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The Sabbath School Publications continue to increase in circulation, as the report of the Publications Committee to the General Assembly bears witness. The importance of still further increase can hardly be exaggerated. It is by their circulations, and these alone, that the publications live. All the profits are applied to improvements and extension. A good standard has been reached. We aim at a higher still. The attainment rests largely with Sabbath Schools and our people generally: the more widely our publications are taken, the more effectively can they be produced.

The issuing of Professor Murray's and Dr. Tracy's Handbooks has given the Teacher Training Course a great impulse. The remaining three of the five are to be ready forthwith. High authorities outside of our church have spoken of our Teacher Training Course as the most complete among the various courses. Now that we are to have the whole five handbooks in print, there ought to be ten students for every one under the former inconvenient system. We send the handbooks by mail prepaid, for 10c. a piece.

"Not a delegate to the International Convention." That is no reason, however, for missing so great a gathering. Everyone is welcome to the meetings, and the most ample accommodation is being made, so that no one will be shut out. Massey Hall, the Metropolitan Church, and Cooke's Church, will be free for the evening meetings. Together, they will hold close on 10,000 people. The mass meetings are but one feature. The programme includes conferences of Sunday

School Superintendents, Secretaries, Librarians, Teachers of the various Departments, Pastors, those engaged in Teacher Training; and discussion, by the most eminent leaders, of such topics as the relation of the Sunday School to the home, to the public schools, to the colleges, to the religious and secular press, to missions; the Sunday School as an educational and evangelistic force. These will occupy the sessions of the regular Convention from June 23 to 27. But there are also important preliminary meetings, lasting from one to three days, as the Primary Institute, the Field Workers' Conference, the Editorial Association. The "Exposition"—which it will take two buildings to accommodate—will include, along with samples of Lesson Helps, Papers, and Supplies, from all publishers, a number of great pictures by noted artists, loaned specially for the occasion.

The Friendship of Jesus

By Rev. James W. Falconer, B.D.

Pagans and Christians alike have spoken memorably on the duty and value of human friendship.

But here, as everywhere, Christ is the supreme authority. When He is come, He will show us all things. He has greatly ennobled friendship by enlarging the area within which this sentiment is to be exercised, and by showing how love, which is the root of all Christian virtue, ought to penetrate all the performances of life. But, most of all, He has exhibited the beauty of friendship by giving the highest example of this virtue in His own friendship; for everything human is but interpreted in the presence of the highest