

of denominational lines, and Canada had the honour of being represented on that committee.

The work assigned to the Committee has been completed, and has absorbed all that was valuable in previous efforts to meet the felt want. The books are now in the market*—the junior portion being the work of the American committee—the senior is presented by the British committee. Both were used at Chautauqua last summer, and at various other points in the United States and Canada; is now being extensively used by classes and in private study. Rev. John McEwen has been appointed by the International Committee, General Superintendent for the Canadian Branch of "The Assembly Normal Union," and a statement of the details will in a few weeks be presented to Canadian workers.

At the Provincial S. S. Convention lately held at Stratford, the Secretary of the Association submitted a series of recommendations, which were unanimously adopted, with one or two verbal changes, and are the following:

1. The formation, in every town and city, of S. S. Teachers' Associations, for mutual improvement in their work, the encouragement of S. S. Teachers' Meetings, weekly, for the study of the lesson, in every congregation, with occasional Union Meetings, for conference on methods of study, reviews, etc. A draft constitution for such Associations will be furnished by the General Secretary, on application.

2. That the S. S. Association of Canada adopt the International Normal Course of Study for Teachers, issue the leaves, conduct their own examinations, and present their own certificates of attainment. This to be carried on as part of the work of the Teachers' Associations, as recommended above.

3. That the claims of the Provincial Association in its work be commended to these local Associations for contributions from schools, so that the general work may be efficiently carried on, and that the responsibility of securing funds be equally distributed over the centres of population.

These recommendations are under the consideration of the new Central Executive, and it is hoped that with as little delay as possible, effect will be given to this united and organized movement for the S. S. teachers.

WHEN the children of Israel were bitten by the fiery serpents, they did not look to the tabernacle and the holy things in it, nor even into the holy of holies, where stood the cherubim and where shone the glory of God; for if they had, they would have died; but they looked simply at what God had commanded they should look at—the *brazen serpent*. Just so must we, who are bitten by the old serpent, the devil, look simply unto Christ.

* This work, "Outline Normal Lessons," can be secured at the Toronto Willard Tract Depository. Price, 50 cents.



THE Bible Society of Scotland has made a grant of 20,000 Gospels, one of which is to be presented to every student as he leaves the examination-hall at the forthcoming great triennial examination of students at Wu-Chang and Canton.

REV. E. P. HAMMOND'S Mission to Children in London has been much blessed of God. He has been assisted by a large staff of earnest workers. The attendance has been so large as to render it necessary to hold overflow meetings. There were two meetings each day—one at 11 a.m. and the other at 7 p.m.

WE have received a letter from Miss Gurney, of London, England, whose consecrated services in behalf of Policemen are well known to many of our readers. In closing, she writes:—"I can safely say that for the last several months I have not passed a week without hearing of the conversion of a policeman, and often three or four. We are now just opening a hall for the recruits of the police, as a reading room, and for Bible classes, etc., and hope by this means to get them interested in the work when they first join the force, and shield them from the many temptations which they meet with when they first come to London.

THE first seven chapters of the book of Leviticus contain a mine of spiritual wealth. We dig because we *know* Christ the treasure is embedded there. The Jew attempted to grope his way through the shadows on to the substance. The Christian, on the contrary, has grasped the substance and hence he can with certainty interpret the shadows of the past. These chapters are replete with interest: they abound in precious detail of Christ, and of His finished work. They naturally divide into two parts: (1) the offerings in all their typical value as estimated by God—His acceptance of and part in Christ's infinitely precious work (chaps. i-vi.); (2) "the *law* of the offerings" in which our part and communion in the person, work and affections of Christ are unfolded (chaps. vi. 8 and vii.).

THE readiest and best way to find out what future duty will be, is to do present duty.

I HAVE found in all my experience that in every temptation the victory much depends on resisting the first onset. To reason for a moment is dangerous.

THE truest help which one can render to a man who has any of the inevitable burdens of life to carry, is not to take his burden off, but to call out his best strength that he may be able to bear it.