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Our Sunday-School Papers.

AN American pastor, who sends a large order for our Sunday-school papers, writes: "Our committee were delighted with them, and after seeing them never gave a thought to the others presented for examination. I have not the least hesitation in saying that I have never seen any Sunday-school papers that in my judgment anything like approached them. They are peerless." This is gratifying testimony. We hope to improve with every number. Specimens sent to any address free.

The Ryerson Statue.

WE are glad to learn that the project for rendering honour to this distinguished Canadian is approaching completion. An admirable model of the proposed bronze statue has been prepared by Mr. Hamilton McCarthy, an English sculptor, recently settled in Toronto. The *Evening Telegram* thus describes it:

"The model represents the late Doctor standing in the attitude of addressing a public assembly in the cause of education. The right arm and hand are extended and foot advanced, the head slightly turned and the lips a little parted as if speaking, the left hand raised to

the side and holding a book. The attitude is singularly dignified and graceful, earnest yet free from constraint or theatricalism, and possesses a repose essential to a subject of this kind in sculpture. The happy and well-arranged lines of the drapery in the Doctor's robe, in which the figure is draped (as first President of Victoria University), and the small pedestal bearing the arms of the education department by his side—the motto of which he suggested—(*Religio—Scientia—Libertas*) add materially to the unity and success of the composition. The statue is to be nine feet high, and will be placed upon a handsome and appropriate pedestal about fourteen feet in height. The features of the late Doctor lend themselves admirably to sculpturesque treatment, and have enabled the artist to impart (as he has done) dignity, vigour and expression to his work."

We understand that about \$700 are yet needed for the carrying out of this design. A cabinet sized photograph of this model is now before us. It conveys a striking idea of its beauty and dignity. We are authorized by Dr. J. George Hodgins, the biographer of Dr. Ryerson, and Deputy Minister of Education, to say that any Sunday-school or private individual sending a donation of \$2 for the completion of the statue will receive post free a copy of this photograph. Doubtless many schools and individuals will wish to take part in this noble tribute to a noble man. Subscriptions should be addressed, J. George Hodgins, LL.D., Department of Education, Toronto.

The International Sunday-School Convention.

[We condense from our report in the New York *Independent* an account of this Sunday-school Convention.—Ed.]

Though not attracting the attention of the busy world like the great political conventions which have met in this city, the International Sunday-school Convention is, we think, of no less importance to the future welfare of both the nations most largely represented. It is the fifth of those assemblies of Sunday-school workers of the United States and Canada, with a smaller representation from Europe, which have been held triennially for the last fifteen years—at Baltimore, Atlanta, Toronto, Louisville, and now at Chicago. The last we think the most successful of the entire series. Over a thousand delegates and alternates were present, and the meetings were of profound interest and of cumulative enthusiasm. Armory D, a building capable of seating 6,000, formed an admirable place of meeting, and was beautifully festooned and decorated. The delegates represented much of the strength and

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