

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Eleventh Annual Convention of the County of Huron S. S. Association.

Large Attendance of Delegates—Great Interest—An Interesting Programme Presented.

The eleventh annual convention of the Huron S. S. Association commenced on Tuesday afternoon last, in the Bible Christian Church, Clinton, Mr. James Thompson, president, in the chair.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. A. Turnbull, of Goderich, Rev. J. Ross, of Brussels; Mr. S. C. Pickard, of Holmesville; and Mr. S. Yates, of Goderich.

After the introductory remarks of the chairman, the following committees were appointed:

Nominating Committee—S. Yates, Goderich; W. L. Newton, Clinton; Rev. J. A. Turnbull, Goderich; C. Snell, Exeter; Rev. A. E. Smith, Manchester.

Business Committee—Rev. James Gray, Rev. A. Stewart, H. Manning, and Rev. A. Konn, Clinton; and Mr. T. McGillivuddy, Goderich.

Resolution Committee—Rev. W. Craig, Rev. M. Musgrave, and J. C. Stevenson.

Brief verbal reports were made from a number of schools in the county, during which some fine hints were thrown out in reference to the management of that "bad boy," also showing a marked improvement in temperance work. The reports were very encouraging.

The first regular subject was "The Model Teacher," introduced by Rev. J. Mills, of Seaford. The model teacher has a changed heart, humble and mild like; he leans at the foot of the cross. How can one teach Jesus unless first in possession of Christ's likeness? The model teacher will be firm in enforcing discipline always practicing his teaching. His love for souls causes great diligence in the work. He can only succeed by love for the love of Christ can penetrate the coldest heart. He is always punctual, and in case of necessary absence provides a suitable supply. He thoroughly prepares for his work, his whole being must be permeated—yes, a part of himself. He does not depend too largely on lesson helps, but first prayerfully and carefully studies the context. Earnestness is essential to success, and he can communicate the knowledge acquired.

The discussion of this topic was taken up by Rev. James Gray, Rev. T. M. Campbell, Stephen Yates, Rev. J. A. Turnbull, T. McGillivuddy, Rev. J. Ross, Wm. Keys, W. J. Clark, Mr. Duncan, C. Lloyd, D. D. Wilson, and Mr. Kernighan. The various points were thoroughly emphasized, in the discussion, and much credit was given to the principal speaker for his finished treatment of the topic.

"The Benefits of S. S. Conventions" was introduced by Rev. J. A. Turnbull, of Goderich. The speaker thought the large attendance and deep interest to be sufficient to show how people appreciate the convention. It benefits the opportunity of hearing addresses on subjects especially adapted to S. S. work, 2nd, models are held up and pointed to; 3rd, it solves many difficulties; all can make their difficulties known and help can be given by experience; 4th, it also kindles zeal, compares points and find that others share like experience; 5th, it has tended to draw the different denominations together, broken down the denominational walls, and the fire of God's love has more power. A general discussion followed on the subject, which proved very interesting. After singing, the benediction was pronounced by Rev. T. M. Campbell and the first session closed.

EVENING SESSION—FIRST DAY.

This session was held in the C. M. Church, opened at 7.30 o'clock.

After devotional exercises, the president touched on the question, "What is our work here?" We should work as for eternity, as we are constantly making some impression, either for good or bad. The work devolves upon us to mould the character of the rising generation.

The next subject, "The True Basis of S. S. Work," by Rev. T. M. Campbell. The speaker wished to change the title of this subject, saying that, everything in the S. S. should be true. We ought to be able to give authority for our work, and its methods—as Christians, we must work our authority from the word of God. Let us have in this work the best interest for the state. The country's good lies in what can best develop patriotism. The foundation of the country is its Christian morals. The S. S. is the best institution to promote Christian morality; the best pledge for honesty, integrity, morality. The S. S. must furnish the men for every position of honor and responsibility in our land. We need the school to train up an army of statesmen to put down the greatest evil of political corruption. Our hope of saving souls centers in the Sunday School. The teacher estimates the value of childhood, and much is done to day for children. We should redouble every effort to put the Sunday School in the first rank, and lift it forward.

Subject—"How to promote temperance principles in the Sunday Schools?" was allotted to Rev. Mr. McClellan, of Wingham, but owing to his absence Mr. W. L. Newton, of Clinton, took up the topic. Total abstinence is a better term to use than temperance. We are not directly troubled with intemperance in our schools, but S. S. workers have much opposition from parents at home, and little time is allowed for the teachers' work. Temperance rolls should be in our schools, and class cards to be sent home for parents to sign. Total abstinence should be a test of membership. Consistency is one of the best weapons to fight intemperance.

"The claims of the school on our senior scholars," by Rev. J. Ross, of Brussels. 1st claim, that they shall remain permanently in the S. S. Only one door—that a door of entrance, no exit. Scholars have no limit as to age—all ages should study the Bible, as its store is inexhaustible; it is a life time study. Senior scholars are needed to fill the place of

teachers. The school should grow and train its own officers and teachers, and if circumstances remove them from our schools, a warm tender love should always be shown. The family altar should always remember the Sabbath school. A collection was taken up, amounting to \$10.21. After singing and benediction the meeting closed.

WEDNESDAY.

MORNING SESSION—PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Praise and prayer meeting was held for the first half hour, after which the session opened with a scripture lesson by Rev. A. Stewart, and prayer by G. Tedford and C. Snell.

The corresponding secretary's report was next given, with a fine showing as to the county of Huron being in the foremost rank in S. S. work, which report is as follows: To the President, Officers, and Delegates of the Eleventh Annual Convention of the County of Huron S. S. Association—

Your secretary has much pleasure in submitting his annual report for 1883-84. Another year of labor in S. S. work has been added to the roll, and its record is closed. Following close upon the centenary celebration, an unusually held year has been a year of Sabbath School triumphs. Abundant evidence is forthcoming that during the year there has been a renewed consecration and deeper interest in this field of Christian work. From the returns already received, and by no means complete, it appears that over one hundred and seventy have been received into the school. Many of the reports declare that the work is progressing gloriously, and that there has been a much needed revival of energy in the Sabbath School cause. The outlook in our country, with a scholarship of probably 17,000, and 1,000 teachers and officers, is one that calls for thankfulness to God, renewed courage, and a determination to go onward.

It might be uninteresting for me to give the convention the latest figures in connection with the Sabbath School throughout the world, compiled by the excellent statistical secretary of the International S. S. Union, and sent to me in a letter a few days ago:—

Table with 3 columns: Places, S. S., Total No. Teachers and Scholars. Rows include North America-United States, Europe-England and Wales, Asia-Persia, Africa, Oceania, and World.

Coming particularly to the county of Huron, we find that it occupies a foremost place among the banner counties for the number of its schools, the regularity of attendance, and equipment. The complete list will, if possible, be presented before the convention closes, in the meantime a few things of note will be given. The leading schools of the county are the following:—

Table with 3 columns: Name, Average attendance, Average number of scholars. Rows include B. C. Exeter, E. Crediton, Pres. Goderich, C. M. Brussels, Pres. Clinton, C. M. Clinton, C. M. Wingham, Pres. Seaford.

As a general rule the average attendance of the smaller and country schools is much larger than the others. There is a large difference in most of the reports between the number on roll and the average attendance, and there appears to be only some four or five schools that have regular systematic visitation.

One school that deserves special mention is that of Mr. Geo. Baird, at school section No. 1, Stanley. This is a union school, kept up largely by Mr. Baird's own labors, and held in the school room where he is engaged as day teacher. If other teachers could be induced to do the same thing, in places where there are no denominational schools, it would help the cause very greatly, and accomplish a vast amount of good. Mr. Baird's school numbers 86 teachers and scholars, and has an average attendance of 64.

One of the special features introduced into the report, for the first time, this year was the season and how much does your school give toward missions. A good many schools have given liberally, and a number require all their funds for school purposes. The Baptist S. S. in Wingham support, by their own contributions, a native of India, while attending school, to prepare himself for missionary work. The following schools deserve special mention for their missionary contributions:—

Table with 3 columns: Name, Amount. Rows include C. M. Clinton, E. Crediton, B. C. Exeter, C. M. Exeter, C. E. Goderich, P. Thames Road.

We do not give prominence to these schools in a spirit of boasting, but with the hope that other schools may be induced to "go and do likewise." Besides these amounts, a very large sum has been expended for school purposes.

For the first time the Executive Committee has added to the statistical report a column asking as to the number of pledged teachers in the different schools. From the returns, it appears that there are only about twenty temperance organizations in connection with the schools, but a much larger number have a pledge roll, without any organizations. In the B. C. Sunday School, in Clinton a roll has been prepared and framed, for some years. This has been

kept in the school and names added continually. All the schools but one are using the International series of lessons, and all the schools hold reviews. The reported additions to the schools for the past year number 67, and the additions to church membership from the school, 177.

There are many features of this report which will be found exceedingly encouraging, and some that a little work would much improve. The possibilities of the S. S. in the future, are beyond conception. All the promises to the church belong to the school, and the fathers of both ages are to be gathered together with a renewed consecration, a more determined energy, a greater zeal, and a more prayerful spirit, the coming year can be made one of larger triumphs why, greater good. There is no reason and next year, the rear guard of to-day should not cower when the vanguard has moved on. The motto of the S. S. must ever be onward, and whilst it has a particular charge in the conversation of the young, it joins hands with the church in winning the world for Christ.

Respectfully submitted, J. C. Stevenson, Secretary. The subject, "Temperance organizations in our Sabbath schools," was introduced by C. Lloyd, of Wingham, who said that two great influences are brought to bear upon us, and a conflict is continually going on between good and evil. Our hope for total abstinence lies in the boys of our rich parents. Parents do not use their franchise in favor of temperance, nor do they practice, in too many cases, what they teach their boys. The boys are wanted to fight intemperance, and only they can conquer. The question was spoken to by S. Yates and Rev. J. A. Stewart.

"Examples in Teaching Primary Classes" was conducted by J. Mitchell, of Goderich. The teacher was evidently at home in his work, and some fine hints were given as to conducting primary classes. Let the clearest first principles separate clear. Appropriate opening services are necessary, such as the Lord's prayer, with explanations. Have variety and simplicity. No partiality should be shown, but kindness and love must prevail in a successful primary class teacher.

"Examples in Teaching Primary Classes" was illustrated by W. M. Gray, of Seaford. The lesson for the following Sabbath was taken up, and proved very interesting, tact was shown by the teacher in his work, and an earnest application of the lesson was given, by inviting personally the boys to give their hearts to God.

The question drawer was next opened, and answered by T. C. Pickard and T. McGillivuddy. Many very practical questions were put, and the exercises throughout were very interesting.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, PRES. CHURCH. The report of the nominating committee was presented, with the following showing: President, D. T. Tiplady, Clinton; Vice-Pres., D. D. Wilson, Seaford; Thos. McGillivuddy, Goderich; James Thompson, Clinton; P. Fisher, Wingham; C. Snell, Exeter. Minute secretary, W. J. Clark, Exeter. Corresponding secretary, J. C. Stevenson, Clinton. Treas. and assistant cor.-sec., A. H. Manning, Clinton. Executive committee, Wm. M. Gray, Seaford; C. Caronochan, Eramonville; W. L. Newton, H. Fostery, Clinton; S. Yates, Goderich, and all resident ministers of Seaford. The next convention to be held in the town of Seaford, on the second Tuesday and Wednesday in February, 1885.

Blackboard exercise on the lesson for the following Sabbath, was given by Bengough, Exeter. Too much credit cannot be given him for his lucid explanation and admirable illustrative ability as a blackboard manipulator.

The subject "The teacher's preparation of the lesson" was introduced by Rev. W. Craig, Clinton, who said the constant aid of the Holy Spirit was necessary in this work. The divine rule is home teaching. The S. S. is an assistant to the home teaching; the teacher must make his teaching practical and full of the word of God. The lesson first be pictured and illustrated, and then questions asked; definite and correct teaching proves to be most effectual, as apt illustrations gain the attention. It was a good idea to mark down the thoughts of the lesson as they present themselves.

"The claims of the Provincial S. S. Association" were presented by Mr. McGillivuddy, after which Rev. Mr. Craig pronounced the denunciation. MASS MEETING—3 P.M.—METH. CHURCH. This was attended by the children from the Model school, and was opened by an address from Rev. Jas. Gray, Clinton, who said that the Bible gives to the God the best of men, viz, that God is love. That book, above all others, is now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, Christ is seeking every scholar to love them; every scholar can do honest and earnest work for Christ. No boy can be governed by arbitrary means, but love can secure the most wicked. Let the action of all boys and girls to use their influence for Jesus. The next speaker was Mr. T. McGillivuddy, who said that God was "knocking at the door of every child's heart, and waiting for the welcome 'come in.' Character is formed, little by little, act by act. Several apt illustrations were given, and the address presented in a happy manner.

Rev. A. E. Smith, Manchester, was the next speaker, and said that one principal thing children ought to observe was giving attention to older people. God says the action of all boys and girls; children should obey their parents and teachers, and daily build up a good character, which will be a great blessing in all time to come.

The collection amounted to \$15.65, after which Rev. John Gray dismissed with the benediction.

EVENING SESSION—C. M. CHURCH.

A telegram of greeting from the secretary of the Provincial association, with scripture text, Col. chap. iii, verses 15 and 16, was received, and a suitable reply sent by the president to Bruce County S. S. Association, then in session.

The introduction of the president elect followed, and he made a few timely remarks in reference to S. S. work, and the acceptance of the honored position.

The subject, "What the S. S. has done for the world," was presented by Rev. J. Kenner, Clinton. The speaker said that, although the S. S. was originated in 1781, by Robert Raikes, the germ of S. S. schools is found as far back as Israelitish record. Martin Luther saw the need of attention being given to the children, and many prominent persons before the time of Raikes encouraged S. S. schools. The S. S. exists all the world over. The missionary finds it a grand auxiliary in seeking to influence humanity. Greater attention is being given to provide more suitable rooms for the S. S. than at the time of Raikes encouraged S. S. schools. The S. S. finds it a grand auxiliary in seeking to influence humanity. Greater attention is being given to provide more suitable rooms for the S. S. than at the time of Raikes encouraged S. S. schools. The S. S. finds it a grand auxiliary in seeking to influence humanity. Greater attention is being given to provide more suitable rooms for the S. S. than at the time of Raikes encouraged S. S. schools.

Resolutions of thanks were tendered the inhabitants of Clinton for their kindness and hospitality in entertaining the members of the convention, to the road company for reduced rates, to the trustees of three churches for the use of the same, to the local and executive committees, and to the officers for their valuable services during the past year; to the persons who have intrusted their names to subjects, and lastly, but not least, to the united choir for their excellent service of song.

Farwell addresses were given by Rev. Jas. Gray, Rev. A. Stewart, Dr. Williams, T. C. Pickard, and J. C. Stevenson. It was resolved that if the funds were sufficient, the sum of \$10 be forwarded to the Secretary of the Provincial Association, and also that the Executive Committee be empowered to make what arrangements they may deem proper about securing Mr. McEwan, Provincial S. S. Secretary, in reference to lecturing exercises in different parts of the county. The benediction, by Rev. W. Craig, closed the services of one of the most successful conventions ever held in Huron county.

The press is greatly indebted to Mr. W. J. Clark, of Exeter, the exceedingly able minute secretary of the association, for his valuable assistance in the getting up of the above report.

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