of The Western Churchman.

Dear Sir.—May I ask you to insert the following appeal in your valuable paper?

This school is one of the best in the Northwest. There are this quarter (December) 65 children in attendance, which is far too many for one teacher. Now, the greater number attend with very little clothing on, and my most regular attendants are those living the furthest away; some come nearly two miles. My reasons for writing are two: (1) That I can be able to put up a house for the school teacher, and (2) that I can get some clothing for the children.

(1) The house I live in belongs to the government, and consists of three rooms. (1) 14x14, (2) 14x12, (3) 8x8. No. 1 is used as a government storehouse, and I occupy Nos. 2 and 3. But the house is an old one, and the logs are rotting, and it is not worth patching. My predecessor could not live in it during the summer, as it leaked so badly. Even now, when the sun shines, the snow will melt and drop through the thatching. A good house can be put up for \$50. Will some one help? I intended putting one up myself this spring, but the expense is great. I shall put it up on church property, so the government can not claim it, but still it will be always for the school teacher.

(2) Some of my children are in rags. The other week I noticed one of my girls had on a print dress, and that only. It was torn from the waist down, and her bare stomach and legs were exposed to the cold.

I have about 35 boys, from 6 to 15 years of age, and 30 girls from 6 to 16. If I could get jerseys for the boys all one color and dresses of something warm for the girls, all one color, I should be very thankful.

What parents with children of their own will help? Who is willing to help the lambs of Jesus, the Good Shepherd? "I ye do it unto the least of these little ones, ye do it unto Me."

Who is willing to hear Jesus speaking to them? Reader he is speaking to you. Have you a twenty-five cent piece to give Him who gave so much to you? I am perfectly sure Miss Milledge, the secretary of the W. A., St. John's College, Winnipeg, will gladly receive anything, either in the way of clothing or books or papers that anyone may feel kind enough to send; but be sure and say that they are for the

Pas Mission. Perhaps some Sunday school will help.

Any bale, etc., should be addressed,  
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Please forward.

I am afraid, Mr. Editor, my letter is getting too long, but I hope, for the sake of the lambs, you will insert it. Thanking you in advance, I remain,

Yours faithfully,

RICHARD COX,

School Teacher and Catechist.

P. S.—I think if each Sunday school in Winnipeg would decide to clothe two boys and two girls, there would be few left-out. Who will?

Sir:—I think it would be desirable that church people should be reminded of their duty in observing Friday as a fast day, and refusing to countenance by their presence, any social entertainment which may be given on that day. We frequently hear of various entertainments given on Fridays, to which church people go, regardless of the church's rule. A case in point is the recent Albani concert, and I have no doubt many people will say that here the circumstances were exceptional, as there was only the one night on which they had the opportunity of hearing a celebrated singer. But I would ask, does this make the obligation any less, and would not the very fact of keeping away, on the ground of the day being Friday, help to remind others of a rule which is unfortunately only too often forgotten, or laid aside when it suits our convenience? We are taught to observe the forty days of Lent in remembrance of our Lord's fast by abstaining from various amusements, but should not as much importance be attached to the observance of the weekly commemoration of His death?

I am, Sir,

Yours truly,

A LAYMAN.

It is announced that the Greek manuscript of the Gospels, which was purchased last year by the Russian Government from a village near the Cappadocian Caesaria has been presented by the Czar to the Public Imperial Library of St. Petersburg. With its violet vellum and silver letters, it is one of the most beautiful manuscripts in existence, and it is also one of the earliest, dating back at least to the sixth century. As this copy is now in a place where it will be accessible to scholars, the learned world will wait with interest the results of expert investigation, and before long its relation to the other chief manuscripts will be determined and its various readings brought to bear in the formation of future critical texts.