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#### PROVINCIAL CONVENTION

In St. John, Oct. 18th, 19th and 20th. This is the uppermost subject in many minds, as in no previous year. Committees in St. John and Sussex, talks in county conventions, talks in Sunday schools, and other meetings, paragraphs in city dailies and country weeklies, make one feel that the religious atmosphere is full of this subject. Does your own school feel this?

The chairman of our executive (and no one is in a position to give a more correct opinion), says that "Our Association never had so good a programme as is prepared for the approaching convention." See copies enclosed in this issue of HELPER.

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Superintendents, as you keep it before you school be sure to ask continued prayer time to time, semi-annually if possible. in its behalf. Will you not see that it is He should, as far as possible, awaken an mentioned in your weekly prayer-meeting? interest in better ways of working; direct and from your pulpits by the pastors, so the pupils; urge the importance of teachers' that the congregations who do not come meeting; inquire if the neighborhood has to Sunday school may join you in prayer been well canvassed for attendants old for the blessing from above? One motto and young for the Sunday school; and of the C. L. C. S. C. should be remem. urge the possibility and advantage of susbered, "Let us keep our Heavenly Father in our midst."

Yes, talk about it. If you believe this movement is of God, "Tell it out," or as of the county convention." Isaiah saya, "Lift up your voice, lift it up, be not afraid." If satan publishes

afraid to tell of any work which our God is doing. Yes, publish it. Use the ac- present time is a very important one for companying programme freely.

tember to do it early. Be sure to forward their names early to the local committee secretary, Mr. W. C. Whittaker, St. John. That committee must have the names or this you write a letter or postcard that cannot guarantee homes for your delegates. you are coming to visit the schools of Send not later than the 10th, earlier if certain superintendents. You do not go with any imperious authority to command, ready. Post card does not cost much. If later your delegates or substitute cannot you leave with the paster and superintend-\* \* \*

Give special attention to the railway arrangements in another column. If, him and his teachers of the blessings of when getting your ticket on the Interwhen getting your ticket on the Inter-under that disadvantage of not being colonial Railway, you forget to ask for a there. He is depressed, cheer him. He certificate, no one at the convention can send you back free. Note each other sufficiency of Christ, our Head. Rememsend you back free. Note each other line of travel.

#### **DUTIES AND PRIVILEGES**

Of Vice or Parish Presidents.

These useful officers, appointed by their county convention, are not always instructed by those who appoint them as to the great privileges lying in their duties. As a result some of them come at the end of a year not "bringing their sheaves with them."

The following is a summary of what has guided us in parishes where the most and best work has been done. "It is the duty of the vice-president to take special interest in the Sunday school work throughout his parish; to visit them from taining the school with strength and interest through the catire year. He shall collect statistics on forms provided for him and forward to his county secretary not later than two weeks before the date

When the parish becomes organized, then our uniform constitution says: "The

Dear brethren, let us suggest that the some of your visits. Some of the schools in your parish have been in the habit of closing for winter. Remember, October Have you elected delegates from your is upon us. Hasten and save them if Sunday School? We asked you in Seppossible. Tell them how easy your school and others you know keep open all winter. Say that "as long as one teacher and two scholars come they need not think of closing." Suppose that soon after reading go, then let them know later. Do not ent. It is yours to encourage, to suggest neglect this. haps that superintendent will tell you. Along the line of the above you can tell the last county convention, if they ber that your work is akin to that of your Divine Master. Seek a rich supply of His Holy Spirit. Let the "sunlight of the morning" be in your face and cheerfulness in your tone of voice. Tell him, prepare for this in prayer and thought. Recognize its importance. Trust in help from above and you will return with gladness filling your soul and like many others long to do m ...e.

#### TO COUNTY DELEGATIONS.

One new feature in our programme will be that a vice-president from each county will give a condensed report of various features of the work in his county. Questions have been frimed by the executive and sent to these. Let us suggest that on boat or train the delegates from each county gather in a groop, debate their report and talk of their county. When the question comes up in the workers' conference, What is the greatest need in our county? the answer will represent the county as a unit.

Let everybody in town and county hear as many of the normal lessons and addresses of Dr. Hulburt and Miss Harlow.

Has your county paid its pledge made one year ago? Send to the treasurer, Geo. Haddow, Dalhousie, Restigouche, before he leaves for the convention. His his circuses, and we have to bear his indecency on the walls of streets, and his decency on the walls of streets, and his horse races, &c., surely we need not be cers will then share this work with him. Your last installment in.



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Mr. W. H. Wetmore will lead the Con vention in its singing.

All Sunday school teachers in St. John are cordially invited to all the services of

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Three county conventions have been held since our last issue, Victoria, Charlotte and Kent. See reports in another column.

Up to this time the statistics of some counties are not in the hands of the secretary, Rev. A. Lucas. Is yours one of these ? Send immediately, or your county must be left out of the annual report. Help us to make full reports.

County secretaries, will you look over your minutes of convention and find out if the delegates representing it are going to convention; then be sure that they or you write the committee in St. John. A few postcards will help the committee in finding homes, and avoid the disappoint ment of your delegates.

Reduced rates have been secured from hotels for those coming to convention at from 75 cents to \$1.50 per day. Delegates will proceed to the vestry of St. David's Presbyterian church, where they will be met by committee. If possible some of the committee (with white badges) will meet delegates at railroad station and instruct them there as to location.

\* \* \* On September 14th, a committee meet ing was held in St. John, at which the chairman of executive committee and the secretary met with the St. John members, together with some superintendents and others. The completed programme and other matters having reference to the coming convention were considered. On the following Tuesday the St. John superintendents and others met together and invited Mr. Parsons, as chairman of executive committee, to meet with them. They are taking up in earnest preparation for the great convention.

DALHBUSIE, 22 Sept., 1892.

Those who have contributions to forward in aid of the funds of the Provincial Sunday School Association, and who desire in St. John, will please send them to the treasurer at once, or so as to reach him not later than 12th Oct.

GEO. HADDOW, Treasurer.

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Since last issue the Field Secretary reports 14 meetings held in Victoria, six in Grand Manan (at three of which Bro. Parsons was present with him), and twenty meetings in Kent, besides the twelve sessions in county conventions reported in other columns. Our space being occupied with matter of the provincial convention we cannot find room for other tion. tield reports.

Superintendents, have you resolved the convention and to share fully therein. that your school shall not close this winter? Now is the time to pray much for Railway will buy first-class ticket with the Holy Spirit to fill yourself and teach-certificate; which certificate, signed by ers with love to souls and God. This secretary of convention, can be handed to will keep any school alive. Nothing else conductor on the train (this is only in will truly do this. Remember that last case of the Shore line) who will return winter there were many schools in this you free. province open for the first time. To some of these God g aciously gave con-following: Delegates coming by C. P. R. versions of scholars before the time at which they previously opened in the spring. They never intend to close again. John and procure from the office when spring. They never intend to close again. John and procure from the office when That is the resolve. A never ceasing they buy their ticket the convention cerespecially of the young.

> We record with deep sorrow the death of John T. Fletcher, of Waterville, Carle-third fare. ton county, a brother beloved for his, work's sake. He was suddenly killed on delegates free on showing the certificates Sept. 9th, probably by the kick of a horse. which the secretary will supply on appli-He was foremost of those brethren who cation. originated Sunday school association work in this province. Words from his lips, letters from his pen, resolutions well and thoughtfully formed by him, led to the Carleton county association long before any other in New Brunswick. His report of Sunday school work through this province was a revelation to some who listened to it in the meeting of 1884 for the organization of the Provincial Association. His interest never flagged. His zeal was always steady and reliable. In a recent year he visited upwards of sixty; schools in his own county, and in the recent county convention he pleaded with others to do some of this because his business had called him away. One of his fellow workers says, "He did not shine or ask to shine in public addresses, but for that faithful office work which makes all else effective. I do not know where Carleton county will find his equal." "He being dead yet speaketh." "He walked with God and was not for God took him."

#### RAILROAD AND STEAMBOAT ARRANGEMENTS.

Delegates purchasing tickets on the I. to have them reported at the convention C. R. will pay full fare going to conven-When getting ticket be sure to ask for standard certificate. This must be signed by the secretary at the convention. When returning, the agent at St. John station will, on presentation of that certificate, give return ticket free. Such certificate will hold good up to close of Oct. 22nd.

> On the Central, Buctouche, Elgin and Havelock, and Kent Northern, delegates will pay full fare going and be returned free on presentation of a certificate, which they will ask the secretary for at conven-

The Albert Railway will return delegates free on presentation of certificate given by secretary.

Delegates coming by the Shore Line

Particular attention is called to the work for the Master in winning souls, tificate. This certificate must be signed by the secretary at convention, and handed in to the ticket office in St. John, when a return ticket will be given you for one-

The St. John river boats will return

#### PARISH CONVENTIONS.

Salisbury held an excellent parish convention Petiteodisc on Sept. 7th. The secretary writes that it was refreshing to all who attended.

Upham parish in Kings held another convention at Selina on August 29th.

Waterford held a parish convention at Walker's Settlement during this month.

Our active president reports "a rousing convention at Snider Mt., Studholm parish," at which the Revs. McFarlane, Dawson and DeWare were blest and blessing. Thank God for a work which brethren of three branches of the church feel that they can work together for the good of each and all. These pastors rejoiced in the convention, for it was help to the general and special work of the church. This is our aim and prayer.

We regret that we have no more space for other good things of these parish conventions. Praise God for such reports.

#### VICTORIA COUNTY

Held its seventh annual convention at Perth Centre on the 31st of August. Mr. Lucas conducted the opening devotional service. President Watson briefly reviewed the year. The Field Secretary was asked to expound the subject of Parish Sunday school organization.

An interesting portion of the afternoon session was that of the vice-presidents' reports, followed by an address on better county Sunday school work and how to do it. This was the subject of carnest discussion.

The next Sunday's lesson was taught as suggesting to teachers as well as scholars methods of study and teaching.

Mr. B. Kilburn was elected as president and Mr. H. Manzer as sec.-treas.

Most excellent addresses were made by Hon. G. R. Baird, Mr. Herman Henderson, Mr. Watson and others.

The vice-presidents had not well gathered statistics or done some other duties in some instances, but the convention was a manifest advance over that of other

Very hearty thanks were expressed to the provincial association for the services of the secretary through the county and now at the convention.

#### CHARLOTTE COUNTY

Held its seventh annual convention at Moore's Mills on Sept. 8th. Opening corvice was led by Rev. Thomas Allen. The excellent report of Secretary Morrison specially marked this first session. It giving that it had been so favored of the showed 77 Sunday schools in the county, great Head of the church. Addresses had not come.

38 of which are open all the year; officers and teachers, 586; scholars, 3,998. So a paper on who should go to Sunday school Christian church, illustrating the current far as comparison could be made it showed improvement over a year ago. Mr. Lucas suggested that this good report w... a strong lesson on re-appointing Mr. Morrison, for it was very helpful to the provincial association to have diligent county secretaries. Seldom has a convention had a more apt recording secretary than the efficient young teacher from a neighboring school.

Miss Clark read an excellent and much praised paper on how to win and keep boys in Sunday school.

Afternoon devotional service was led by Rev. J. Howley. Vive-presidents reported their work, and while it was not known whether some had done any visitation and encouraging of the schools, yet others had done good work and all had much helped the secretary in gathering correct reports. Some fine illustrations of the benefits of organization came out discussed.

Hamilton on who shall teach in our Sab countenance. pend upon the first of organization came out discussed. in questions and discussion.

discussion on parish association work. It should be done. It was resolved that this tions were all gathered from the experi-ence on the field. Many joining in the In the evening Mr. McLeod spoke on Journal.



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of such organization.

Better county work was to have been spoken to by Bro. Parsons. Much regret as an evangelistic agency. was expressed that he was unable to be present.

a factor in Sunday school work." This for early organization and think this conwas well read by Miss McCallum, and vention will mark a new starting for Kent. after favorable discussion was requested

for publication. W. H. Stevens was elected president: H. Morrison, Secretary; Miss Hattie J. Pinkerton, rec.-sec, with an executive committee and list of vice-presidents which promise yet more aggressive work for the Field Secretary said there was good reacoming year.

In evening session a brief address was given by the new president. Miss Morrell read a paper on "How to make Sunday school work more effective." This paper was also requested for publication.

The Field Secretary spoke on our provincial work and many confessed thanksand why, which was afterwards freely lessons in Acts. Rev. Mr. Cameron gave discussed

Altogether this was a remarkable con- Sunday school work. The excellence of its papers, the deep interest manifest in discussion, choruses were in erspersed. The closing the spirit of devotion pervading it all, the thought of the convention was the fitness promise which in many points it gave for it gives for the work of the year on which the future made it a very excellent start- we enter. ing point for another year. Such leaven cannot but be a great blessing.

#### KENT COUNTY CONVENTION

Sept. 20th, under the presidency of Rev. Wm. McLeod. The convention elected;

The first address was given by Rev. W. Hamilton on who shall teach in our Sab-

This was very fittingly followed by a vantages to the county that parish work

discussion saw new light in the usefulness how to get and retain scholars, and after discussion, Mr. Lucas spoke on our work through the province, particularly on it

The conversation on parish work, the duties and privileges of vice-presidents, Miss MacGowan not being able to be awoke a strong desire to have more of present had sent her paper on "Influence, this done in the county. We shall look

Rev. F. W. Wightman gave his statistical report, which showed 39 schools, an increase of seven. A total membership of 1070. The president called attention to the few teachers' meetings and to the small proportion open all the year. son to believe that two schools would be opened on the first Sunday in Oct., as result of a service last Sunday.

Care was manifested by the committee in selecting vice-presidents, to whom more definite instruction will be given.

Mr. Wightman spoke on how to prepare for Sunday school, and Mr. Watson kindly spoke in place of Mr. McLaughlin, who

an address on how parents may assist the Short addresses were given by others. Solos, duets and

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