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Sunday School Convention.—When the International Sunday School Convention was held in Toronto, three years ago, this paper gave the most complete report of the gathering of any religious paper in America. Our readers will naturally expect something concerning the twelfth Convention of the International Association which assembled in Louisville in June. While we cannot undertake anything like a detailed description of this great gathering, considerable space in this number is given to some of the more interesting features of the Convention.

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True Greatness—In speaking of the late Rev. John Potts, D.D., at the Louisville Convention, Rev. Dr. Hamill said: "True greatness derives nothing from the present moment, it turns its face ever toward the future in confidence of its supreme and final vindication. John Potts belonged to that select company of the world's great men in this higher regard. He was great of body, of intellect and of social grace, but greater of heart. The world's masters are men of heart; not the gray matter of the brain, but the red blood of the heart, is the secret that opens the doors of men's hearts and of men's intellects."

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A Triple Bond.—A very pleasant feature of the Louisville Convention was the presence of four representative Sunday School workers from England, who took a prominent part in the proceedings. Rev. Frank Johnson, of London, provoked hearty cheers when he said: "We are one with you in blood, in speech, and in religion, a triple bond of union that cannot easily be broken." A little later he declared that "the Christian teacher is a better national defence than the sword, and Christian missionaries do more for the establishment of peace than navies and regiments."

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The Greatest Boast.—There was a time, said Rev. Alfred Rowland, of London, England, at the International Sunday School Convention, when the greatest boast of man was to be able to say, 'Romanus sum.' But now the greatest boast and glory of any man should be that he might truly say, not, 'I am a Roman,' but, 'Christianus sum,' 'I am a Christian.' Only through that union in spiritual life can we present the united front necessary to com-

bat the sea of intemperance and godlessness of the day. Only by bettering the characters of individual men along Christian lines can we fight against municipal or governmental corruption, intemperance, and those other countless evils that threaten our present civilization. In this work the Sunday School has a great, perhaps the greatest, part to play.

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How to Read a Book.—If you wish to remember what you read, it might be a good idea to follow the plan suggested by Lord Macaulay, the great historian, who, in speaking of the time when he was a boy, said, "I began to read very earnestly, but at the foot of every page I read I stopped and obliged myself to give an account of what I had read on that page. At first I had to read it three or four times before I got my mind firmly fixed. But I compelled myself to comply with the plan, until now I can almost recite what I read from the beginning to the end."

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Doers and Dodgers.—Some one has said that Christians generally may be divided into two classes, the doers and the dodgers. How easy it is to pass from one company to the other. One is active and earnest in work for the Master when suddenly discouragement comes. Another opportunity for service is allowed to pass, just because of the previous discouragement, and one has left the ranks of the doers and has become a dodger. But it is as easy to pass the other way. Opportunities for doing constantly present themselves. Grasp one, do your best and you are no longer a dodger.

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Both Sides Pleased.—When the report of the Lesson Committee came to be considered at Louisville, it was quickly seen that the delegates were about evenly divided in regard to what they desired for Sunday School lessons in the future. Probably a little more than one-half were loyal in their adherence to the Uniform lesson, and desired no change, but nearly as many desired a graded system of lessons. In the circumstances the Convention wisely decided to let both parties have what they wanted. Consequently we shall have one lesson for the whole school as formerly, which will probably be used in most places, but for the schools that wish for them, graded lessons will be prepared. This was very

much better than dividing the Sunday School workers into rival camps. As it is, both sides are satisfied and pleased.

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A Striking Testimony.—The Wall Street Journal in a recent editorial asserts: "Whatever may be a man's own personal beliefs, there is no one who would not prefer to do business with a man who believes in the future life. If there are fewer men of such faith in the world, it makes a big difference." This is rather a striking testimony, from an unexpected source, to the power of religious belief in everyday life.

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The Philathea Movement.—The Philathea class is an organized class for young women, and grew out of the Baraca class. The word means "Lovers of Truth." The motto is, "Young women at work for young women, all standing by the Bible and the Bible School." The emblem of the class is a crescent with a bar with the word Philathea upon it. There are hundreds of these classes all over the country, but it has been impossible yet to get accurate figures.

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Nothing So Important.—"There is nothing in all the world," says David Starr Jordan, "so important as children, nothing so interesting. If you wish to go in for some philanthropy, if you ever wish to be of any real use to the world do something for children; if you ever yearn to be truly wise, study children. We cannot all dress the sore, bandage the wounded, imprison the criminal, heal the sick, and bury the dead; but there is always a chance that we can save a child."

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President Roosevelt's Maxims—President Roosevelt's hitherto unpublished maxims were given recently by Jacob Riis in an address. "The President has placed his policy in four hitherto unspoken maxims," said Mr. Riis, "which I will give as guides to my young friends:

"First, fit yourselves for the work God has for you to do in this world, and lose no time about it.

"Second, have all the fun that is coming to you.

"Third, go ahead, do something, and be willing to take responsibility.

"Fourth, learn by your mistakes."

These are good maxims for all young people to adopt.