

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION MEETS

Report Shows Over Eighteen Million Teachers and Scholars in America.

Representatives of all the evangelical churches in the United States and Canada attended the opening of the ninth annual meeting of the Sunday School convention at the Wesleyan building, West Queen street, yesterday morning. It was announced that the next World's Sunday School convention would probably be held at Tokyo, Japan, beginning on May 20, 1920.

Owing to the illness of his wife, President Rev. L. Brabner was absent. The acting president was Rev. Dr. R. M. Hopkins of St. Louis. Rev. Dr. G. T. Webb, secretary of the council, is a well-known former Toronto clergyman, having been pastor of Parkdale Baptist Church, when appointed to his present office. In presenting his annual report Rev. Dr. Webb said: "The conditions of the past reached their culmination in the great world struggle of 1914 to 1918. We face a new world wherein all of life must be lifted up to a plane where the causes of war must be removed so as to give the world a place whose lasting qualities will grow out of something better than contracts and compacts—a peace that is the result of the spirit of brotherhood in the hearts of men.

At the threshold of this new era it is good that organizations should fix the pace and tend to their future activities. This is particularly true of the Sunday school council, where functions have to do with millions of young people, as therefore exerts so great an influence in the future well-being of the nation. Life of Canada and the United States.

Past Year. "The past year has been one of peculiar difficulty in the work of the Sunday schools of the United States. The republic's call for men for army and navy service took the best out of the Sunday schools. The co-operation of young women in war work made similar inroads. In this, the United States learned what Canada has endured through the terrible years of the war. The development of war service organizations demanded the first attention of thousands of people who are the chief support of the Sunday schools. In the face of the difficulties encountered during the work the denominational reports are remarkably encouraging.

The statistics report showed an aggregate of 18,729,913 Sunday school teachers and scholars connected with the evangelical churches in Canada and the United States. The totals for denominations are: Methodist, 7,232,832; Baptist, 4,353,969; Presbyterian, 2,518,081; Disciples, 1,041,000; Congregationalists, 770,448; Episcopalians, 639,169; United Brethren, 422,445; other denominations, 1,252,323. The afternoon and evening sessions were devoted to sectional conferences. The chairman of the council committees and courses of study, B. S. Winchester, referred to the work of Edgar Blake, finance, R. E. Magill, membership, F. M. Brasselmann, in foreign literature, M. J. Treney, home missions, F. M. Hopkins, teacher training, W. E. Chalmers, organization, J. J. Van Ness, conference, A. J. Rowland, children's work, Miss J. L. Davidson, youth people's work, Miss C. P. Maus, adult work, Rev. S. T. Bartlett, building, Rev. P. E. Burroughs, standards, Rev. F. C. Berger, nomenclature, J. V. Thompson, exhibits, W. F. Stevens, postal matters, E. R. Graham, publication, H. V. Meyer, literature for non-English speaking people in this continent, John H. Rice.

Rev. Dr. Briggs, Rev. Dr. A. C. Greese and Mr. Justice, in the afternoon, greeted the visiting representatives at the noon hour luncheon. The council will be in session until Thursday evening.

LILLIAN GISH IN NEW STELLAR ROLE

"The Greatest Thing in Life" at Allen Next Week.

One of the most remarkable scenes that have thus far been shown on the screen is in D. W. Griffith's new Artcraft photoplay, "The Greatest Thing in Life," with Lillian Gish in the lead role, which will be shown at the Allen Theatre next week. The war has swept over a French village in which a young French-American girl, Jeanette Peret, the character portrayed by Lillian Gish, is living with her father. Hampered by the death storm from the great guns, they have taken an underground dugout.

At first no one will answer. At last when it seems as tho her heart must burst, a voice comes at the other end of the wire. It is the voice of one who means more to her than the hope of rescue from the beasts who are beating down her door; it means that the fastidious dandy she loves has found his soul in the muck and glug of the trenches.

New honors await Miss Gish when this vivid and wonderful emotional scene is presented to the public. She is splendidly supported, her leading man being Robert Harron, an actor of ability and wide popularity.

TEACHERS' SALARIES RAISED.

Substantial increases of salary to the secular teachers of the separate schools of the city were granted at last night's meeting of the separate school board. The schedule of wages, which goes into effect immediately, provides for an increase of \$75 for the present and following year, with an annual increase of \$50 subsequently until a maximum salary of \$900 had been reached.

The board granted the request of the medical officer of health for permission to organize branches of the "Little Mothers' League" in the various schools, to take the care of girls over twelve the care of infants.

During the past year the total attendance at separate schools was 1,235,237, as compared with 1,301,408 for the year 1917.

SOCIETY

Conducted by Mrs. Edmund Phillips.

Miss Church, 98 Binscath road, will receive this afternoon. Her sister, Mrs. F. C. Scadding, Cleveland, will receive with her.

At the patriotic concert last night in Massey Hall, arranged by the Women's Musical Club, Madame Julia Clausen was very handsome in a trained gown of ivory satin embroidered with silver, the corsage draped with black and silver, diamond combs in her hair and a diamond pendant. A very large audience greeted the prima donna and Mr. Maurice Dembo, French to be the best cellist in the world. A few of the people enjoying the music were: Lady White, Mrs. Grant Cooper, Lady James, Miss McCreesh, Mrs. Rupert Kingsford, Mr. Fane Sewell, Dr. Thistle and his mother, Miss Bee Francis, Miss MacLean Howard, Miss Baughope, Miss Boulton, Mr. J. W. MacKenzie, Mr. and Mrs. Glyn Osler, Mr. and Mrs. Cassels, Mrs. F. C. Lee, Miss Polson, Miss O'Keefe, Mrs. Glyn Francis, Mrs. Gordon Osler, Miss Marguerite Flourey, Miss Hueston, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Elliott, Mrs. Meredith, Mr. and Mrs. Mairs, Lady Shepherd, Mrs. and Miss Mairs, Lady Moss, Mrs. Moss, Miss Hueston, Mrs. Macklem, Major and Mrs. Christie, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle, Miss Edith Snellgrove, Captain and Mrs. George, Mrs. Edward Byrne, Mrs. Angus MacMahon, Mrs. Victor Cawthra, Miss Gundy, Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Davies, Mrs. Baird, Mrs. Laidlaw, Mr. and Mrs. Humphries, Mr. and Mrs. Snow, Miss Josephine Brouse, Mrs. Stuart Strath, Mrs. Tidy, Mr. and Mrs. Petherstonhaugh, Mr. and Mrs. Garvin, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Clarkson, Miss Allen Kemp, Mrs. Canfield, Mrs. Marks, Mrs. Tudhope, Mrs. Horace Eaton, Miss Milne, Mrs. Frank Smith (who is leaving for New York today), Mrs. Yoris Ryerson, Mr. and Mrs. Bonnard, Mr. and Mrs. R. Y. Eaton, Miss Kathleen Samuel, Miss Fiske, Mrs. Cameron, Mrs. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Douglas, Mrs. Owen Smiley, Mrs. John Dymont, Mrs. MacKellan, Miss Dunlop, Mrs. MacLean MacDonnell, Mrs. Duncan Coulson, Mrs. Frank Cowan, Mrs. Frank Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Paulds, Mrs. W. R. Riddell, Mrs. C. C. James, Mrs. W. H. Ross, Mrs. F. N. G. Starr, Mr. and Mrs. Northey, Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Ross, Mrs. Jarvis, Mr. and Mrs. McWhinney, Mrs. Strath, Mrs. Meredith, Mr. and Mrs. Hemmings, Mrs. Leach, Mrs. John Wright, Mrs. Cecil Gibson, Mrs. J. J. Wright, Miss Hope Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Lambie, Mrs. Barclay, Miss Jeanette Barclay, Miss Michie, Mrs. Will Gale, Mrs. Thistle, Mrs. Fred Winnett, Mrs. Clarkson, Mrs. Gerhard Heintzman, Mrs. Palm, Mr. and Mrs. Le Tard, Mrs. J. J. Main, Mrs. Warren Darling, Mrs. R. S. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Barrett, Mr. and Mrs. Stearns-Hicks, Mrs. Eruso, Miss Holand, Mr. Edmund Phillips, Mrs. Ritchie, the Misses Ritchie, Mrs. Middleton, Mrs. G. Boyd, Mrs. Ferguson, Mrs. Bain, Mrs. John Hall, Mrs. Cleveland Hall, Miss Hay, Mrs. Edward Hay, Mrs. Eastle Hart, Mr. and Mrs. Moe (Oakville), Mr. H. Etches, Mr. and Mrs. Stikeman, Mr. McCauley Pope, Miss Hazel Campbell, Mrs. John Greedy, Mrs. Turnbull.

Mrs. J. B. Lucas has returned to town for the winter and is at present in the parliament buildings. Mrs. Bonnard invited the artists singing at Massey Hall last night for the Women's Musical Club to supper at her house in Jarvis street. She also invited the executive of the club, number about 50, also Mr. and Mrs. McVale and Mr. Artiss, who are playing at the Princess this week. Mr. and Mrs. Bonnard received the latter very handsome in black.

Miss Bessie Baldwin gave a small dance last night at her house in Dunvegan road for her niece, Miss Mary Baldwin.

Mrs. Stanley McCordick and Mrs. Gordon Gooderham are giving a dance for Miss Irene Case at the house of the latter at Clarkson on Monday night, when the guests will motor out.

Mrs. J. W. Trounce is giving a small dance on Friday night at her house in Murray street for her guest, Mrs. C. H. E. Smith, Niagara-on-the-Lake, who is spending a week with her.

Miss Hazel Campbell will sing at the Women's Art Association musicale this afternoon. Mrs. Dignam is arranging the program.

Colonel Levesconte is at the Hotel Belmont, New York. Sir Augustus Nanton and Lady Nanton are at the King Edward from Winnipeg. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Archibald are leaving Halifax for the south late in February.

The 48th Highlanders Chapter I, O.

D. E. is giving a dance in the Masonic Hall on the 18th of February.

Mrs. J. J. Dixon gave a small tea yesterday afternoon at her house in Cluny avenue, about forty-five people being present. The hostess looked her best in a lovely frock of pale grey Georgette crepe with silver embroidery. The tea table was almost covered with a real lace and linen cloth, and the table was set with silver, silver candelabra with shaded lights, and repousse silver bowls filled with tulips, narcissi and other spring flowers.

Mrs. Dixon is giving a small bridge of four tables this afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Humphreys are leaving tomorrow for Pasadena.

Mr. Albert Smythe provided a treat for the Toronto Conservatory School of Expression Alumnae Association on Monday afternoon, when he gave an address on the poetry of Walt Whitman. Miss Elva Stevenson presided, and Miss Louise Kennedy was in charge of the tea. Those present included: Dr. and Mrs. H. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Johnston, Capt. and Mrs. Walter Fritsch, Miss Rita Rogers, Miss Helen Brown, Miss Lillian Foster, Miss Ruth Lampkin, Miss Doris Adams, Mrs. F. A. Brock, Mrs. Herbert Steiner, Miss Marjorie Roy, Miss Lulu Dorn, and Miss Elia Vignon.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Gurney are in town from Ottawa.

Mrs. J. W. Drynan, Miss Armored Drynan, Miss Beatrice Corsan and Mr. Blacklock have returned from Saginaw, Mich., where they have been at the marriage of Miss Leah Polson.

Capt. and Mrs. Rose are expected home shortly and will be the guests of the women's club.

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Hudson Seal Coats, Trimmed.

\$375.00 and \$400.00 Large cape collars, deep cuffs and wide border of fine quality Alaska sable. Reg. \$375.00 and \$400.00. SALE PRICE \$265.00

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\$300.00 and \$325.00 Best quality skins, large shawl and cape collars, deep cuffs of all Hudson seal. Reg. \$300.00 and \$325.00. SALE PRICE \$215.00

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\$400.00 and \$450.00 These coats are made from best quality skins, large shawl and cape collars, deep cuffs of finest Alaska sable, all silk linings. Reg. \$400.00 and \$450.00. SALE PRICE \$285.00

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\$500.00 to \$700.00 Good, even glossy curl, best quality skins, some have sable collar and cuffs, some plain box and semi-fitting styles, pussy willow linings. Reg. \$500.00, \$600.00 and \$700.00. SALE PRICE \$395.00

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\$175.00 and \$185.00 Made from extra fine quality skins, large shawl and cape collars, deep cuffs, full box style, 50 inches long. Regular \$175.00 and \$185.00. SALE PRICE \$115.00

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\$95.00 to \$125.00 Full box style, large cape cuffs, made from good quality skins, 45 and 50 inches long. Regular \$95.00 to \$125.00. SALE PRICE \$72.50

Women's Coon Skin Coats.

\$250.00 Made from extra choice, full furred natural skins, full box style, large cape collars and cuffs, 45 inches long, extra fine coats. Regular \$250.00. SALE PRICE \$185.00

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LOCAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN ABSOLVE ABERDEENS

At the regular meeting of the Local Council of Women held at the Sherbourne House Club yesterday afternoon a report was read of the proceedings of the executive meeting lately held in Kingston. At that meeting a great deal of the time had been devoted to sifting statements made from time to time with reference to Lady Aberdeen's work during her stay in the United States.

The evidence given by C. R. Caerny, chairman of the American Auxiliary of the Women's Health Association of Ireland, who went to the meeting of the executive in Kingston for the purpose, was read, testifying that, all the funds collected by Lady Aberdeen had been accounted for and that \$99,825 had been sent to Ireland.

The fact that the names of Lord and Lady Aberdeen had been on a list of those whose charities were dropped during the war was also explained as a war measure. The fact that this associated the names of Lord and Lady Aberdeen with some discredited persons was a regrettable circumstance, and when brought to the notice of the United States government the name of Aberdeen was removed from the undesirable association.

It was also stated that the Earl and Countess of Aberdeen during their campaign for funds in the United States had personally borne almost the entire expense of traveling, etc. The association of the name Evelyn Nesbit Thaw with the name of Aberdeen on a patriotic entertainment was also explained to the satisfaction of the executive.

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