

said gently, 'Let me describe one of our meetings, an everyday one with nothing at all uncommon. We have found it well to have our Home and Foreign Mission Societies meet on the same day, alternately we give the first forty-five minutes to one or the other. Each leader prepares a definite programme. Reports are very conscientiously made, and we sometimes have a speaker from the outside. Whether this is the case or not, we always have one or two thoughtful papers and a resumé of current events in the home and foreign fields. We give about ten minutes to devotional exercises at the close of each meeting, and finally we have a half hour for social converse and simple refreshment. We take great pains to have people there; they are notified by postal cards; invited in a friendly way as we call or go about the town, and the minister urges the matter from the pulpit. In a meeting that I remember very pleasantly, the rule was to have an order of exercises in which five ladies took part, a different five at every meeting. Each of the five was requested to bring five friends. We seldom had less than forty or fifty present at those meetings.'

Sophy was silent. Mrs. Morrison went on to say, 'You will pardon me, I am sure, if I remind you that we never are interested in subjects about which we have no information. The study of missions is fascinating. There is a wonderful and positively engrossing literature of missions, in history, biography and romance. No one finds the theme of foreign missions dull who takes and reads a missionary paper or magazine, or who has a missionary library in her house or church. You with your bright mind and interest in sociology would find no study so captivating and satisfying as the study of missions if only you would give it an hour's attention every day. Furthermore, my dear, we grow interested in what we pray for. Should you make up your mind to pray by name for the missionaries of your board you would cease to feel that they were far away in the distance. They would instead be at the front and you would have the great pleasure of sending them help and encouragement.'

The tea things had been removed and the velvet shadows began to creep over the garden. A hermit thrush fluted sweetly from the top of a maple tree. The peace of God enfolded the Summer afternoon. Both ladies had been silent a little while, when Sophy said, 'I wish somebody would take the initiative and stir our ladies up. If our minister's wife would only do it, we would follow her, I fancy.'

'Your minister's wife has no more obligation in the matter than any other lady in the congregation. In fact, in your case she has less than most, for she has a nursery full of little children, including twins not two years old. Her hands are full. I know one woman who is well fitted to begin a movement for the better and who has every quality of sympathy, tact and social ease that would make her successful. She has Christian consecration, too. I believe she is the one who ought to ask the ladies to come to such a missionary meeting as they have never had in this region. All she wants is to be kindled into enthusiasm.'

'Who is she?' inquired Sophy curiously. 'She is somebody you know intimately,' answered the elder woman. 'Her name is Sophy Madison.'—'Christian Intelligencer.'

A Soldier's New 'Leaf.'

In connection with Miss Sandes' work among the soldiers in Cork, she tells the following anecdote: 'I had heard much from Jock about "the lad," how life had gone hard with him, which in great part was his own fault, but that did not mend matters. Now "the lad" wanted to turn over a new leaf, and had come to sign the pledge. So I welcomed him heartily, did my best to make him feel at home, and then we settled down into a cosy corner for a chat. I will call "the lad" Jack, and he commenced the conversation by saying, "I want you to do something for me." "Gladly, my boy," I answered, "if I can." "I want you to explain the Trinity to me, and to tell me how to lead a better life." "To explain the Trinity!" I tried to do it. Then I asked him how he thought "the better life" began. He thought it started by turning over a new leaf, and feeling very sorry

for the past, and—and—some mysterious change coming over him. "But how do you think it begins?" he asked. I thought the right start was simply the meeting of the soul with the Saviour, not self-reformation or great emotion. So we talked on, and the next evening we talked on, and the next, and the next. Then a letter came from Jack to tell me that as he worked away that day in the stables he had found "the better life." The substance of the letter was that he had tried to make himself good and had failed that he had tried to feel something, and had failed. "Now," he wrote, "I see I have neither to do nor to feel anything, only to hand myself over to the Great Saviour and believe Him when He tells me He has done everything."—'Christina Herald.'

The Day of the Lord.

Brothers, look! The day is breaking!
Flees away the dark, wild night;
Gleeful o'er the eastern palings
Peep the mellow rays of light!

Who is this that treads the morning,
Beating back earth's cold and wrong?
Calling to us—'Come, my children;
Come, and bring your morning song.'

'We are coming, blessed Saviour,
Coming, gladly, now to Thee;
Reign for ever and for ever
Over every land and sea;

Claim the kingdoms, sway the sceptre,
That the wand'ers cease to roam;
And Thy children, cleansed and gentle,
Help Thee in the gath'ring home;

Reign for ever and for ever
Over every land and sea,
And on earth, and then in heaven,
We will give the praise to thee.'

—'Examiner.'

Annual Meeting of the International Sunday School Association Executive Committee.

The Sunday school interests of two continents, and largely of the whole world, were centred in the Annual Meeting of the Executive Committee of the International Sunday School Association, held at Winona Lake, Ind. (Aug. 8-13, 1906.) The meeting represented sixty-nine states, provinces and territories in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Cuba, Porto Rico, Central America, and the Islands of the Sea.

It is declared by the President of the Association, the Hon. Mr. Justice J. J. MacLaren, of Toronto, Canada, who has been identified with the work for thirteen years, to be the most remarkable meeting of the Committee in its history.

The growth of the work during the past year has been phenomenal. The doors of Mexico have been open to organized Sunday school work, and that country now has the services of an International field worker for his entire time. Missionaries declare that the introduction of organized work into Mexico marks a new era in religious education and evangelism in that country.

Within a year the International Sunday school work has been planted in the West Indies and the island of Trinidad through an eight weeks' cruise in the Antilles by Sunday school experts. The journey was apostolic. Everywhere the people responded enthusiastically to the new movement. At the request of the World's Sunday School Committee the continent of South America was added to the International field, which now embraces practically the whole of the western hemisphere.

The Primary Department has fifty-nine state, provincial and territorial superintendents in the field, who through organized primary work, institutes, and primary unions are carrying to the teaching forces of the elementary grades the best educational methods of Bible teaching and development of child life.

The pilgrimage of 800 Sunday school workers to the World's Convention at Jerusalem, 1904, awakened in the Sunday school world a new interest in missions. Its rapid development during the past year, crystal-

ized in the creation of a Missionary Department, under the care of a special committee, which will study to bring the Sunday school to a vigorous and united support of missions. When it is considered that one cent from each Sunday school scholar each Sunday would aggregate in one year \$7,280,000, the importance of awakened missionary interest is apparent.

A Temperance Department was also created and placed in charge of a special committee, of which Mr. J. F. Hardin, of Eldora, Iowa, is chairman, with funds to defray the expenses of operation. The definite adjustment of the International machinery to the temperance movement, through which temperance departments will be erected in states, provinces and territories, counties and townships, will bring at once potent re-enforcements to the cause of temperance, and will send out into the future the next generation of children not only pledged against the saloon and the use of intoxicants, but will give to the country an army of citizens morally sound on questions of clean citizenship.

Five members having pledged in the aggregate \$1,000 to place a general secretary in the West Indies, to give half his time there and the rest to South America and Newfoundland, the committee of which Dr. Frank Woodbury, of Halifax, N.S., is chairman, will immediately look for the man for the place. The report of this committee was one of the most interesting features of the week.

Dr. George W. Bailey, of Philadelphia, Pa., Chairman of the World's Executive Committee, said the International Convention will be held in Rome, May 20-23, 1907, and that plans are in progress for a gathering of the forces from all parts of the globe. The World's Committee will inaugurate the work in Japan at an early date, and Mr. Frank L. Brown, of Brooklyn, N.Y., has consented to go to Japan, representing the Committee, to organize a national committee and lay the foundations. Mr. Mitto, of Japan, who is here for a few days, assured the Committee that Mr. Brown would receive a very cordial welcome in Japan. Following his services in Japan he will spend some time in India. The Palestine Sunday School Association, organized in Jerusalem in 1904, at the World's Fourth Convention, asked that a worker be sent to the Levant for some months prior to the Rome Convention, and pledged \$125 towards expenses. This report was responded to by the Committee, and the money was raised to send a man in harmony with the need as expressed.

An Effective Tract.

Another testimony, in addition to the many already given to the wonderful power of a well-known tract, has been received from a pastor in Michigan, who writes: 'Some years ago you kindly sent me a donation of about two dozen copies of the booklet "Come to Jesus," by Newman Hall. I gave them to persons in my parish who seemed thoughtful as to their personal salvation, and in almost every instance the person receiving it is now a professed follower of Christ. I know of no book that can so successfully win souls to the Saviour. It was blessed to my conversion.'—'American Messenger' (New York.)

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