

A GREAT CONVENTION, WAS THAT OF THE INTERNATIONAL S. S. ASSOCIATION.

Recently Held in Atlanta—What Was Done by Representatives from the Maritime Provinces—Enthusiastic Over the Results Achieved.

The ninth International Sunday School convention, held recently at Atlanta, Ga., was conceded to be one of the best in the history of the International Association.

The delegates poured into the city of Atlanta from all these places and were provided with homes during their stay. They gathered for the opening session of the convention in the Grand Opera House on the evening of Wednesday, April 28.

The management of the big convention so as to complete the programme with the best results. It was a matter requiring skill, yet all ran smoothly along.

At the first session of the year now entered upon, Hon. E. C. Smith of Atlanta, who was secretary of the Interior under the Cleveland administration, was chosen president.

Mr. T. E. Simms of St. John, was elected vice-president for the Maritime Provinces and Mr. E. B. Machum, also of St. John, the executive member.

During the convention a telegram was received from the governor general of Canada expressing congratulations on the extension of the work and trusting for similar success in the future.

The churches of Atlanta were supplied on Sunday, April 30, by members of the convention. Rev. A. Lucas preached, the Atlanta Constitution says, in the morning at the First Methodist giving "an interesting talk, and Mr. Lawrence of Ohio, delivered an address which was forceful and eloquent.

The 57th anniversary of the Carleton Methodist church Sunday school was held Sunday afternoon in the church. It was largely attended and very interesting.

DR. BRIGGS ORDAINED, THE FORMER PRESBYTERIAN PASTOR NOW AN EPISCOPAL PRIEST.

Some Years Ago the Presbyterian Church Expelled Him as a Heretic—Bishop Potter Conducted the Services Yesterday in the Pro-Cathedral—No Protest Offered.

New York, May 14—In the small though pretty pro-cathedral, on Stanton street in the downtown district this morning, Rev. Dr. Charles A. Briggs, who was found guilty of heresy by the Presbyterian assembly, was ordained a priest of the Episcopal church.

The ordination ceremony was very long, commencing at 10.30 o'clock and continuing until late in the afternoon. If anything the services were hurried a little, and the general communion which followed the ordination of the priest was cancelled.

The large crowd about the little pro-cathedral church as early as 8.30 o'clock. This increased as the ordination ceremony began. The church cannot seat more than 500 people, and there was about twice that number sitting and standing.

Dr. Briggs, who was present Dr. Charles A. Briggs and Rev. Dr. Charles A. Smedley. The Rev. Dr. Cornelius R. Smith, who was to present Dr. Briggs, and who is emeritus rector of St. James' church, and the Rev. Dr. Smedley, who is one of the assistant secretaries of the diocese, arrived later together.

With them was Rev. Dr. Osborne, of Trinity church, Trenton, N. J. All of these went to the office of the Vicar, Bishop Potter, who had to be had to say preliminary to the ceremony. He had no notion of protest and had received no protest. He was in the church and making a scene.

He, however, said that he had received a letter from a protesting section of the Rev. Dr. Briggs, and as this letter was written under a misapprehension of the fact and law, he had answered. He did not intend to give the high up in the councils of the church.

My Dear Sir—Your letter of the 5th instant is before me and I have given consideration to it. It refers to my best interests and to those of the diocese. You exaggerate, however, my power to "take the ordination of Dr. Briggs" to "make the responsibility of setting the Rev. Dr. Briggs, and to "have the courage" of my "convictions" you are apparently under the impression that you are in a position to give within my own diocese. Such is not the case.

Under these circumstances and unless some change affecting the character of the Rev. Dr. Briggs which was not covered by the foregoing testimony had been presented to me, I should not consider myself as having discretion to disregard the plain imperative of the canon.

CLAIMS FROM CUBA, THE ENGLISH, FRENCH AND GERMAN RESIDENTS WILL UNITE.

In Urging the United States to Repay Them for Property Destroyed During the Recent Spanish American War—The Claims Being Gathered.

WASHINGTON, May 14—The state department has been informally advised that claims aggregating a considerable amount have been made by British, French and German residents in Cuba during the recent insurrection, and that these ultimately will be pressed against the United States government.

The claims themselves have not yet been presented, but are being collected by several foreign offices at the claimants' expense. In some cases schedules have been made and the aggregate stated to the authorities here.

The French claims aggregate between 15,000,000 and 18,000,000 francs. The German claims are understood to be slightly under those of the French, while the British claims are said to be considerably more than either the French or German.

These foreign claims are quite distinct from those of citizens of the United States, originally against Spain, for damages sustained in Cuba during the insurrection. The peace treaty specifically provided for these American claimants, and the United States government has been filing. No provisions, however, were made by the treaty for foreign claims against Spain.

Under this majority of the whole standing committee of the diocese of New York, the said committee having been duly convened by the Trinity church in the city of New York, do testify that the Rev. Charles Briggs, D. D., a candidate for priest, had been elected to the office of priest of the Episcopal church for the space of three years last past (or since the 27th day of May in the year 1898, that being the date of admission to deacon's orders), he hath lived piously, soberly and honestly, and hath not written, taught or held anything contrary to the doctrine or discipline of the church; and we hereby recommend him for admission to the sacred order of priests, (the advice and consent required by the canon to the term of candidature and service in the Diaconate, after May 15, 1899, being expressed by the signature of three-fourths of the members of our committee).

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands this second day of March, in the year of our Lord 1899. (Signed) Hon. Gen. Osmund Applegate, J. Shipman, S. Nicholson Kane, H. C. Vonnepost, Thomas R. Harris.

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GREENWOOD, Ont., May 13—Frederick Wood shot his wife twice this morning, she not himself, dying instantly. Mrs. Wood is also dying. Wood quarrelled with his family last spring and as a result was sent to jail for three months.

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