

unbidden and are hurtful and unwelcome to the spiritually minded. By fixed hours of worship, by rules and habits of devotion, by public worship and especially by the sacraments must we cherish the memory of known truth and seek to deepen former good impressions.

A Christian community is more or less seized with the conviction of this truth, and makes arrangements for the perpetuation of the revealed truth which we have in the Scriptures. The family, the most influential of all organizations for instruction in religious duties, exists for the purpose of perpetuating the human race and the knowledge of the Most High; the Church was established by its Divine founder for the express design of conserving the knowledge of our God and for the betterment of mankind.

Thus, for the well-being of society, a Christian people is obligated to lay hold of every possible means, and in every proper way to secure the growth of the highest character for citizenship.

The great majority of the people in Christian English-speaking countries

taught by history and personal experience, consider the Bible to be the best book by long odds for this high purpose.

In this vital question, the consideration whether a person is an Episcopalian, a Roman Catholic or a Baptist does not necessarily arise at all. A man may be spiritually minded in any one of the Christian denominations.

THE CONVENTION OF 1894.

The Annual Convention of the Ontario Educational Association was held this year during the last week of March. The weather was rather bleak and cold for Easter, but as Easter came so early this year, it is likely that the Convention will not experience at any future time weather more severe. The Convention was a decided success in all its departments, especially so in the College and High School Department. The experiment of holding the annual meeting at Easter instead of during the summer holidays in the month of August is fully justified by the results.

CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE.

We have received, through the Copp, Clark Co., Toronto, one of Mr. David Douglas' charming little books of the "American Authors" Series. This is "Two Bites at a Cherry, with Other Tales," by Mr. T. B. Aldrich. (1s.)

"L'Avare, par Molière" appears from the press of Messrs. Ginn & Co. of Boston. The editor is Professor Henckels of Harvard, who has supplied good notes, a biography of the author, and a complete vocabulary.

We have received from D. C. Heath & Co. (Boston) a "Short French Grammar," which is intended to be as good as the best scholarship can make

it, sufficiently complete for elementary work and yet not too difficult for young pupils. The author, M. Grandgent, has, we think, succeeded very well in this task.

Lessons for the first year's work in French, designed to accompany this grammar, have also been prepared and are issued in a separate pamphlet. It is intended to issue other and more difficult Lessons for advanced pupils.

Messrs. Heath & Co. have also issued a beautiful edition of Schiller's "Wilhelm Tell," edited, with an introduction and notes, by Professor Deering of Western Reserve University.