

Amount of money collected for all purposes, \$2,801.53, an increase of \$675.18 over last year. There was on hand a balance of \$8.10. The report was adopted.

Rev. C. C. Owen read his paper on "Our Elder Scholars, and How to Keep Them." It was an essentially practical paper, and contained some excellent original suggestions.

We shall give the paper in full next month.

Mr. Jardine, who was the selected speaker on the paper just read, gave an interesting and valuable address based on close observation and extensive experience. In speaking of the causes that might be given for the frequent non-attendance of elder scholars, he said that both pupils and schools were to blame.

A big lad will often refuse to attend a Sunday school or Bible class, if he is treated as a child, and spoken to as if he were one.

The companionships formed between the ages of 15 and 18 had a great deal to answer for.

When a boy has been confirmed, he has got a step above Sunday school, and some definite Christian work should be given him to do, to make him feel that he is a co-worker with his elders.

There are often faults in the school itself: no proper accommodation for elder scholars, no effort put forth to show them that we really want them, no proper appliances for giving them teaching that will appeal to their reasons as well as their hearts.

The opening and closing services at Sunday school are too often slovenly and undignified; this tends to breed contempt and indifference on the part of young people.

The teaching is too often childish and superficial, and the teachers quite unprepared both as to manner of teaching and matter to be taught. Teachers ought to teach so as to command respect.

There is an absence of our leading church members. Boys and girls have a respect for such. Interest taken by our best people will draw the young folks.

There is often too little attention paid to the claims that rightly belong to the young people. They resent being treated as little folks.

Above all, our Sunday schools too seldom succeed in bringing their pupils to a conscious realization of their standing, and responsibilities, and privileges as baptized members of Christ, who died for them.

Mr. L. A. Hamilton spoke of the difficulty in retaining the older classes during the summer months. The scholars always fell off in number during the summer, and the fault probably lay in the teachers. Sufficient attention is not paid to the institution of proper intermediate teachers, the primary teachers very often lose their grip on the pupils as they grow older. Teachers should cultivate a bright sunny manner, if they do not happen to be possessed of one naturally. A pleasant manner and a bright face influence young people greatly.

Opinions and suggestions were offered by Rev. Mr. Owen, Messrs. R. D. Richardson, Hurst, and others.

The other papers by Rev. Canon Coombes and Rev. W.

H. Baldock, on "Entertainments in Sunday School," were postponed until Monday afternoon on account of the lateness of the hour.

After the singing of a hymn and the pronouncing of the benediction, the convention adjourned.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SERVICE.

The Church of England Sunday school rally at Holy Trinity church on Sunday was a great success. The church was crowded to overflowing with the scholars of the different Sunday schools, their teachers and friends, many of the older portion of the audience having to stand throughout the service, though chairs were placed in the aisles. The singing of well-known hymns was a particularly inspiring part of the service, and in addition to the organ there were the combined orchestra of Holy Trinity and St. George's schools, under the direction of Mr. A. H. Wheeler. Ven. Archdeacon Fortin, Rev. J. J. Roy, Rural Dean Burman, Rev. J. A. Richardson and Rev. C. C. Owen took part in the services, and His Grace the Archbishop pronounced the benediction. The address was given by Rev. E. L. King, of Virden, on the text, "So run that ye may obtain." He illustrated his address by a reference to the use of a bicycle, and brought out many good points, while the interest of the youngest present was sustained throughout.

SECOND DAY.

The closing meeting of the Sunday School Union was held on Monday afternoon, May 10, the president, Rural Dean Burman, presiding.

Rev. Canon Coombes read a most useful paper on prizes and entertainments for Sunday School scholars. He held that examinations should be more frequent than at present; and, in the awarding of prizes, he was in favor of giving to all who obtained a certain percentage of marks.

The selected speaker, Rev. Wm. Clark, of Morden, said that unselfishness should be the leading feature in all Sunday school treats. He was in favor of having two treats every year, a day party in summer, and an evening one in winter. These should be throughout for the benefit of the children, and should be subordinated to no other end. Diffident and bashful children should be encouraged to take part. Teachers should try to have their pupils at their houses to tea once or twice a year, as in this way could they best get into touch with them. In all these gatherings there was a chance for inculcating good manners, courtesy, and kindness.

In the discussion which followed, a number of valuable points were brought out. Among those who took part were Ven. Archdeacon Fortin, Canon Matheson, Rural Deans Hewitt and Burman, etc.

Rev. Mr. Baldock, of Foxton, read a solid and practical paper on "How to Best Promote Sunday Schools in Country Places." He explained that owing to the question of Sunday school work having been gone into so fully, a good deal of his paper would not be new. It was, nevertheless, much appreciated by those present.