

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

A List of the Delegates Who Were at Moncton.

Degrees Presented by Dr. Inch—Report of Progress During the Year.

Addresses by Prof. Andrews, Rev. J. D. Freeman, Prof. Hamill, Rev. G. O. Gates and Others.

MONCTON, Oct. 19.—The session opened last evening in the St. John Presbyterian church. Large delegations arrived by the various trains, but the noon train from St. John brought the great bulk of the workers.

At Moncton the reception committee, with J. H. Watson as chairman, was well in evidence. All delegates were marched off to the Y. M. C. A. hall, where they were assigned their homes and conducted thereto by obliging pages. Delegates are here from almost every county in the province and St. Stephen, St. John, Chatham and many other towns, and even remote villages are well represented.

As the Rev. F. W. Murray of Milltown, the president, had informed that chairman of the executive, T. S. Simms, of his inability to be present, the executive committee elected the Rev. George Steel to act as president until the new officer was installed.

At 7 the session opened with devotional exercises by the president, and the Rev. James M. Robinson, pastor of the St. John Presbyterian church, welcomed the convention to Moncton in well chosen words.

The president made a short reply, acknowledging the welcome accorded by the people of Moncton.

The president appointed the following as a nominating committee: A. Watson, G. S. Wall, J. Willard Smith, Miss Sherriff and Miss Bacon.

Rev. Geo. M. Young gave an address on the Object and Method of Sunday School Association Work. The speaker confined himself well to his subject, and carried the convention along with him.

Prof. Hamill, whose face and form are as welcome as the familiar to the members of the convention, gave his impressions of the great convention held in London during the past summer.

Rev. D. Fliske (by letter), Rev. A. M. Hubby and the field secretary also gave their impressions of the convention.

After singing, the Rev. W. B. Tennant closed the session with the benediction.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

At 8.30 a. m. the delegates assembled. Devotional exercises were conducted by Alex. Burr of Chatham. Rev. A. Lucas and B. A. Vance led in prayer, and the field secretary gave a brief Bible reading on the work of the Holy Spirit.

At 9 the acting president, Rev. Geo. Steel, took the chair, and the minutes of the previous session were read by Geo. Jenkins, the newly appointed recording secretary.

Reports from the county officers were called for, and responses were made by J. M. Peck for Albert, Mrs. Ferguson for Gloucester, Rev. A. M. Hubby for Kings, E. McLean for Northumberland, R. M. Currie for Richibucto, Rev. J. F. Estey for Victoria, and T. S. Simms read reports from York and Sunbury. Most of the reports referred to the organization of normal classes and the successful parish and county conventions. They evinced a growing interest in Sunday school work. Several of the county reports were not to hand, but are to come in in time for the printed report.

Miss J. Mowbray of St. John is engaged as official reporter of the proceedings of the convention.

Prof. Hamill led an interesting half hour on practical work. He emphasized the point that everything depended upon the proper organization of the parish. From parish to county, and from county to province, and then forward to the international organization is the due order. These various points were all well brought out with chosen and ably applied illustrations. The professor drew a star on the blackboard and made that the centre of his teaching, and in this way secured the attention of all delegates. He suggested what met with the approval of the convention, viz., that the same should be incorporated. He also suggested that the unorganized parishes showed where the work of the coming year should be done. Every one was greatly interested in this conference, and the practical good effects must be far reaching.

C. H. Longard of Halifax was introduced, and presented greetings from the Nova Scotia association. He spoke of the advancing methods employed and of the way in which the work was being pushed in all parts of the province. He said that they were out of debt, but were seeking to extend their work by adding new departments. Their normal work was advancing at a rapid rate.

The president nominated, and the convention accepted the following Credentials committee—S. W. Irons, Jas. Bayne, Geo. Jenkins, Resolution committee—Revs. A. M. Hubby and J. F. Estey. Audit committee—J. R. Trites, W. J. Parks and E. McLean.

Mr. Steel made a short reply, in which he acknowledged his great indebtedness to Sunday school work. He highly commended the work done by the New Brunswick Sunday School association.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. T. S. Simms presented the following

report of the executive committee, which was adopted:

The year for which your Executive now make this Report has been made memorable by the World's Third Sunday-school Convention, which was held in the City of London in the month of July. Our own province was well represented by Rev. G. O. and Mrs. Gates, Revs. A. M. Hubby, D. Fliske, W. C. Goucher, Messrs. G. S. Wall, Edgar Robinson, and the Field Secretary. We are sure that benefits will accrue to our home work from the visit of such delegates.

Your General Executive has held four regular meetings during the year, in which close attention has been given to the work which you entrusted to us one year ago. We wish, however, that we could get a fuller attendance of the vice-presidents from counties once or twice per year. We suggest to County Executives that, for their own interest, they send their representative, or an accredited substitute, to meet with us in the more important meetings. Besides these regular meetings, the Central Executive, the Finance and other sub-committees have held several meetings as the work seemed to require. The absence above indicated, there has been an increased co-operation between your Committee and some of the counties. In addition to the large correspondence constantly going on from our secretaries, a considerable number of letters have been written by members of the Committee to county officers, and we believe that better understanding and more united action will result. In addition to our correspondence Mr. T. S. Simms, the chairman, attended the Albert County Convention, and Mr. E. R. Machum, Normal Superintendent, that of Northumberland County.

THE WORK OF THE YEAR. The efforts of your Committee during this year have consisted chiefly of developing, through our various agencies, those departments which have been previously established and which have evidenced themselves as adapted to meet the needs seen by us in our province.

We are aware of the need of more widely extended work, as the enlarging of other parishes and the doing of more detailed work by holding meetings in small places, holding teachers' conferences, and organizing primary schools, and our forces are not yet sufficient to answer to the many calls which come.

THE HOME DEPARTMENT. will be reported by the Superintendent, Mr. Robert Reid, who has earnestly striven to extend it. Testimonies are numerous as to the value of this form of work in increasing Bible study in the home, and allaying with the Sunday-school those who were previously indifferent. We think, however, that its progress is far from what ought to be seen, and we regret that so many schools neglect this true form of mission work which each might engage, bringing greater blessing on the main school, and greatly furthering the salvation of their own locality. We earnestly ask County Executives to consider the advantage of this department in extending the work of universal Bible study.

THE NORMAL DEPARTMENT. Your Committee rejoice in that over 1000 persons during the year have studied the Normal Course in whole or in part, and that while sixty-four graduated last year, one hundred and twenty-three have passed the examination this year. None of this work being done carelessly, for the testimony of the examiners as to the efficiency of the students is most gratifying. The final session of this Convention will be given to Normal Graduating exercises, and as we continue to grow in this educational line, we believe that session will become an institution forming the climax of our Convention, and year by year our work will increasingly commend itself to educational and religious leaders throughout the province.

OUR PRIMARY DEPARTMENT was formed only one year ago, and has not made much progress, except in the St. John Primary Union, which has held regular weekly sessions of great profit. A Primary Union was also formed in Fredericton. One session of this Convention will be devoted to a Primary Conference, and we hope that all primary teachers present will avail themselves of that opportunity. For the months of July and August, we again engaged Miss Clementina Lucas as primary worker. She attended County Conventions, conducted Teachers' Conferences and other meetings. Earnest commendations came from counties which she visited, and we regretted that she could not come to their convention as in previous years, but her return to the Bible Normal College for a post graduate year prevented this. Her report will come before you in the Primary Session.

Appreciating the value of trained workers, and in order to meet the pressing demands of our provincial field, we look forward to engaging at an early date an assistant field worker, giving special attention to primary work.

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The following responses were made: Albert, \$55; Carleton, \$200; Charlotte, \$200; Gloucester, \$30; Kent, \$75; Kings, \$200; Northumberland, \$183; Queens, \$25; Restigouche, \$150; Victoria, \$60; St. John, \$350; Westmorland, \$75; York, \$250.

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Prof. Hamill spoke on the Sunday School as a Spiritual Power. Spiritual forces are dominant, and these centre in the church of Christ. The universality of conscience was made the basis of teaching. The open word of God will never lose its power. The personality of the teacher is a great spiritual power. It pays to live well, scholars are helped by it.

Rev. G. O. Gates was called upon to give some account of his trip to the Holy Land. Before beginning to speak the convention read together the 122nd Psalm. He told of his arrival in Jaffa and of his journey to Jerusalem. There he told of the holy city, its street sights, people, temple area, the mosque of Omar, and all Christian people. The convention was greatly interested in Mr. Gates' address, and all remained to hear what he had to say.

S. J. Parsons answered questions which had been sent up on the platform. They were general questions dealing with the difficulties that are always encountered in Sunday school work. Mr. Parsons showed great skill in dealing with the matters that were committed to him.

MONCTON, Oct. 21.—The closing session opened at 7. The church was crowded by a deeply interested congregation. Each session had grown in interest and numbers, and the fact that the graduating exercises were part of the evening's programme, also contributed to bring together the large gathering. The platform was decorated with flowers. Over the organ was the graduating class banner on which the following names had been inscribed: "Holding forth the Word of Life." Devotional exercises were led by Rev. G. O. Gates. Although Mr. G. has been present at only a part of the session, yet his leading of the singing and words of cheer and instruction have been an inspiration to all.

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