

present position. Since arriving in the Old Land, Mr. Bloomfield has married, so that we shall all congratulate him and wish him luck and a safe return to Victoria in a due course.

### WHY THE CONVENTION IS AT REGINA.

In three months' time our fourth convention will be under way in Regina. Although this is our fourth meeting, to Regina goes the honor of holding the first Dominion-wide gathering. Until the actual time came to discuss the place for this meeting, it is very doubtful if Regina was thought of in this connection by most of those interested, and the small middle west branches have to thank Regina's representative, the present Vice-President, for the fact that once again they have a splendid opportunity to be represented in person at a very small financial outlay. Perhaps of all our Western branches, the Saskatchewan Capital is the most suitable and the most get-at-able for all to reach, and the Vancouver convention had the Semi-Staff offices uppermost in mind when it decided to hold the next convention in this city. Our small branches will therefore be well advised if they make every effort to be personally represented on this occasion as it is probable that it will be a long time before another such opportunity occurs.

Alberta has had two conventions, last year it was on the Pacific coast and now it is to be in Saskatchewan. It is a practical certainty that, after this year, the conventions will go eastward possibly for several years and the expense of attending, in that case, will be more than some of our smaller offices can be expected to meet. We do not believe that this can be said by any Western branch this year, so that it is hoped that every City will accept the chance while they may. In the past, each year has seen an improved convention, and at present everything points to this being more noticeable than ever this coming July. See to it that your branch helps to make it so.

### MUSINGS OF "HEB."

#### The Parcel Department.

Good morning, Sir, See what? Oh! here it is, thanks, nice morning, oh, yes; it's dreary being tied up in here, but of course it has its little compensations, you see

some funny situations. Just a minute, yes, Mam, now just again please, and a little slower, I see, now I'm beginning to see what you are talking about, you sent a parcel away to England and they never got it. When did you send it? But, Mam, it takes 14 days to go, you see Mam, you sent that parcel too early, you should have saved it another three years and sent it by the new route, via Hudson Bay. Oh, yes; much shorter—couldn't say as to it being any cheaper Mam.—No,—there's no advance posting. There's lots of advance swearing Mam, but that won't interest you, good-bye. I was talking of funny situations, excuse me—Good morning Miss,—a parcel,—what name?—Oh, yes, how stupid of me, Miss Jones to be sure,—what street do you live in Miss Jones? Oh! where do you live? — in a balloon—oh, an apartment block. The Oliver Block, quite a nice block that, here we are, Miss Jones, Oliver Block, lovely weather Miss Jones, mind the step, last one the lowest, good-bye.

72 cents, please,—never mind what he said, it's 72 cents. He doesn't understand parcels, he's giving you commissions on money orders, he can't weigh a parcel, even, it's an art, sir. A parcel clerk is the seventh wonder of the world, you see, put the parcel on the scales so, if it bumps down, well, it's conclusive it's heaviest on the side it bumps on. Of course, while performing this operation you must hold your breath. This is in strict confidence, of course, as it's against regulations to give out information,—good-bye. Well, sir, you see the entanglements a parcel clerk is liable to get into and the questions he gets. A lady said to a clerk one day—"Say, young man, what's the difference between the one cent war tax and an ordinary one cent stamp"? Well, that needed some concentration of thought, but then a parcel clerk is always ready. "Well, Mam, he said, there's no difference at all, only the mucilage on one is a little stronger than on the other." Oh, you meet some queer customers. There is one in particular: the "dear old lady," you know, the fussy person who was not expecting a parcel, but thought she would just call, as there might be one, and she calls twice a day. Then there's the person who calls for the parcel that was never sent.—"They told her they sent it and it must be here some place." Then there's Mrs. Smith's family, who are expecting a parcel at Christmas from their Auntie Liza, in England, and they begin to anticipate its arrival the June previous, and each member of the family makes one trip a day from June on. And last, but not least, is the humbug who will insist on selling you a Bible.