

the Spartan position at Thermopylae, which enabled them to hold over two million Persians at bay; of Themistocles, of the first and second Triumvirates, the conquest of little Britain by the Romans, and the triumphs of Germanicus and Agricola. But what about the relation of Holy Scripture to it? Well, that is not in the curriculum. Is it not in the interests of our churches that more about the Bible should be taught in our primary and high grade schools? Of course it is, but there is little or none of it taught in our schools to day. It is a terrible fact that a man can go clean through, not only matriculate, but graduate in any of our high schools or colleges in this Christian land,—and I don't mean to say anything derogatory to other countries, but if there is any land that is a Christian land, it is this Canada of ours,—I say that a man can graduate in any of our best universities to-day, and yet hardly know anything of the relation of even Rome to Christianity. He may take everything in the curriculum, everything in history, geography and languages, and when he is through he has to begin the study of Christianity, and the relation of Christ's life and times to contemporary history. When we have an educational system that embraces this, then we shall not need these commentaries so much, and we shall learn the advantage of simply comparing Scripture with Scripture. I am glad that these topics are on the programme of this Convention, and that the subject will be fully gone into. In conclusion I wish to say that Hamilton welcomes you all, especially the workers. The Centenary Church (I am speaking as a member of it) takes you to its heart, and hopes that this meeting of Sunday-school workers may be replete, not only with benefit to the spiritual education of our children, but with supreme delight to all, and that all that is done may redound to the glory of God.

MISSION WORK IN OUR CITIES.

Mayor HOWLAND was introduced by the President and said: Talking about missionary work, I remember very well, Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, that it was in this church, some eight or nine years ago, I think, that I, as a very young Christian, stood up to make my first public profession in any convention or public assembly, of loyalty to the Lord Jesus Christ, and I am very glad and proud to-day to be able to say that I have been able to keep the testimony clear so far, and I hope it is going to be so to the end. I feel some diffidence in speaking this evening before a body of Sunday-school workers, because in such a body you have those who are the best able to judge of the metal in a Christian man. I don't think anyone is so able to tell whether a man is faithful and true as is a Sunday-school worker. I agree with Dr. Burns when he says that Sunday-school workers are the very life and soul of the Church, and it is a pleasant thing to come here to-night to talk to you, and I am going to do so very largely from my own experience and from my own work; and of course, in

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