SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Enthusiastic Gathering of S. S. Workers at Exeter.

The Huron County Convention of 1883 a Great Success—A Sketch of the Proceedings.

We are indebted to the affable and energetic recording secretary, Mr. William Clarke, for the following interesting synopsis of the recent very successful Sunday School convention, held at Exeter last week:

Exeter, Feb. 14th, 1883.

The tenth annual convention of the Huron County S. S. Association commenced sittings in Cavan church at 1:30 p. m. Mr. T McGillicuddy, president, in the chair. Opening hymn, "What a friend we have in Jesus." Prayer by Rev. T. W. Blatchford, B. A., Clinton. Scripture lesson Deut. 11 chap., W. M. Grey, Seaforth.

Singing—"Rescue the Perishing."

The president after a few opening remarks, appointed Capt. Gibson, Goderich; T. C. Pickard, Holmesville, and C. Snell, Exeter, as the nominating committee; and Rev. Birks, Blyth, Rev. F. M. Whitlock, Hensall; and J. C. Stevenson, Clinton, as business committee.

Verbal reports of schools were given from Knox church, Goderich, by T. McGillicuddy; Holmesville, B. C., by T. C. Pickard, Clinton, C. M., by J. C. Stevenson; Sunshine, C. M., by Mr. Rodgerson; Walton, C. M., by Mr. Morrison; Seaforth, C. M., by W. M. Gray; Blyth, C. M., by Rev. Birks; Turnberry, Pres., by Peter Scott.

The subject assigned to Rev. W. McDonagh, was, in his absence, opened by Rev. H. Dierlamm, Zurich—"The aim aud Object of Sunday Schools." The speaker said all should have an aim. Aim to train the youth to keep the Sabbath day holy; aim to teach good habits; aim to raise up a nation which will have righteousness for its motto. The following persons spoke to the subject: W. Grigg, sr., W. M. Gray, Rev. Gundy, Rev. Whitlock, Mr. S. Scott, T. C. Pickard, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Morrish, and Rev. Fletcher.

Singing, "The half was never told."

The next subject was introduced by Mr. D. D. Wilson, Seaforth, "The model superintendent." He first states it a hard task in finding a model superintendent around him, but looks beyond to the one great Model, viz: our Lord and Savour Jesus Christ- the only perfect model. He shows that the great model adapts his teaching to his followers. He was scriptural, simple. The Great Model used his pictorial powers, and simple illustrations. He was an example of tenderness, fidelity, diligence, prayerfulness. He acted as he taught. Revs. Gundy and Fletcher, offered suggestions on the subject as presented.

Discussion of unfinished topics were taken up by Rev. G. Webber, Rev. Birk J. C. Stevenson, Rev. A. D. McDonald, Mr. Duncan, D. D. Wilson, Rev. Gundy, W. M. Gray and Rev. Fletcher.

Singing "Ho, my Comrades." Benediction, by Rev. Mr. Birks. C. M. Church.

EVENING SESSION.

7.30, p. m.,

Anthem by choir "All hail the power of Jesus name." Prayer by Rev. Fletcher. Scripture Lesson Nehemiah 8th chap. read by Rev. Jas. Philp. Reading and adoption of minutes Anthem by choir, "The Lord decended from above."

President's address—After a few remarks complimentary to the choir, he proceeded to take up S. S. work generally and asked three questions, Viz: *Why* should we teach? *What* should we teach? And *How* should we teach? The speaker's remarks were timely and well chosen, and presented some excellent ideas for S. S. workers to carry with them.

Anthem by choir. "On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,"

The "Home preparation of the pupil," was next presented by Rev. A. D. McDonald, Seaforth. 1st the duty of parents teaching their children at home. It is a scriptural duty. 2nd, the advantage to parents in teaching the scriptures to their children promotes them to greater Bible study. The advantage also to the scholar by creating a desire for regular attendance and greater attention at school. The home teaching would make better teachers and cause them to more thorough preparation.

The next subject "How shall we retain young people in our Sunday schools," was presented by Rev. J. Caswell, Dungannon. The speaker would suggest kindness, instruction, confidence; by putting them to work; conversion; a thorough consecration of the teacher to his work.

Anthem by the choir. "One thing have I desired of the Lord."

Temperance work in the Sunday schools was spoken to by Mr. S. Yates, Goderich. The speaker considered the subject second to none bearing on S. S. work, and that it is the church's work at once to prepare to meet the greatest evil of the land, "Strong drink." Its combinations and unions are ruinous in their character. The Bible is a total abstinence book, and no field at present is as likely to prove successful to temperance as the Sunday school. Something more than temperance sentiment is necessary but a heart for the work, and work all grand touches of work up with earnest and fervent prayer.

Doology by choir. Benediction by Rev. J. R. Miller.

MORNING SESSION.

Feb. 15th, 9 a. m.

Opening hymn, prayer and Bible reading. Reading and adoption of minutes.

The subject, "The Sabbath school in relation to the S. S." was introduced by Rev. J. J. Rice, Clinton. The speaker should mould and oversee the children. Urge them to become Heaven-born as soon as possible. Arrange part of the Sabbath school work on the teaching lesson report. The pastor should visit and encourage S. S. work and workers in the homes of his people. Spirited and profitable discussion followed with S. Yates, Rev. Dickson, Rev. Caswell, Rev. Musgrave, T. C. Pickard and Rev. Webber took part.

Rev. P. Musgrave, McKillop, next took up the subject "Sunday School Music." Singing ought to be a vehicle of instruction, of moral impression, of the worship of God. The character of the hymns should be simple, scriptural, easily understood, self-luminous. The song itself ought to explain itself; it should be short, spirited, lively. A good leader is very essential, and the church choirs should be trained up in the S. S. The address throughout was humorous, happy and very suggestive of the way in which Sunday School music should be conducted.

Singing "Saviour like a shepherd lead us."

Mr. Bengough, Belgrave, next took the platform, and after a few words on the benefits of "Blackboard Exercises," gave some very fine specimens of Scripture illustrations, which proved very interesting and profitable, showing how the attention of the children can be riveted by using such illustrative means.

Singing, "Lord, I hear of showers of blessing."

"Example of Senior Class Teaching" was conducted by J. C. Stevenson, Clinton, to much pleasure and profit. Benediction by Rev. T. Broad, Crediton.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

1.30 p. m., C. M. church

Opening hymn, "Work for the Night is Coming." Prayer by Mr. Gregory, Exeter. Scripture lesson, 8th. Chap. Romans, read by Mr. Scott, Clinton. Reading and adoption of minutes.

The nominating committee's report was then given and the following officers elected for the ensuing year: President, James Thompson, Clinton; Vice Pres., T. McGillicuddy, Goderich; P. Fisher, Wingham; C. Snell, Exeter; W. M. Gray, Seaforth; J. R. Miller, Goderich. Cor. Sec. and Treas., J. C. Stevenson, Clinton; Minute Sec. W. J. Clarke, Exeter; Executive Com.—all officers and evangelical ministers resident in the town where the executive meet, and J. Ranton, Exeter; S. Yates, Goderich; D. D. Wilson, Seaforth; T. C. Pickard, Holmesville; A. H. Manning, Clinton. the next convention to be held in the town of Clinton, on the second Tuesday and Wednesday in Feby., 1884.

The subject "Care and Culture of Converted Scholars," was introduced by Rev. J. Stewart. Clinton. The period of childhood is peculiarly susceptible to christian teaching. The pastor and teasher must live in the affections of his scholars, and live the doctrines he teaches.

"Normal Class Work" was spoken to by Rev. Jos. Philp, Belgrave, who placed before the convention in a very earnest manner the benefits growing out of normal class work; and urged the necessity of instituting such a class in this section. Benediction by Rev. W. Coombe Elimville.

MASS MEETING OF CHILDREN

in B. C. church, 3 p.m. Opening hymn by children, "Oh, we are Volunteers." Prayer by Rev. F. M. Whitlock. Scripture lesson, Eccl, 12 chap., read by Rev. Fletcher.

Singing by children, "What can wash away my Sins?"

The subject, "The Scolar's duty to the School," was presented by Rev. P. Musgrave. The speaker dwelt upon the scholar's debt to the S. S.; attention, love for the school, regular study of the lesson.

Singing by the children, "Following Jesus."

Rev. J. Caswell introduced the subject, "Mission work by S. S. scholars" The speaker spoke of the life of the first great missionary—Our Saviour. Scholars can do missionary work by inducing others to come to S. School.

Singing by the children, "Where is Your Passport."

The subject, "The Boys and Girls for Christ," was next presented by T. McGillicuddy, president, Goderich. The speaker impressed the children with the fact that God keeps a record of the names and actions of boys and girls, and men and women, who love Him. Every boy and girl can do something to build up the S. School. God wants the boys and girls to grow up noble and pure.

Singing by the children, "Soldiers for whom the Saviour died."

Benediction by Rev. G. Webber, Exeter.

EVENING SESSION.

7:30 p m., B. C. Church.

Anthem by the choir. Prayer by Rev. W. Coombe, Scripture lesson by T. McGillicuddy. Anthem by choir, "How Beautiful upon the Mountain." Reading and adoption of minutes.

The president elect was next installed, and in a few introductory remarks took the chair.

Anthem by choir, "Awake, put on thy Strength."

The subject assigned to Rev. J. Wakefield, "The conditions of success S. S. wor," was in his absence thrown open for the convention, and T. McGillicuddy, Rev. J. J. Rice, J. C. Stevenson, Rev. Fletcher, R. Coombe, Rev. Casswell and S. Yates took part.

Singing by the choir, "Temperance Bells."

The statistics and financial report was next given by J. C. Stevenson, cor. sec., with the following, showing No. of schools in county about 160, No. reported 79, officers 280, teachers 800, scholars 7,563 average number of library's given out weekly 2,137; teachers' helps 631; scholars' helps 2,816; papers 2,081; amount expended in support of schools $2,351.91, schools open during the year 58, closed in winter 9; International lessons used 73, not used 6; temperance organizations 15; pledged during the year 666; largest school in the county Exeter Bible Christian school. Collections for the three public sessions $50.15. The financial report shows a balance in treasurer's hands of $27.82.

Owing to the removal of Mr. E. F. Moore, late cor sec and treas., the following resolution was read to be forwarded to him. Resolved, that we, the Huron County Sabbath School Association, assembled in tenth annual convention at Exeter deeply regret the removal from our midst of our fellow worker, Mr. E. F. Moore, of Goderich, late the cor sec. and treas. of this association for the past six years or more, and avail ourselves of this first opportunity to record our heartiest thanks for the grand services rendered, in which his affability accuracy, his earnest efforts, and splendid abilities did credit to both christian character, and to which are due especially this associations present position and power. We also hope and pray that wherever his lot may be cast that his heart may be strong and his hand firm in guiding the interests of S. S. Scholars to truth, and himself to the light of Heaven.

Resolutions of thanks were also tendered to the inhabitants of Exeter for their kindness and hospitality in entertaining the members while at the convention; the trustees of the three churches for the use of the same; to the officers for their valuable services during the past year; to the persons introducing the different subjects; to the choir for their excellent music and singing; also to the local committee of arrangement.

Anthem by choir. "Sound the trumpet in Zion."

Farewell addresses were given by J. C. Stevenson, T. McGillicuddy, Rev. J. R. Gundy, Rev. G. Webber. Anthem by choir. "Jerusalem my Glorious Home." Reading and adoption of minutes. Doxology by choir. Benediction by Rev. G. Webber. And as we say farewell, we couple the following:—That the convention has been one of the best attended and in every way the most successful ever held in Huron County. The subjects were of great interest, and taken up in the most enthusiastic manner. Large congregations filled the churches at the different sessions, the singing was very fine, the influence most blessed, and, while much credit is due to the officers of the convention, special mention may be made of the ability and fine spirit shown by the retiring President, Mr. T. McGillicuddy, of Goderich.

W. J. CLARKE,
Minute Sec. H. C. S. S. A.

COMMUNICATIONS.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents. Contributers to this department must confine themselves to public questions, and be brief.

Shall we Sustain Mr. Mowat?

To the Editor of The Huron Signal.

SIR,—In my opinion there can be no two answers to the question. There is so little to be said against Mr. Mowat, that even the Opposition, who consider it the business of their lives to find fault, can make no good case against him. There is no one acquainted with the man but knows how careful he is of the Provincial funds, and how anxious to leave a good record free from all taint of corruption or of wrong. Those who are acquainted with the history of South Ontario elections, and knew what bribery was practised—often to very large amounts—before the passage of the present Act, have often heard the old farmers say: "Ah, we never had anything of that kind when Mowat ran here." I do not know another politician in Canada with such a record.

When we consider how ill other provinces have fared—when we think of the lamentable state of Quebec finances—and when we remember what care has been taken by the present Government to institute and put in practise many valuable establishments for the general good—one is inclined to believe that, if power *should* pass out of Mr. Mowat's hands, we should shortly—when a few tough jobs had been perpetrated by his successors, and our treasury began to be in a state which showed all too plainly that whatever there had been in Mowat's day, there was no surplus now—begin to remark that we had been about the greatest set of fools on record, not only in this Province, but in all history since the days of the courtiers of old. King Copernixel who were so utterly tired of wholesome food that that they took to poison sheerly to vary the monotony.

I do not when I mention the value of works done by the present men, speak of the ordinary routine of jurisdiction and legislation, but of the new introductions—the Agricultural Commission work—a thing of more value to farmers than any assistance given them by Government aid—the valuable Bureau for the collection of statistics—the new creameries—the methods adopted for inspection of insurance and others—while there is one new improvement about to be carried out probably worth all the rest—I refer to the movement about to be made towards retaining some amount of forests in the Province.

It is well known that in our few provincial reserves of forests, to the north-east of Ontario, fire is constantly raging, and, added to the havoc of lumbering and of clearing, is leaving us no chance of enduring forests there; while all through the older settled portions of the Province, we shall, in a few years, have none at all. We are already, in deteriorated climate, feeling the consequences of this—the same manure, the same labour, the same quality of land, will not now procure as good a crop; and matters are likely to become worse if aid is not extended. From one thing we shall become subject to such floods as are now injuring the neighbours to the South—the direct consequence of their over clearings. The Mowat Government have resolved to take the matter in hand, and have, I understand, obtained valuable reports on the subject, on which they are likely to take action, so far as our circumstances render advisable. In such a work—so important—so valuable—I should be sorry to see them interfered with, and I think they deserve such credit for that and other endeavors to benefit the country, that every reasoning man should record his vote in their favour. I have been, for the reason the signature of this will suggest, opposed to Mr. Blake. I considered it right to oppose him on patriotic grounds. For the same reason I support Mr. Mowat.

Yours Truly,

A REFORM PROTECTIONIST.

February 21, 1883.

P. S.—It is said Ontario is well represented in the Cabinet. Nonsense. When their strength is their Quebec backing, they must vote *Blue*.

For the first time within the memory of the oldest inhabitant navigation on Lake Michigan is completely closed. In many places the surface of the lake is covered with ice several feet thick as far out as twenty-five miles from shore.

West Huron Teacher's Association.

The semi-annual meeting of the West Huron Teachers' Association was held in Exeter on Friday and Saturday Febr ay 16th and 17th, 1883. Owing to the inclemency of the weather, very few teachers were present in the morning, but despite a driving rain, over 50 of the fraternity put in an appearance in the afternoon

After routine business, the President, Mr. Geo. Baird, Sr., read an able and interesting address, in which he touched the following points:—Benefits of Teacher's Associations; Improvements in schoolhouses and school grounds during the last 20 or 30 years; duties of teachers to do all that they can to put down dishonesty at teacher's examinations; the Bible as a classbook in the schools, and the Superannuation Fund. A vote of thanks was then tendered Mr. Baird for his address.

Mr. A. H. Aborn then read a well-prepared essay on "The Reading Lesson," in which he advocated a more conversational style of reading, and the encouragement of home reading by the scholars. This essay was well received, and a spirited discussion took place on the subject.

Miss A. Jenkins having read a short but valuable paper on the benefits of "Calisthenics in the school," shewed her plan of teaching the subject by putting several of the members of the Association through a number of calisthenic exercises. A discussion on this subject ensued.

Mr. Wm. Henderson, after reading a paper on "A Few Points in Arithmetic," gave some practical examples of his methods of explaining said points. He held that more attention should be paid in the junior classes to the simple rules. A number of questions put by members of the Institute were satisfactorily answered by Mr. Henderson.

In the evening a large public meeting was held in the Canada Methodist church when the Rev. G. Webber delivered his very interesting lecture on "William Tyndale," the great Reformer and translator of the Bible into English. This eloquent lecture was listened to with rapt attention by the audience, and at its close a hearty vote of thanks was tendered him, A vote of thanks was given to the trustees of the church for their kindness in allowing the Association the use of that building for their evening meeting.

On Saturday morning the association re-assembled in the Public School at 9:30 a.m., and after the minutes of the previous session had been read and confirmed, Mr. W. M. Leigh dealt with the difficulties of the "Subjunctive Mood," and by his lucid explanation of some points regarding it, enabled the members to have clearer knowledge of this very troublesome part of grammar. A few remarks were made on this paper by the Inspector and one or two others.

J. R. Miller, I.P.S., then read an essay on "The Kindergarten," and how far the Kindergarten exercises can be taken up in our common schools, after which Miss A. Dickson sang a number of the Kindergarten songs accompanying them with the appropriate movements. Frequent applause assured Miss Dickson that her efforts to give the members a better idea of the Kindergarten were appreciated. These subjects was discussed by several of the members, all of whom were agreed as to the great benefit derived from music in the schools.

The Inspector explained some rather obscure points in the new programme, and answered several questions put to him about it.

A motion that a committee consisting of Messrs. A. H. Crassweller, Wm. Henderson, H. Huston, J. Grassick, Thos. Gregory, and S. S. Nash be appointed to study up Herbert Spencer's "Education" and discuss the ideas contained in that work at the next meeting of the Institute was put to the meeting and carried.

The association then adjourned to meet next at Goderich at the call of the Executive.

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Travelling Guide.

GRAND TRUNK

EAST.

	Pass.	Exp's.	Mix'd	Mix'd
Goderich. Lv.	5.45am	12.40 pm	3.00pm	7.40 am
Seaforth, Ar.	6.32	1.38	4.35	8 30
Stratford, Ar.	7.20	2.40	6.30	11.40

WEST.

	Pass.	Exp's.	Mix'd.	Mix'd.
Stratford. Lv	12.01pm	7.50pm	5.45am	3.45pm
Seaforth. Ar.	12.58	8.42	8.00	5.40
Goderich Ar.	1.35	9.30	9.45	7.15

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Which lands and tenements I shall offer for sale, at my office in the Court House in the Town of Goderich, on Saturday the Seventeenth day of March, 1883, at the hour of twelve of the clock, noon.

ROBERT GIBBONS,
Sheriff of Huron.

Sheriff's Office, Goderich, Dec. 6th, 1882. 1873.

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ROBERT GIBBONS,
Sheriff of Co. Huron.

Sheriff's Office, Goderich, December 18th, 1882. 1870-13t.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

—OF—

CHRISTIANA GORDON

(DECEASED.)

Pursuant to an order of the High Court of Justice, Chancery Division, made in a matter of re Gordon, Gordon vs. Gordon, the creditors of Christiana Gordon, late of the Town of Clinton, in the County of Huron, widow, who died on or about the 15th day of October, 1882, are, on or before the 26th day of February, 1883, to send by post, prepaid, to Messrs. Seager & Morton, Barristers, Goderich, their christian and surnames, addresses and description, the full particulars of their claims, a statement of their accounts, and the nature of the securities (if any) held by them, or in default thereof they will be peremptorily excluded from the benefit of the said order.

Every creditor holding any security is to produce the same before me the undersigned master of the said court at Goderich, on the 5th day of March, 1883, at ten o'clock in the forenoon being the time apointed for adjudication on the claims. S. MALCOMSON,
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