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. 1.9-The ses 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 commit-

e, with J. H. Wetmore 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 st every county in the prov and St. Stephen, St. John, Chathan and many other towns, and even re more villages are well represented town, the president, had informed that chairman of the executive, T. S. Simms, of his inability to be present

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

the executive committee elected the

Rev. George Steel to act as presiden

The president made a short reply acknowledging the welcome accorded

by the people of Monoton. The president appointed the follow ing 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 speak er confined himself well to his subject and carried the convention along with

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

Rev. D. Fiske (by letter), Rev. A M. Hubly and the field secretary also gave their impressions of the conven-

After singing, the Rev. W. B. Ten nant closed the session with the bene-

SECOND DAY-MORNING SESSION At 8.30 a. m. the delegates assembled by Alex. Burr of Chatham. Rev. A. Lucas and R. G. Vance led in prayer, and the field secretary gave a brief Bible reading on the work of the Holy

At 9 the acting president, Rev. Geo el, took the chair, and the minutes of the previous session were read by Geo. Jenkins, the newly appointed re-

cording secretary. Reports fron the county officers were called for, and responses were made by J. M. Peck for Albert, Mrs. Ferguson for Gioucester, Rev. A. M. Hubly for Kings, S. McLoon for for Northumberland, R. M. Currie for Richibucto, Rev. J. F. Rotey for Victoris, 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 me in in time for the printed report. Miss I. Mowatt of St. John is en-

gaged as official reporter of the pro-

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 the forward to the international organization is the due order. These various points were all well brought out with chosen and ably applied ilustrations The professor drew a star on the the process'r drew a star on the blackboard and made that the centre of his teaching, and in tibus way secured the attention of all delegates. He suggested what met with the approval of the convention, viz., that the association should be incorporated He also suggested that the unorgan ized parishes showed where the work of the coming year should be done.

effects must be far reaching. C. H. Longard of Halifax was intro duced, 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 ad-

Every one was greatly interested in

this conference, and the practical good

vancing at a rapid rate. The president nominated on accepted the following: Credential committee-S. W. Irons,

Jas. Bayne, Geo. Jenkins. Resolution committee-Revs. A. M Hubly and J. F. Estey. _J. R. Trites, W. J

Parks and Frank White. Rev. J. C. Berrie and Rev. W. H Lavers write, expressing regret at not being able to be present. Rev. George Steel was elected presi-

dent, convention rising to sing Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow. 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

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMIT-

T. S. Simms presented the following

report of the executive committee

which was adopted:
.The year for which your Executive now make their Report has been made memorable by the World's Third Sun-day-school Convention, which was held in the City of London in the month of July. Our own province was well ented by Rev. G. O. and Mrs. Gates, Revs. A. M. Hubly, D. Fiske, W. C. Goucher, Messrs. G. S. Wall, Edgar Robinson, and the Field Secre tary. 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 emed to require.

Notwithstanding 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 out from our secretaries, a con-siderable number of letters have been written by members of the Committee to county officers and we believe that better undestanding and more united action will result. In addition to this correspondence Mr. T. S. Simms, the chairman, attended the Albert County Convention, and Mr. E. R. Machuni 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.

widely extended work, as the organizing of other parishes and the doing of more detailed work by holding meetings in small places, holding teachers' nferences, and organizing primary work, but 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 allving 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 blessings 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 uni-

THE NORMAL DEPARTMENT. Your Committee rejoice in that over 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 examinations this year. Nor is 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 con-tinue 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

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 countites which she visited. Several 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.

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With a view of increasing interes in this department, the chairman published a circular which was bent to many primary teachers, and several sent small offerings which will be used only for support of a primary worker. GRADED SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

On this we are glad to report pronumber of such has not been great, there has been eager inquiries in County and Parish Conventions, and deo by letters, to an extent never before heard. The progress made by schools which have become well graded and have a system of supplemental lessons is so satisfactory that all who are seeking improvement may reasonably look in this direction. To encourage this we published a thousand copies of a sixteen page leaflet, entitled "An Experience in Sunday-School Grading." This was written by Rev. I D Freeman at the request of your Committee, and while none need follow the exact plans of others, yet we believe that this will lead to thought and action, improving the system of

other schools. PUBLICATIONS.

These have not been so extensive as needed by our work, but have not 1. We published early in year 1500 copies of your Annual Convention Report, a book which is as fresh and profitable to-day, as ever, in wise counsels it contains for better Sunday-school work.

2. Early in the year a sub-commitwas asked to arrange improved statistical forms. These were published and used throughout the counties. 3. Additional copies of our Home Department literature have published to meet the needs of the werk.

4. A new leaflet was published for the furth-grance of the Normal Depart-

5. A thousand copies of a pamphlet on Sunday-school Grading, mentioned in another paragraph, was published for distribution.

We would not overlook the benefits to our work of the column published each week in the Daily and Weekly Sun, and the welcome given to all Sunday-school articles by the Daily Telegraph and other newspapers of cur province. Especially has our work grown stronger by the large circulation of the International Evangel, which we continue to commend.

OUR FIELD WORK. With respect to our Field Secretary not much need be said. His work throughout our province is well known and commends itself almost universally to those interested in the improvement of every school, and the welfare of the rising generation.

We were glad that through the kindess of the International Evangel he was enabled to represent us in the World's Sunday-School Convention, and that the Ontario brethren selected him to speak for Canada.

prayer that he may long be spared Plainfi and blest in this work.

Northumberland County has set a fire tree ood example in employing Miss Edith chum and Rocert Reid, superint Shirreff, formerly a county secretary, who visited nearly every Sundaychool locality in that county, giving detailed instruction vital to Sunday-

school interest. We would also mention in this connection Miss Mary Bacon, of Albert County, who has graduated from the Bible Normal College. It may be that a few counties could combine in employing these ladies for Sunday-school Mission Work to the great advantage of the whole church of Christ.

FINANCE. We would pay a tribute of deserved oraise to our faithful treasurer, Mr.

H. A. White. Our Finance Committee has been more active this year than in others. and the results of its plans will be seen in the future. Some time after ast Convention the Committee out a finance circular to County Excoutives, which among other sugges-tions, asked if many evergreen schools could not send offerings in January as well as June, thus avoiding the neces-sity of a loan for the early months of the year. This was too late to be acted upon generally. Some superintendents consented to do so, but we were delayed in procuring collecting slips, and the plan could not be made effective for this year.

The Committee introduced a small envelope to encourage personal offerings of scholars, which plan some teachers had already made successful. The Committee believe that as our parish officers become better acquainted with the work, and in their Conventions, and visits to schools, instruct superintendents on the reason and advantage of sending one offering per year, that our treasurer will be supplied with funds equal to our needs. A delightful instance was furnished by one parish secretary in York County, who had so instructed the superintendents and forwarded nearly seventy dollars from the schools of that parish. From comparison, we do not know of any association which has a better method of sustaining the work than ours, and we would ask County and parish officers to encourage it all through the year, instead of leaving this effort till June or September.

The Executive Committee is devoutly grateful to Almighty God for His manifess blessing on the work of the past year, and prays that the incoming year may be one of still more abundant good to the Sunday-school work of the province.

·T. S. SIMMS, Chairman.

MONCTON, Dct. 20.-At the after-MONCTON, Dct. 20.—At the after-noon session, H. A. White of Sussex, the treasurer, presented the financial statement. The balance on hand at the beginning of the year was \$26.76. The total expenditure had been \$2,307. The present liabilities, less an amount on hand, were about \$322, This amount will be greatly reduced by what is received during the convention. The statement was referred to the finance and audit committee.

I. B. R. A. tary of the I. B. R. A. work, present-

St. Luke's e, viz., 275. In membership in the I. B. R. A. the churches in this prowince stand thus: Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist and Church of Eng-The movement is almost worldwide, 600,000 annual cards of membership are printed. J. S. Trites, A. Loon and others testified to the benefits arising from the organization. Mr. Parsons explained that the cost of annual membership was only three ecretary of this work since its berinning and has given much time and labor to make it successful.

A telegraphic greeting was, motion of Rev. Mr. Brown, sent to the State of Maine spociation, now assemble in Skowhegan.

Prof. Hamill gave a strong, useful address on The Child and the Bible. He showed what he believed to be the Bible teaching on the subject of child nature. He claimed that while people are influenced by environment, yet physically, mentally and morally there are so many objections to what he called heredity that he could not logically hold it. Great men rarely have great sons. Blind Tom's marvellous faculty for harmony could not be so explained. He said that it was contrary to scripture, and quoted several passages to support his view. "The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him." He did not believe that the educational process was sufficient for the child nature. There must be a distinct acceptance of Christ. He strongly arraigned the hereay of organic religion. There were no family tickets in religious matters. He paid a high tribute to what the use of the Shorter Catechism had done by training the memory of the Presbyterians. This had largely contributed to giving them a proportion of strong and representative men in the United States, out of all proportion to their numbers. The memory should be developed, but not the imagination. Every healthy child has a vivid imagination.

This was to be trained.
T. S. Simms read the report of the retary of primary work. Miss Lucas had given the months of July and August to organizing and extending this department. She is now away at Springfield preparing herself for uture usefulness.
Mrs. Morrison of St. John conducted

a conference on primary work. She made a good impression by showing the need of doing good foundation work. Many questions were asked re-lative to the place of nodels, pictures, separate rooms and other kindred sublects. Quite a number of the delegates took part in this conference. SECOND DAY-EVENING SESSION.

Rev. A. Lucas, field secretary, presented his annual report. It showed a marvellous amount of work done and continued progress in all departments of the field. It referred to his visit to His report will be presented, and we the world's convention in London, also are sure that you will join us in the to the field workers' conference in Plainfield, New Jersey. He spoke in asurer, and also of E. R. Maents respectively of normal and home ents. Leaving out of the ac-

count his visit to England and the United States he had travelled 8,082 miles and taken part in 302 meetings. He urged that more attention be given to the spiritual side of the work Thought that more prayer meetings should be held in behalf of the schools Said that difficulties should not be allowed to discourage one. Prof. Hamill then undertook to raise

the means necessary to carry forward the work during the ensuing year. He made an address full of wit, postry and strong sense on the word money. He claimed that God had blest the Jews with prosperity because they had honored him with their substance. They had been made rich and thrifty because of their giving tithes. He also



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in their money God into partnership and from the Bible to prove his positions; also cited illustrations of men who had been honored and prospered because they had given a certain stated commended the New Brunswick Sunday School association to liberal support. Very fully and samely he expatiated on the passage that "God loveth a cheerful giver." Then he called for pledges from the counties. The following responses were made: Albert, \$55; Carleton, \$200; Charlotte. \$200; Gloucester, \$30; Kent, \$75; Kings,

St. John, \$350; Westmorland, \$75; York. \$250 After this individual pledges vere called for, and several amounts were promised. Altoget and \$2,200 were pledged.

\$200; Northumberland, \$160; Queens,

\$25; Restigouche, \$150; Victoria, \$50;

THIRD DAY-MORNING SESSION. MONCTON, Oct. 20.-Rev. G. O. Gates conducted the devotional exercises, Jeo. Jenkins, A. Lucas, A. Mal-Miss colm and others taking part. Estey presided at the piano.

A. Watson presented the report from the nominating committee as follows Rev. A. Lucas, field secretary and coresponding do.; George Jenkins, recording secretary: H. A. White of Sus sex. treasure.: Robert Reid, superin tendent home department; E. R. Machum, superintendent normal do.; Mrs. D. Morrison, superintendent primary

Central committee-T. S. Simms. St. ohn, chairman; W. J. Parks, Rev. T. F. Fotheringham, W. C. Whittaker, A. Watson, Rev. Geo. O. Gates, J. Willard Smith, Andrew Malcolm, J. S. Trites. County vice-presidents-Albert, Miss Bacon: Carleton, S. J. Parsons: Charlotte. Rev. H. A. Lavers: Gloucester. Mrs. Ferguson: Kent. R. H. Davies. Kings, Rev. A. M. Hubly; Madawaska, Dr. Main; Northumberland, S. McLeon; Queens, Isaac VanWart; Restigouche, R. M. Currie; St. John, R. G. Haley; Sunbury, T. L. Alexander; Victoria, Rev. J. F. Estey; Westmorland, Rev. J. E. Brown: York, Dr. F. W. Barlor.

The report was adopted. J. Willard Smith conducted a con berence on grading Sunday schools. This was so interesting that the time was extended in order that it might be more fully considered. Mr. Smith outlined the scheme adopted by the Queen square school, St. John. Several took part in this, including Rev. J. D. Freeman, Geo. M. Young, Mrs. Fergusor, Prof. Hamill and others. By the numbers of questions asked it is evident that a great deal of interest is being awakened. Some contended that the grading should be according to age, others claimed that it should be based on educational attainments: while others thought that it should be

on supplementary lessons. Prof. Hamill gave an address on ome Methods of Teaching. He instanced five methods, viz., story telling, question, topical, lecture and colloquial. Each of these was illustrated

in a practical way. Robert Reid reported from the home present at only a part of the se department. It was growing in all yet his leading of the singing parts of the province. It had now 114 words of cheer and instruction ments and 3,219 members. Portland Methodist church with Miss Mabel Craig as superintendent, has the largest class in the province. The receipts had been \$67.86, and a balance

of \$13.19 was reported. Rev. J. E. Brown of Moneton dismissed the convention with the benediction.

MONCTON, Oct. 20.-The afternoon devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. G. O. Gates.

A. Watson gave a normal the Home in Relation to the Sunday School. First of all he insisted that the home was the most important factor in child training. Next came the school. But the training of the child commences at both. Home influence more constant and consequently more influential. The home has more constraining power; Sunday school and Rev. Geo. M. Young. teachers cannot say you must, they Some of the examiners spoke in can only say you ought. Next he high terms of the general excellence showed how the home might help the of the papers. Dr. Inch stated that Sunday schools; first by suggesting not one had come into his hands that the teaching through the home read- was not creditable. One reason why Sunday schools; first by suggest ings; next it supplements the work of so few of those enrolled had presented the Sunday school. Mr. Watson com- themselves for examination was that plained that religious teaching was the classes were organized too late not so general as formerly. One delegate denied this, but the

onsensus of opinion was with Mr. Watson Prof. Andrews of Mt. Allison uni- convention with a solo. versity gave un address on the Sunday chool as an Educational Agency. He began by urging teachers to labor on even if they did not always see good results. He insisted that educ should be kent to the front. Life was adjustment to environment. A man who believes that bribery is not wrong is apt to adjust himself to that environment. Teachers need so to do their work that their scholars will adjust their lives to what they learn in the school. Very strongly he commended the memorizing of Scripture. There should be some organized sysem of truth. They should stand in definite order to each other. Maps and blackboards should be freely and intelligently used. In Sackville they were organizing a home department, which was being well received. He suggested that each Sunday scholar should take a note book and pencil. In this way any interesting fact could be taken down. Reviewing was strongly insisted upon. This would make their work effective. They were going to have written examinations. Sunday schools are abused by being put in the basement.

Rev. J. D. Freeman spoke on the Sunday School as an Evangelistic Agency. As a Baptist minister he warmly endorsed the work of the N. B. S. S. association, and was sorry that all ministers of the church to which he belonged did not see with him on this subject. The Su school presents special opportunities for evangelistic work. Youth is the time to find Christ. Then life is especially sensitive to the Holy Spirit. The things of God may be made deep things of God may be made manifest to the heart of a child. Youth is the most favorable time for the achievement of spiritual result Some-



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mes the church has been hostile to the children. Yet even then it has won its best results among children. Christ has pre-empted the kingdom of bad from children. Best quality of Christian character comes from chil. dren. Character is not built in a day If this time is lost and unimproved serious damage must ensue. The soul and the church and Christ has suffered loss. All must seek to possess the evangelistic spirit. The school and the home must be kept in close con-

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. R.v. 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 Pealm He told of his arrival in Jaffa. and of his journey to Jerusalem. Then he told of the holy city, its street sights, people, temple area, the mosque of Omer, and many other objects of interest to 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 plates. They were the usual 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 members, and the fact that the graduating exercises were port of the evening's programme, also contributed to bring together the large gathering. The platform was decorated with flowers. gan was the graduating class motto: "Holding forth the Word of Life." Devotional exercises were led by Rev. G.O.Gates. Although Mr. G. has been

been an inspiration to all. At 7.30 the president took the chair. The members of the graduating class, who were present at the convention marched in, preceded by the banner on which were the mystic letters N. B. S. S. A., 1898. On the platform were E. R. Machum, superintendent of the provincial normal work; Dr. Inch, superintendent of education: Rev. A. Lucas, field secretary; Rev.

J. M. Robinson, Rev. W. W. Lodge. and Prof. Hamill. Mr. Machum gave an interesting report, which showed great progress during the year: 1,324 students had enrolled and 123 diplomas had been awarded. Many classes had already

got to work for this year. The examiners were Dr. Inch, Dr. Hay, Rev. F. W. Murray, Rev. Henry W. Stewart, Rev. W. O. Raymond, Rev. Dr. McLeod, Rev. Geo. O. Gates

last fall to complete the year's work.
The committee hope soon to have a four years' course arranged. J. H. Wetmore greatly delighted the

Mr. Machum then look charge of the exercises. Between 45 and 50 of the graduates were arranged around the platform and Dr. Inch presented the degrees. He and the convention read port of the 19th Psalm. After this he spoke suitably to the graduates. He was glad to see some day school teachers among them, as he had always urged these when he had an opportunity to connect themselves with the church. He regarded no education complete which leaves out the religious element. The will, the intellect, and the moral nature must all be trained. The civil power as such is not concerned with teaching religion. It is, however, the duty of the state to protect the church and the home in teaching religious truth. The superintendent's remarks were well received. Forty-one honor diplomas were awarded. To obtain one of these an average of 90 marks was necessary. Sixty-three pass diplomas were awarded. To obtain one of these, 70 marks was necessary, while 19 had passed the post-graduate examination and received displomas therefor. Their names have all been previously published in the Sun. Mrs. Lyman sang, "The Beautiful

City." All enjoyed this. The rising of Prof. Hamill to speak was the signal for the Chatauquan salute, and handkerchiefs were very freely used. The professor has gained a strong hold on the Snuday school workers of the province. His address to the graduates was declared to be equal to the best that he has ever done at any of the conventions. It was a model of chaste English. None of the international workers excel the professor, and the convention would like to have him every year.

Mr. Maxhum stated that the execu-

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