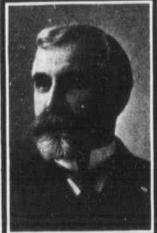


TORONTO, ONT.	<b>WINNING A GENERATION</b> The Motto of the 11th International Sunday School Convention	JUNE 23-27 1905	
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FOR the second time the International Sunday-school Convention has been held in Canada, the first occasion being in 1881, when a memorable assembly was held in the old Pavilion, with Hon. S. H. Blake as President. Twenty-four years seems a long time for a gathering of such a character to come to our country, but it should be remembered that the gatherings are only held once in three years, and there are many larger cities which are aspirants for the honor of entertaining the convention.

Many changes have taken place since 1881. At that time the population of Toronto was about 100,000 and the number of delegates was less than 600. Now the city has 260,000 people, and the convention numbered nearly 2,000 official delegates, besides a large number of visitors.

#### A FINE LOT OF PEOPLE.

The delegates came from every part of the American continent. Every State of the Republic, and every Province of Canada was represented, and Newfoundland sent a full complement of Sunday-school workers. Never was there a finer lot of people gathered together. They were evidently men and women of refinement, intelligence and consecration, who were engaged in Sunday-school work for the love of it. The International Association has been fortunate in the leaders who have directed its affairs from the very commencement. Such men as Mr. B. F. Jacobs, Mr. Wm. Reynolds, Hon. John Wanamaker, Mr. Hartshorn, Rev. A. F. Shaufler, Mr. Marlon Lawrence, Rev. Dr. Hamill, Rev. Dr. Potts, Mr. E. R. Machum, Dr. Woodbury, and many others who might be mentioned have been a valuable asset to the Sunday-school cause. The greatest credit, however, for the success of the work is due to the rank and file of faithful teachers and superintendents who are in their places from Sunday to Sunday. Many of these were present, and the occasion was to them a memorable one.

#### INSPIRING MOTTOES.

The spacious Metropolitan Church was tastefully decorated with white and orange streamers, and with banners bearing striking mottoes. Some of them read as follows:

"A holy life is a voice."  
"Opportunity comes with feet of wool, treading soft."

"Don't try to hold God's hand. Let Him hold yours."

"As well say nothing, as nothing to the purpose."  
"The bread of life is love."  
"The salt of life is work."

"On the great clock of time there is but one word—Now."

"Power to its last particle is duty."  
"The blessing of helping the world forward happily does not wait for perfect men."

"Character is habit crystallized."

#### THE SINGING.

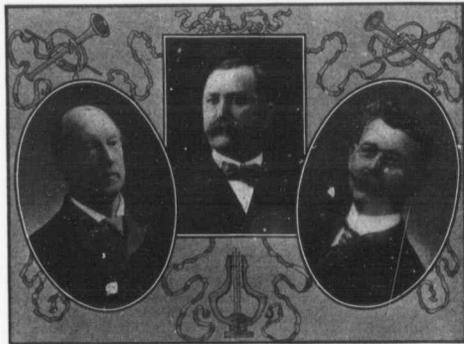
Perhaps the feature of the convention that will be remembered longest by the delegates was the singing. The selections of music were well chosen and comprised a number of excellent pieces, with quite a proportion of standard hymns.

The musical jingles so often used at conventions, that are almost totally devoid of musical value or true poetic merit, were conspicuous by their absence. How the people did sing those splendid hymns, led by the great choirs!

The writer of these notes, sitting in the great Massey Hall, listening to the thundering chorus of over 4,000 voices, finds it almost impossible to prepare "copy" for this paper, the singing is so delightfully distracting. There is nothing like an assembly of Christian people for really inspiring music.

#### AN APPROPRIATE OPENING.

The convention was inaugurated by a most impressive devotional service under the direction of Rev. Floyd Tompkins, rector of an Episcopal Church in Philadelphia. It was a combination of address, prayer, song and silent meditation. The speaker would talk for a few moments, and then engage in prayer, followed by song. He wished the people to feel that they had not come to hear anyone speak, but to listen to God's voice and to worship. Dr. Tompkins did not seem at all afraid of a pause; indeed the most



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#### THE MUSICAL CONDUCTORS

solemn and effective portions of the service were those in which not a word was spoken.

#### THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL AT HOME.

At the great meeting in Massey Hall on Friday evening, Bishop Vincent delivered a really fine address, touching with a master hand a number of vital questions. He said that the Church School of the future will be less a school and more a home.

"Its keynote will not be recitation, but conversation—friendly conversation."