

The Teachers Monthly

Rev. E. Douglas Fraser, D.D., Editor
Rev. J. M. Duncan, D.D., Associate Editor

Vol. XVI.

Toronto, May, 1910

No. 5

May 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 ; each one of these days will be an important day in the proceedings of the World's Sunday School Convention, to be held in Washington, D.C., on the dates mentioned. The main purpose of this world organization is missionary. It is inter-denominational in character, and by cooperating with missionary organizations and otherwise, seeks to extend the work and increase the efficiency of Sunday Schools, especially in those regions of the world most in need of help. Foreign missionaries are given a first place as delegates. The Adult Bible Class movements as a missionary force will bulk largely in the programme. Canada should have a goodly contingent in the great parade of 10,000 Bible Class men, and amongst the 10,000 Bible Class women on the review stand, on Friday, the 20th. Washington is easily reached. May in Washington is a delightful season, and the Convention is a note-worthy one.

Christ the Provider

The yearly miracle of spring is with us. Already, in the growth on every side, we read the promise of the coming harvest. As silently as the manna fell, the mighty processes of nature, under the impulse and mastery of the divine Hand, are preparing food for the world's hungry multitudes.

In the miracle we have also a parable. The earth's yielding of its strength to feed the body is the physical parallel of Christ's giving of His fulness to meet the needs of the soul. He is the great spiritual Provider. In Him, every part of the inner nature finds complete satisfaction. The sage and the child sit together at His feet, and He fills

their minds with heavenly wisdom. The heart that loves Him and enjoys His love, knows a glad content that worldly treasures can never give. In His presence, the spirit, elsewhere restless and weary, reaches its true rest and home.

Life Methods

By Rev. E. A. Henry, B.A.

There are just three methods of living from which every one must make his choice :

The meagre method. It is the method of the one who just wants to get within the sphere of God's benevolence, who wants to remember the possibilities of life and its issues, just sufficiently to save himself from the inconvenience of forgetting.

This is a pitiable method, with a pitiable completion. "If a temple is to be strong, every stone from foundation to dome must be cut and set with care ; if the texture of a fabric is to be beautiful and strong, every thread of warp and woof must receive uniform care and skill." If the fabric of the soul or the temple of life is to be what God wants it, the same conditions are essential.

A meagre idea and method mean a meagre character, for, "no artist ever surpasses on canvas or in marble the beauty imaged in his own soul".

The medium method. It is the method of the man, the trend of whose life may be fairly good, who may have no indifference, who may cherish occasional inspirations ; but whose whole life is not laid on the altar. He is like a field with one half fertilized and cultivated, and the rest given over to weeds ; or like a business man devoted for half the week to trade returns and commercial interests, and