

on the better use of the Bible in all services of worship.

Rev. N. McKay gave a profitable address on Better County Sunday School Work. Several joined heartily in discussion. D. P. McLachlan, the active county secretary, read his report. It showed improvement over last year, but he had not been able to get all the parishes to make reports of their work.

Reports of committees were given. The nominating committee report being accepted, Mr. Henderson was re-elected as president and D. P. McLachlan as secretary with a staff of vice-presidents and executive committee, which it is hoped will greatly bless the work of the county through the year.

The evening session was held in the Methodist Church. In the absence of the pastor and of the president, the superintendent, Mr. Ford, presided. Excellent papers were read bearing on the important features of Sunday School work and the Field Secretary spoke on the association work through the province, especially their own county.

GLOUCESTER COUNTY CONVENTION

Was held on August 5th. It opened at 10.30 in the Presbyterian Hall at Bathurst Village. In the absence of both president and secretary, the Field Secretary was asked to preside, and Miss McMurchy, of Toronto, kindly acted as secretary for the convention. If measured by numbers in attendance, this would not, to a stranger, compare well with more favored protestant counties. But to those who measure it by the work done and the interest manifested, there was an advance on last year. Mr. Lucas expressed regret at the absence of several, unavoidably away, but was glad to welcome Principal McMurchy, of Toronto, Rev. Mr. Nelson, now supplying the Presbyterian Church in pastor's absence, and Rev. J. Seller, as a new Methodist pastor in their midst.

The first subject on the programme was Parish Organization: What is the best substitute in Gloucester Co. This was led by Mr. Lucas, whose visits to that field enabled him to suggest the formation of their protestant congregations into three districts for more aggressive work. He gave illustration in the condition of some places which might have been helped during the year by such methods. Several friends joined with interest in the discussion of this subject. After appointment of committees, a twenty minutes' prayer service was held in behalf of county and parish officers, and for the extension of gospel in neglected districts.

In the afternoon session Principal McMurchy gave a thoughtful talk to workers on "Being fitted for the work they were called to do." This was discussed by Mrs. Ferguson and others. Mr. Lucas put a few of the salient points of that address on the blackboard, that they might continue to impress. After singing, he introduced to the convention Dr. W. B. Geikie, from Toronto, who in an animated address gave some practical "Hints to Sunday School Teachers." We wish our

space permitted some of the suggestive profitable points in these addresses.

Mrs. Ferguson presented the report of the nominating committee which was adopted. The following are the new officers: Rev. A. F. Thompson, president; Mitchell Grant, sec-treas.; Miss Armstrong, rec. sec; vice presidents—Mrs. Ferguson and Amos Eddy for Bathurst district, Mr. Hickson for New Bandon district, Mr. J. W. Young for Caraquette, Miscou and Tracadie, Rev. J. Seller and Mrs. McLean as the additional members of executive committee.

Mr. Lucas read the statistical report of their county which showed 14 schools, 9 of which were open all the year, 12 of which use the International lessons, but only 2 hold teachers' meetings. There are fifty officers and teachers, with an enrollment of 412 scholars, of which 55 have been received into church membership during the year. These schools collected \$29.72 for missions and \$8.40 for Provincial Sunday School Association. Attention was called to the sad fact that three schools have ceased through the year and a fourth had, until re-opened on the visit of the Field Secretary last Saturday. Some of these could probably have been saved by the work which this association aims to do by its system of vice presidents and occasional parish or small district conventions. One new school had been opened in the year.

Before the afternoon session closed, the chairman expressed the thanks of the convention to their visitors from Toronto. Personally he felt that through them the two provinces had a link of connection in Sunday school work. While they in many respects were more highly favored in their protestant city he hoped they would carry back with them a prayerful interest in this county and our association work through this province.

The evening meeting was held in the Methodist church, Bathurst town. Mr. Amos Eddy presided. Rev. J. Seller gave a Bible reading on God's promises to His workers, and the Field Secretary gave an address on the Association work throughout the province.

The Secretary's Field Notes, in which he tells of the work in Restigouche, Gloucester and Northumberland counties, have been crowded out of this issue. Our space being so limited, we are unable to get in all the interesting matter that offers.

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THE BOOK OF ACTS.

Period of Transition.

1ST DRILL, SEPT. 4TH—THE FOUR STEPS.

This period includes the great change from Jewish to Gentile Christianity. It begins with a Jewish church at Jerusalem, and closes with a Gentile Church at Antioch. The period is given in chapters 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12. There are four distinct steps forward:

1. After the death of Stephen and first dispersion of the Jerusalem church, Phillip began preaching the gospel to the Samaritans.

2. The next year Paul, the future great apostle to the Gentiles, was converted and began his ministry.

3. Two years later, the Roman Pagan Cornelius and his household were received directly into the Christian Church.

4. Between 43 and 48 A. D., while the mother Church at Jerusalem was being persecuted by Herod, a Gentile church was formed at Antioch and the Gospel for the first time preached to heathens.

BLACKBOARD OUTLINE.

Phillip's Preaching.
Paul's Conversion.
Samaritans Admitted.
Reaching to Heathens.

2D DRILL, SEPT. 11TH—CHIEF PERSONS.

Eight persons are prominent in the period:

Philip, the first preacher to those not Jews.

Simon Magus, the pretender of Samaria.

The Eunuch, the African proselyte.

Paul, the young pharisee and convert.

Cornelius, the pagan.

Herod (Agrippa I.), the second great persecutor.

Peter and James, the victims of Herod, the first a prisoner, the second a martyr.

BLACKBOARD OUTLINE.

Preacher.
Pretender.
Proselyte.
Pharisee.
Pagan.
Persecutor.
Prisoner and Martyr.

3D DRILL, SEPT. 18TH—CHIEF PLACES.

Five cities are prominent: