

Our *Sunday School Advocate* and *Banner* are doing good service; we wish they were taken by all our schools.

It will be seen that all the Conferences urge the adoption of the Uniform Series of Lessons and the patronage of the Connexional S. S. Publications. We hope our friends will endeavour to comply with this reasonable request.—ED. BANNER.

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NATIONAL SABBATH SCHOOL ASSEMBLY, CHAUTAUQUA LAKE.

[From Our Special Correspondent.]

This grand gathering of Sabbath-school workers, under the direction of the Methodist Church, with Dr. Vincent at its head, is really a National Assembly. Not only is the audience made up of representatives of all the Protestant Churches, but a large proportion of all the services are conducted by ministers and laymen of other bodies. In no religious assembly has the feasibility of the union of Protestant Churches been more clearly shown than at Chautauqua.

The assembly has located itself in Western New York, at Fairpoint, which consists of a somewhat level cape, extending out into the beautiful Lake Chautauqua. The grounds are covered with a magnificent growth of heavy forest trees; and the company has purchased a large tract of land on which their meetings are to be held from year to year. The principal part of the visitors from the north, east and west, reached Fairpoint via the Pittsburgh, Corry and Brockton Railway, which connects with the Michigan Southern at Brockton. It is not saying too much to express the hope that some improvement will be made in this road before next August. The track is laid on one of the most crooked lines that can be found, and not being very smooth, the oscillation of the cars is really fearful at some points. The scenery along the line is very pleasant, often affording a splendid view of Lake Erie in the distance, with the verdant pastures of Chautauqua county lying between. Mayville, on the Pittsburgh road, is the nearest railway station, where several fine steamers are ready to convey visitors to the Point, which is four miles distant.

The lake is about twenty miles long, and from two to four miles wide, and is the highest water on the continent where navigation is carried on. It lies 700 feet higher

than Lake Erie, and yet is not more than eight or ten miles distant. The water is beautifully clear and deep, the air bracing, and the scenery all that the most ardent admirer of nature could desire. Fairpoint is in full view all the way from Mayville, and presents a picturesque aspect, with the cottages and tents showing among the heavy foliage, and the numerous banners which were floating from the buildings on the dock.

MAGNITUDE OF THE ASSEMBLY.—Some idea of the proportions of this meeting may be gathered from the following figures: It was estimated that the average attendance was not less than six thousand persons, during the period of fourteen days. On one occasion there were not fewer than 20,000 present, many estimated the number at 30,000. We may mention here, that although there were so many people, and for so long a time, we were never present at so orderly a gathering considering the numbers. No spirituous liquor could be had nearer than four miles, and we never saw or heard of any being brought on the grounds. During the seven days of our stay we heard only one oath, and that from a lad about fifteen years old: we regret that he should have marred the good impression we had of the assembly even to this degree.

The following is an approximate estimate of the expenditure, as nearly as we could ascertain. There were about

250 cottages, which at \$400 each,	
would be.....	\$100,000
150 tents, which at \$100, "	15,000
Value of land at purchase price,	20,000
	\$135,000
Allowing 25 per cent. of this as	
the annual cost.....	33,750
Travelling expenses of 25,000 persons	
at \$5 each.....	125,000
Board and lodging for 3,000 for	
14 days, at \$1.50 per day..	63,000
Board for 22,000 one day.....	22,000
Entrance fees—at 50 cents each..	12,500
3,000 music books, donated by	
Bigelow and Main.....	600
Amusements and purchases at	
50 cents each.....	12,500
	\$269,350

The great object which attracted so many thousands of people to that point, was to secure a more thorough qualification for Sabbath-school work. And that this desire was to some extent realized may be inferred, when we state that there were twenty-two lectures delivered by competent persons on practical Sabbath-school subjects. Eleven lectures on subjects outside the Sabbath-