

THE INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The method of Teachers' Conventions, with whose good results in secular teaching our readers are so familiar, has been applied at Toronto with the happiest effect in the Sunday School. Delegates from all parts of this continent met in brotherly union under the presidency of that vigorous, intellectual champion of all good work, Hon. S. H. Blake. The Sunday School has now been in existence for three centuries, since the first one was established, not as is popularly thought by Robert Raikes, but by that good man and friend to children, St. Charles Borromeo, in the Cathedral of Milan. To the Sunday School the secular school is indebted for a model of teaching in which discipline is maintained by love, not by fear. The two schools, the Sunday and the week day, supplement each other; they are engaged in the same all-important work, and should be guided by the same spirit.

—The annual commencement of De La Salle College, Toronto, was held in St. John's Hall, Bond Street, on the 24th ult. His Grace the Archbishop of Toronto presided. A large audience attended, and an excellent programme of readings, recitations and music—vocal and instrumental—was provided. The salutatory address was delivered by Mr. W. Culkin, and the valedictory by Mr. H. W. Brennan. A brief address was delivered by the Archbishop, who referred to the indefatigable and praiseworthy labours of the Christian Brothers in the College during the past twelve months, as shown by the proficiency of the students and pupils in the late examinations. He exhorted the latter to prize the education they were receiving as so much capital upon which they could in future draw to meet every exigency of life. The premiums were then distributed, medals awarded, and diplomas granted to their respective recipients. The music was ably conducted by Mr. J. C. Campbell, leader of La Salle Institute band.

—The exercises in connection with closing the seventh session of the Brantford Young Ladies' College were of an interesting and attractive nature. They included a sermon preached to the graduates by the Rev. Dr. Cochrane, and a concert in Wyckliffe Hall to an appreciative and crowded audience. The commencement proceedings were held in Zion Church, under the presidency of the Rev. D. D. McLeod. Miss Halse, of St. John, N.B., delivered the valedictory essay. Principal McVicar, Moderator of the General Assembly, gave an eminently practical address on Female Education, and spoke in high terms of the college work. The Revs. J. Laing and R. N. Grant also delivered addresses, after which Miss Allport, of Orillia, was presented with the Governor-General's Silver Medal for proficiency at the Toronto University Examination held in the College, and proficiency medals were awarded to Miss A. Chambers, of Paisley, and Miss A. J. Burns, of Toronto. The latter young lady obtained also the medal for mathematics.

—We are glad to learn that Mr. S. P. Davis, M.A., House-master of Pickering College, has been promoted to the Principalship vacated by the resignation of Mr. Bryant. Mr. Davis is a Gold Medallist of the University of Toronto, a gentleman of fine culture, an excellent teacher and a thorough disciplinarian. His long experience in the Whitby and Stratford High Schools, and the success which he has everywhere secured as a teacher, have certainly merited for him his appointment, while his practical acquaintance with the workings of the College, and the ability with which he has discharged the duties of the House-mastership, have justified the Collège Committee in thinking of no other person as Principal. Mr. Davis has been fortunate in the choice of his assistants, having secured as House-master Mr. W. H. Huston, B.A., late Assistant Master in Whitby Collegiate Institute, and as Mathematical Master, Mr. W. V. Wright, of the University of Toronto.

—The assembling together of the Teachers of North Simcoe at their convention, a short time since, was taken advantage of to present their esteemed Inspector, Mr. J. C. Morgan, M.A., with a valuable silver service and a complimentary address. The presentation was made by Mr. Neil Campbell, and the address read by Mr. George Sneath, Jr. The latter was neatly written, and worded as follows:

To J. C. Morgan, Esq., M.A., Inspector of Public Schools, and President of the Teachers' Association of the North Riding of the Co. Simcoe.

DEAR SIR,—The Teachers of the North Riding of the County of Simcoe, of which you have been Inspector for the past ten years, have long felt it their duty to express publicly their sincere appreciation of you as a zealous Inspector, a gentleman in every sense of the word, and a friend most faithful and true. The many personal inconveniences you have incurred in our behalf, both in your educational and social capacities, have created in us a regard and affection for you that no words can thoroughly convey, and in the silent sincerity of our appreciation of you we all hope in our hearts that you may long be spared to the grand cause of education and to the many friends of that cause, in this Riding, whose head and guide you are. A gift of a silver service accompanying this address we trust you will accept as a trifling token of the esteem, admiration and affection in which you are held by us.

Signed on behalf of the Teachers of the North Riding of the County of Simcoe.

N. J. CAMPBELL,

Secretary.

GEO. SNEATH,

Vice-Pres.

—The Church of England school managers and teachers in England meet in convention together for the purpose of considering the best methods of advancing the highest interests of the schools in their charge. This is as it should be. The enemies of the schools unite, why should not their friends do likewise? Many parents, and even some trustees, think that teachers meet in convention with a view to getting the holidays extended, or securing some benefit to themselves at the expense of the public. Would it not be well if, in Canada at least, one trustee from each school section attended the semi-annual meeting of the Teachers' Convention? The programme could be arranged so that one day could be devoted to general business, and the other to strictly professional work. We are convinced that such a course would establish a better understanding among the friends of education.