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International Sunday-school Convention.

THIS important triennial Sunday-school Assembly meets in the second week in June—from the 11th to the 13th—in the city of Louisville, Kentucky. It is sure to be an occasion of very great interest and profit. The place of meeting being in the very heart of the continent, upon the border line between the Northern and Southern States, and almost in the centre of population, it is expected to be more largely attended than any previous Convention. It is anticipated that from 1,700 to 2,000 delegates will be present. Arrangements have been made to give to Canada, and we think also to the several states of the Union, in addition to the usual representation of appointed delegates, an equal number of alternates, who shall have the same privileges as delegates in every respect,

except that they will not have the right to vote. Delegates and alternates must be appointed by Sabbath-school Associations of Ontario and Quebec, and of the Maritime Provinces.

Louisville is a beautiful city on the Ohio, 110 miles south-west of Cincinnati, by the Louisville and Nashville Railway—the main trunk-line of the south and south-west. It is about the size of Toronto, and abounds in beautiful homes and elegant churches. The citizens have a well-earned reputation for generous Southern hospitality, and we are sure that they will maintain their historic reputation.

The foremost Sunday-school workers of the world will be present at the Convention—Vincent, Jacobs, Trumbull, Cunningham, Hazard, Hurlbut, Crafts, Dunning, S. H. Blake, McEwen, and hundreds more from both sides of the line and both sides of the sea. They will bring their best gifts, their most inspiring words, their most sacred baptism of wisdom, love, and power, to this focus of Sunday-school enthusiasm. Much prayer should go up to God for His richest blessing on this gathering, that there may go forth therefrom such a fire of Christian zeal, as shall wrap the whole continent in its flame.

The programme of the Convention has not yet come to hand, nor have the arrangements for travel been announced. The executive committee, however, are making arrangements for reduced rates from all parts of the continent—we will not be sure about Alaska and Honduras—which we will duly announce. From central Canada the most direct route will be by way of Credit Valley or Grand Trunk and Michigan Central Railway, via Detroit and Toledo, thence by the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton Railway, and from Cincinnati by the Louisville and Nashville Railway to Louisville.

Just as hundreds of the Southern delegates who attended the Toronto Convention three years ago made it part of their programme to visit the Niagara Falls, so, we doubt not, many Canadian delegates to the Louisville Convention will take advantage of being so near the other great wonder of nature, the Mammoth Cave of Kentucky, to pay it a visit. It is only eighty-five miles south by the Louisville and Nashville Railway—about three hours ride. Full particulars of the present writer's visit last fall to this greatest cavern in the world, with full particulars as to how it may be reached, will be found in two splendidly illustrated articles in the February and March numbers of the *Canadian Methodist Magazine* for 1884.