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STRIKING FACTS ON PROHIBITION

Even Partially Enforced,
Better Than License

Interesting Figures — Yesterday was Great Day in Kansas City Sunday Schools—Glasgow Wants 1924 Convention.

Kansas City, June 26—Alive with the inspiration of Sunday's meetings, the delegates to the Sixteenth International Sunday School Convention, entered into the service of worship and song, led by Prof. H. Augustine Smith, this morning with great vigor. Following Prof. O. W. Warrington's devotional address, President John M. Gandy, State Normal School for Negroes, Peterburg, Va., spoke on "Redeeming a Race Through its Children." He told what has been done since slavery days for his people, and gave most of the credit to the great Christian agencies which went into the south to educate the children, and with their education, give them Christian training. "These children," he said, "now men and women, are the leaders of our race and are demonstrating in every walk of life what can be done if only provision is made to give our boys and girls of this generation adequate Christian education."

William T. Ellis, Swarthmore, Pa., traveler, writer and lecturer, spoke on "The Big Thing That Has Happened in the World."

"If congress should repeal or change the definition of liquor, we should still have 86 states with a one-half of one per cent. standard, three with a one per cent. standard, and the other nine with a variety of standards," declared Wayne B. Wheeler, Washington, General Counsel and Legislative Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of America.

"The cry that labor demands beer and light wines is unfounded. On May 14th in Pennsylvania, now the greatest industrial district in the United States, with its steel mills, factories and mines. Seventy-five thousand dollars was expended by the beer and wine champions of the United States to defeat the prohibition party ticket. Seventy-eight United States senators and a majority of congress come from states where the state itself has prohibited even one per cent. beer. The standard maintained by his own state for law enforcement is a disgrace to the support of law-abiding citizens. Senators like the senior senator from Missouri, who has spent more time in abusing and misrepresenting those measures enacted for the public good, than he has spent in supporting them, have forfeited all claim on good citizens."

"Thus far we have established two facts: Prohibition is a law which is better than the license system. The following results prove it. Denunciation of beverage liquor has fallen off 70 per cent, and that the number of drinkers is reduced over 17,000,000. Crimes related to liquor have fallen off materially, and all existing crime induced by drink proves our contention that alcohol prohibition voice crime and should be eliminated. Nineteen twenty-one was the healthiest year in the United States in history. Contributing factor in prosperity is now negligible. Over \$2,200,000,000 wasted for drink has been turned into useful channels. Bank deposits and savings have increased, and the net increased wealth of the country last year was \$4,000,000,000."

"The attempt of the liquor interests to nullify this law is a challenge to red-blooded Americans."

Afternoon sessions were devoted to group conferences.

Kansas City, June 25 — Beginning with a sunrise prayer meeting at the Grand avenue Methodist Episcopal church, led by Dr. George E. Williams, Philadelphia, General Secretary, the thousands of delegates from every part of the United States and Canada distributing themselves among the Sunday schools of Kansas City and vicinity, some teaching, others making addresses, and the majority watching how the local workers run their schools. Visiting speakers, both clergymen and laymen, men and women, occupied the pulpits of local and near-by churches, and the spirit of brotherhood and the absence of denominational fetters were both very manifest.

William H. Stockton, Birmingham, Alabama, Chairman of the Commission on Evangelism, presided at the afternoon session in Convention Hall, the general theme being "Evangelism."

"The childhood of the nation must be preserved at all cost, and not only physically and intellectually, but also morally and spiritually, even to the casting aside of some of our pet theories," was the challenge of Dr. Samuel G. Neil, Philadelphia, Secretary Bible and Field Department, American Baptist Publication Society, who spoke on "Conservation of Childhood." Rev. Jesse M. Bader, St. Louis, Superintendent of Evangelism, United Christian Missionary Society, showed how this may be done by mak-

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ing the teaching of the Sunday School lesson an adequate background for decision for Christ. The teaching which lacks this element is wasted. Every generation of adults owes it to childhood to make perfectly clear the way to fellowship with God. It is in the Sunday School where this should be done. It should not be attempted in the ordinary revival. For childhood lays the backbone of adult life for making a decision for Christ under the stress of mass-meeting appeals."

In speaking on "Social Evangelism," Dr. Charles Stetle, New York, urged the convention delegates "to remember the saving of the individual must lead to the saving of the community. Social or association of life be consecrated to the ideals and teachings of Jesus Christ and yet in business, politics and social never come in contact with their mind."

A visit to the Sunday schools of Japan, Korea, China, the Philippine Islands, Egypt, Palestine, Brazil and Argentina was presented with the stereopticon by Frank L. Brown, of Brooklyn, N. Y., who until his death recently was General Secretary of the World's Sunday School Association, president of the Executive Committee, presided with him on the platform on furlough and distinguished guests from other lands.

A visit to the Sunday schools of the World's Association, Mr. J. W. Kinross, Chairman of the World's Association, presented with the stereopticon the work of the World's Association, which now is stimulating better leadership and schools around the world.

The newly elected general secretary of the World's Association, W. G. Landes, late general secretary of the Pennsylvania State Sunday School Association, reviewed the work of the World's Association since the Tokyo convention in 1920, and Rev. James Kelly, general secretary of the Scottish National Sabbath

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Dr. James V. Thompson, Chicago superintendent Young People's Work, Board of Sunday Schools, Methodist Episcopal Church, who has been traveling in the Orient as a special representative of the association, described the methods used by the Korean church in specializing in Sunday school work this year.

CATHEDRAL SUNDAY SCHOOL PRIZE AWARDS

Presentation of prizes during the last year by pupils of the Cathedral Sunday school took place yesterday in the presence of a large number of parents and children. The short programme included addresses by Rev. William Duke and Bishop LeBlanc, both of whom congratulated the winners for their excellent showing. The prize winners among the boys' classes were as follows: Grade one, John Burns, Vincent Lavigne, Robert Stack, Vincent Tobin, Francis Marceau, grade two, Gerald Fitzgerald, Vincent Mudge, Patrick McHugh, Harvey Marceau, Leo Connolly, Graham Knolly, grade three, Arthur Conaghan, Donald McSherry, Ronald Bower, Francis McCluskey, Harold Connolly, grade four, Ewa Jasack, Eric Donaldson, Robichaud, Arthur McGrattan, Richard Coughlan, grade five, Gregory Walsh, Paul McGrattan, Patrick Ennis, Thomas Maynes, Charles McCluskey, Ronald Gaynes, grade six, Wilfred Harris, Bernard Stafford, Thomas McHugh, grade seven, Owen Kennedy, John Chandler, grade eight, Arthur Sheehan, John Caples.

In the girls' class the prize winners were: First communion class, Patricia McHugh, Lillian Zed, Marion McCarron, Jean Burns, the consolation winners, Campbell, grade two, Kathleen McKinnon, Pauline Pennell, Marion Enslow, Kathleen Conaghan, grade three, Dorothy Colohan, Regina Murphy, Helen McCarthy, Ellen Enslow, grade four, Eva Jasack, grade five, Evelyn Crilly, Mary Turner, Germaine Marceau, Chana McGonigle, grade six, Irene Langille, Gertrude Murphy, grade seven, Irene Dillon, Florence Flood.

NEW PRIESTS SAY FIRST MASSES

Rev. Edward Howard, C.S.S., R., at St. Peter's, and Rev. Harry McGuire, C.S.S.R., at the Cathedral—Many Relatives Present.

"Many relatives and friends were present in the Cathedral and St. Peter's church yesterday morning when two young St. John priests, recently ordained in the Redemptorist Order, celebrated their first masses. Rev. Edward Howard, C.S.S.R., son of Mr. and Mrs. David Howard, Main street, was celebrated at high mass at 10:30 o'clock in St. Peter's, while John Henry McGuire, son of Thomas McGuire, Prince William street, sang the high mass at the Cathedral at 11:30 o'clock.

Before mass was begun in St. Peter's, the new priest, accompanied by several other members of the community, also boys and members of the uniformed rank of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, formed in procession in front of St. Peter's rectory and marched through the main aisle of the church, the procession passed under an arch of flowers constructed before the high altar and bearing the inscription in white letters: "You are a priest forever."

Rev. Simon Oram, of the Cathedral staff, was deacon, Rev. George Coffin, C.S.S.R., sub-deacon, and Rev. D. M. Coll, C.S.S.R., master of ceremonies. Rev. William Hogan, C.S.S.R., rector of St. Peter's, presided the occasional sermon on the dignity and duties of the priesthood.

The choir was accompanied by an orchestra in addition to the organ and during the course of the mass Michael Howard, brother of the young priest, sang a solo.

At the Cathedral, where Rev. Father McGuire celebrated mass, Rev. P. Costello, C.S.S.R., novice master at St. Peter's, was deacon, and Rev. H. A. Hanagan, sub-deacon. Austin McGuire, brother of the newly ordained priest and himself a student in the novitiate of the Redemptorist Congregation at St. Peter's, was master of ceremonies. His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc was in the episcopal throne and others present in the sanctuary were Rev. Roy McDonald and Rev. R. Nugent, of the Cathedral staff, and Leonard McGuire, another brother of Father McGuire, a student for the priesthood in the Redemptorist Congregation Seminary of Mount St. Alphonse at Esopus-on-the-Hudson.

Rev. W. Duke, rector of the Cathedral, preached the sermon on the priesthood. In both congregations there were many friends and relatives of the young priests who, after the services were concluded,

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