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## ANNUAL CONVENTION

Canada Central Association of Baptist Churches.

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The ancient city of Athens was once visited by Paul. That city witnessed many scenes and welcomed many assemblies, but never, perhaps, did it see a Baptist convention. Athens, in the new world, is now passing through this experience, and has reason to be proud of its faithful little Baptist pastor and his generous band of co-workers, in that they have succeeded so admirably, first in attracting and then in entertaining so many distinguished visitors. Among the latter may be noticed some who are well known here, such as the Rev. J. C. Sycamore, of Brockville, and the present moderator, Rev. W. C. Weir, of Carleton Place, also the Rev. J. R. Stillwell, for many years the principal of Samulcota Seminary, India. The Rev. W. E. Norton, sup't. of Baptist Home Missions, is also present, and the Rev. Prof. Geo. Cross, Ph. D., of McMaster University, who is expected for Wednesday evening. At such times as this it is usual to drop denominational differences and welcome visitors, because they are visitors, get the



ATHENS BAPTIST CHURCH.

most which they have to bring, and give freely what one has to offer. Athens does this and in doing so does honor to a name of which she may well be proud. This gathering does not crowd her hotels—though including some 80 visitors—for her people are very hospitable. This time, at least, they want all their guests in church and home.

The Canada Central Association of Baptist Churches is now in full session here. Largely attended meetings are held daily in the Baptist church, ending this evening (Wednesday). Following are the names of the regular appointed delegates and the churches they represent:

### THE DELEGATES.

Algonquin—D. W. Carpenter, Rob't Simpson, Manley Fields.  
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Kingston, Union Street Church—Rev. Bridgeman, H. Newberry, Miss A. Corbett, Mrs. Jamieson.  
Perth—Rev. G. C. Rock, Walter McKimmon.  
Phillipsville—Bro. W. B. Phelps, F. Knoxton and Bro. Smith.  
Punam Hollow—H. Purvis, J. Chapman.  
Renfrew—Rev. Mahony, Miss Wright, Mrs. Hilliker.  
Smith's Falls—Rev. A. N. Frith, Rob't Simpson, Manley Fields.  
Westport—Mr. and Mrs. Moulton, Mrs. Bresse, and Rev. A. A. Scott, B.A.

### THE OPENING DAY.

The convention began Monday with the B.Y.P.U. session. After a service of praise, Rev. G. N. Simmons in a few brief sentences extended a cordial welcome in which he said his people opened their hearts, hands and homes, and all were made assured of this statement at once. After an excellent paper on "The Ministry of Flowers" by Miss F. Grace, of Brockville, came the four stirring addresses of the evening—that of the B.Y.P.U. representative of the Toronto Executive, the Rev. E. A. Brownlee, B.A., of Cornwall, who spoke on "The Demand of the Age," and that of Rev. J. C. Sycamore, M.A.,—an eloquent and strongly helpful address on "How to Get the Victory." Mr. Brownlee thought that the need of the present age was for a knowledge of God, of sin and of the story of the Cross, and that this could be supplied only through God filled, consecrated, Christ led men. Of such he thought there was great dearth, and quoted D. L. Moody as saying "it is difficult to find a truly consecrated man in this day." At this

point pastor Simmons asked for prayer for more consecrated men. The address of Mr. Sycamore had in it the ring of victory. He carried his listeners to the book of Joshua—a book of warfare, conflict and victory. Canaan and its conflicts was suggestive of the Christian life. In battles with sin we must not underestimate the foe. Three years ago Paul Kruger had underestimated the strength of his foe—the British Empire. Today we cannot but pity the late Boer president as he sits there in Europe looking at events and thinking of his sad mistakes. On the other side, too, see Gen. Buller under-estimating his foe and promising Queen Victoria that he would eat his Christ-mas dinner in Pretoria. Nor must we overestimate the foe. It were foolish and discouraging to do so. Thus foolish were the false spies when they returned from Canaan. They over-estimated the strength of their foe, and for 40 years did Israel suffer for it. We need courage and faith and strong conviction that will give us power. Conviction has been defined as the "nitric acid which turns glycerine into dynamite," the gentle agent which turns the soft pliable liquid into tremendous power. "I have not that faith," said the speaker, "but I want it; don't you?" He could not believe that it was so hard to find truly consecrated men. He believed there were many, scores and scores of such—more than we know. Mr. Brownlee concluded an inspiring service by a solo sung by request. The Misses Wiltse also sang a duet, which was much enjoyed. Then all withdrew to chery homes.

### TUESDAY'S SESSION.

Tuesday's sessions were very full. The morning was devoted to business, report of the mission secretaries and the annual sermon; and the afternoon to papers on the Sunday School and a conference on the Life of Privilege. The following pastors and visitors were called upon and responded in short addresses: Pastor A. A. Scott, Revs. Garrett, J. R. Stillwell and Bridgeman, and Mr. George J. Menge, of St. Albans, Brockville.

Letters and statistical summaries were read some eighteen churches. Some of the churches show much progress, particularly Brockville, Kingston, Perth, Pembroke, Renfrew, Athens and Punam Hollow. Renfrew wants the Association for next year.

The association sermon on "The Acceptable Will of God" was preached by the Rev. W. T. Riggs, who leaves shortly for Kennebunk Port, Maine. It was one of unusual merit, and completely in harmony with the spirit of the present convention. Mr. Riggs emphasized the need of an absolute surrender to God as the key to acceptableness with Him. Are your works such that, if burned, all would be lost? Or are they simply a means to an end—the perfecting of a true life? Garibaldi called for men who were not afraid of cold, hunger or death, and he got the best of Italy. The text (Rom. XII:1-2) calls for our bodies; if He has our bodies He will have our hearts, and if our hearts our lives. We must be transformed to the renewing of our minds. We must have the life of God as the foundation.

In regard to Sunday School work, the Rev. D. Laing of Kingston, gave emphasis to the evangelist's side, and thought it of supreme importance to make definite evangelistic aims the end of Sunday School efforts. This must be made the controlling thought even if present methods have to be entirely changed. Miss A. Jones, of Athens, followed with an excellent paper, well read, and brimful of good thoughts tersely put. Her subject was "Character Building." Jesus could have occupied any of many positions of influence, such as doctor, lawyer, etc., but he chose to be teacher. Miss Jones emphasized the need of a teacher living rightly, and quoted from Emerson, "How can I hear the words you speak when what you are is thundering in my ears?"

Dr. E. J. Lake showed the importance of Bible study in the Sabbath School, claiming that the book itself, rather than helps of any kind, should be used even in the primary classes. The speaker believed in studying the context and in using the Bible to interpret itself. He thought that it was not sufficient to depend on the mere form of the words. The Bible is like a harp whose strings reach from earth to heaven, are tuned above and each gives but one sound only.

Rev. G. C. Rock, in speaking of a fellowship with Christ in suffering as a privilege, gave a very beautiful illustration. Once he stood far up on one of the rocky mountains. Great storm clouds seemed rolling down upon them from the north. Suddenly divided, part going to south east and part to south west. The sun shone out from the West, and whilst the storm rolled on, beatin' down into the valleys on either side, there they stood in the sunshine. It was beautiful! So, by sweet fellowship in rough places do we stand out from among the storms on the mount with Christ.

Rev. G. N. Simmons spoke of like-ness to Christ as the privilege of the sons of God. God foreordained that we should be conformed to the image of his Son, and he who has begun the good work will perform it unto the day of Jesus Christ. We grow to be more unselfish as we progress in Christian life. Our faith also grows. He thought that even Mr. Sycamore had

more faith now than he had at an earlier period of his christian life. Right doing is the result of right thinking.

In the absence of Mr. A. H. Reid, whose son is very low, Mr. Carpenter concluded the afternoon session with a short address on service for Christ.

### THE CLOSING DAY.

Today's session opened with an address on "The Grace of Gratitude," by Rev. Mr. Garrett. After the reports of committees had been submitted and business of the day disposed of, a conference on Bible Stewardship was held: "Of Money," Rev. E. R. Bridgeman; "Of Grace," Rev. S. Mahony, followed by a discussion.

At this evening's session the opening address will be given at 8 o'clock by Rev. M. C. McLean, B. A., Rev. A. N. Frith will speak on "Preaching in Private," and Rev. George Cross, M. A., Ph. D., on "The New Evangelism." There will be good music.



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