

feitures in Our Sunday Schools," was read by Rev. Rural Dean Stewart. He spoke of the different classes of children, socially, morally, and intellectually; and consequently, of a variety being necessary in the character of the rewards given them; he also spoke very forcibly of the bad effects of the ordinary competition system, and gave a very lucid account of the plan pursued in St. James's, Orillia, of which he is superintendent. An animated discussion followed, which was carried on by Rev. Messrs. Lett, Murphy, Paterson, Kirby, Bates, and Clarke. One or two matters which were mentioned in this discussion, such as, practically offering a premium for indolence by making it possible for every child to obtain a reward, on matter what its attendance and diligence, was forcibly criticized by J. C. Morgan, Esq. Next came an excellent address from Dr. Lett. The meeting then adjourned till two, p.m.

At two, p.m., examples of teaching by means of outline drawings on the black-board were given by Dr. Lett. "*Sunday School Publications for use among Children*," was the title of a carefully prepared paper by Mr. Murphy. The general tenor was the importance of such publications, the character of their teaching, and the mode of selecting them. Sunday School teachers were put on their guard against being led away by favourable critiques or specimen copies, and personal examination was recommended. The discussion was carried on by Rev. Messrs. Paterson, Morgan, and Kirby, and Mr. J. C. Morgan. The "*Young Churchman*," and the "*Young Christian Soldier*," were incidentally recommended as worthy the confidence of those interested in Sunday-schools. One of the most useful papers read at the Convention was on "*Music in Sunday-schools*." It was treated in a most able and exhaustive manner, by J. C. Morgan, Esq., the superintendent of Trinity Church S. S., Barrie. He spoke of the power of musical services, the authority for them in both the Testaments and in the *Lex Usus* of the Church of England. He also spoke of the advantages of a monotoned service, still better if intoned, and completely answered the usual popular objections. He then illustrated a portion of his paper by having the Creed monotoned different times, in different keys, by those present; and it was indeed surprizing how easily, nay, naturally, it was done by many who had never even heard anything of the kind before. The discussion was carried on by Rev. Messrs. Anderson, Morgan, Bates, and Kirby. The general apathy of congregations as to taking an audible part in the services of the Church was deplored, and the advantage was acknowledged of anything that would tend to promote a hearty uniformity in the public worship of the Almighty. Rev. Mr. Baldwin, of All Saints, Toronto, then gave an address, full of sound practical suggestions, on "*Children's Services*." He illustrated his ideas of sermons and catechisings for children by some beautiful extracts of a very affecting character from "*Vaughan's Sermons for Children*." Some very pertinent observations were made by Rev. Messrs. Morgan and Kirby, and J. C. Morgan Esq. This ended the papers and addresses.

The laity of the two Rural Deaneries was well represented throughout, each session was opened with prayer, Hymns A. and M. were freely used, and the necessary expenses were defrayed by the offertories at the services on the first day. It is proper to acknowledge the hospitality of the good Church people of Barrie, who were very kind indeed to those attending the Convention from a distance. It is unnecessary to say, that during the whole time, "open house" was kept at the Rectory, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan, with their accustomed kindness, entertaining the members of the Convention.

The following resolutions were passed most heartily:—

1. That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, for so kindly and cheerfully acceding to our request to be present, and for taking part in the work of the Convention by preaching that admirable and practical sermon, which it was our privilege to hear last evening.

2. That we desire to express our thanks to Rev. A. H. Baldwin, M.A., for his kindness in coming from Toronto, to attend this Convention, and for his excellent address on "*Children's Services*."

The practical results arising from all that had been read, and said, and sung, during the different sessions, are embodied in the seven following resolutions:—

I. That the distinctive teaching of the Church should occupy a prominent position in the Sunday-school.

II. That although it seems unreasonable to expect people constantly employed dur-