

effect. When Prof. Shortt is away delivering his Ottawa lecture our poor library is left entirely alone. The student who discovers that he wants a book on Friday afternoon, to use on Saturday and Monday, has got to wait till Monday afternoon before he can get it. It needs little argument to demonstrate that this is very inconvenient. Here is a chance for our assistant librarian, and we trust at no distant date to see him in his place.

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Last July, the National Educational Association of the United States, in the form of an army of at least 15,000 Teachers, invaded Toronto. They were met by about 1,500 Canadian Teachers, and there was a high old time for several days. Some talked sense and some talked nonsense. Some spread themselves and the wise compared notes and picked up hints. The welcome and the closing meetings at the Mutual Street Rink were the Alpha and the Omega of the Convention, and impressions were made at these that will not soon be forgotten. At both meetings the Principal spoke as the representative of Canada, and it would seem that, as *Grip* puts it, they "distinctly approved" of him, for he has received a pressing invitation to address them again next July, at the Convention to be held then at Saratoga Springs, New York. What was noticeable last July was that few university representatives from Canada were present, compared with the number of Principals and Professors from the United States. This was surely a mistake, when the importance of such an association is considered. University men should keep in touch with the High and the Public and Private Schools of the country, and they can do so best by taking an interest in such associations, and guiding them in right directions.

One outcome of the Convention in Toronto was the formation of a Canadian Educational Association that gives promise of being a reality. Everything at the outset depends on the wisdom, energy and organizing power of the officers, however, and we hope that the right men were chosen at the meeting at which the new Association was launched. It would be wise not to attempt too frequent meetings. Biennial Sessions would probably be sufficient, and on the alternate years atten-

dance could be given at the Convention in the States. In that case the National might become an International Association.

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PRESIDENT HARRISON'S ADDRESS

TO THE ECUMENICAL METHODIST COUNCIL IN
WASHINGTON.

WE have so often heard the President of the United States referred to as a common-place man that we have had no difficulty in assigning him a place. But, here is a speech that he made recently to a great representative audience that makes us reverse our judgment and say to him, "Friend, go up higher." Lincoln's public addresses showed that an "obscure ex-rail-splitter" could speak like a born king of men; and this almost impromptu speech of President Harrison is enough to give him a seat among kings. When we consider the audience and the high position of the speaker, it must be confessed that seldom have words been more fitly spoken:—

"I came here this morning to make an expression of my respect and esteem for this great body of delegates assembled from all the countries of the world, but much more to give a manifestation of my respect and love for that greater body of Christian men and women for whom you stand. Every ecumenical conference is a distinct step in the direction, not only of the unification of the church, but the unification of humanity. Assembling from countries unlike in their civil institutions, from churches not wholly in accord as to doctrine or church order, you come together to find that the unlikeness is not so great as you had thought, and to find these common sympathies and common purposes greater and larger than you had thought.

I am glad to know that as followers of Wesley, whose hymns we sing, you have been in consultation as to the method and the time when these minor differences among you may be obliterated. It is the natural order that sub-divisions should be wiped out before grand divisions of the church could be united. Who does not greatly rejoice that the controversial touch of the church is less than it once was; that we hear more of the Master