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OPENING SESSION.

This was held on Tuesday, the 20th instant, beginning at 7.30. All the sessions were held in the Methodist Church.

A strong choir from all the churches filled the choir gallery and greatly helped all the evening sessions. The congregation was large. From 7.30 to 8 the Rev. G. C. Gates conducted the devotions. Mr. Gates led in prayer.

Then hymn, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty," was sung. Rev. J. Noble prayed. Convention then sang, "Blessed be the Fountain of Blood," after which Mr. Gates thanked God for good singing. The Executive Committee had prepared a selection of hymns, with music, and each member of the Convention had the music as well as the hymns, the singing at each session was very interesting. Then Revs. G. M. Young and Mr. Rutledge led in prayer. Convention repeated together the first psalm. Then "Always

Abounding" was sung. The chorus was repeated at the last verse with good effect. Mr. H. A. White led the Convention in prayer. Mr. Gates said: We are going to forget that we are strangers. At one stage in the ministry of Jesus Christ the disciples wondered whether or not He would come to the feast. We are coming to meet Jesus here. He is coming to bless me and you. He has promised that whenever two or three are met together in His name there He will be in the midst of them. He is here and our hearts may be made to rejoice in Him. Let us believe that He is in our midst. Supposing Jesus was on earth in the days of His flesh and had come to His disciples, would He not come with a blessing. He is just the same. Do you see Him in our midst tonight? One more thing: If He should not be here what would it amount to without Him? We can do nothing without Him. We cannot sing without Him. We cannot transact business without Jesus. He is

here. Let us come as if we were here for His special blessing. Then it will be for His glory and our good. Convention sang "Saved to the Uttermost."

At 8 President J. Willard Smith took the chair. He asked the Convention to sing "Blessed Assurance." Mr. Smith said: Christian friends and fellow delegates, if any had any misgivings about coming to Woodstock, surely when such a large and representative delegation is seen as we have here, all fears will be dispelled. When you think of the interest manifested by these large gatherings it is a inspiration. My first duty will be to appoint committees as below:

Credential Committee—E.R. Machum, Robert Reed, A. C. M. Lawson.

Nominating Committee—Mrs. Sharp, Miss Estey, Andrew Malcolm, S. J. Parsons, W. J. Parks, T. S. Simms and W. C. Whittaker.

Field Secretary Lucas announced that on a long table in the basement were arranged samples of Sunday School literature from the publishing houses of the Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregationalist Churches. He invited inspection. Also copies of some of the most valuable books for Sunday School workers could be seen, with prices marked on them. Orders could be given through Miss Agnes Lucas.

#### ADDRESS OF WELCOME

for citizens was given by Mayor Saunders as follows:

Mr. President, Officers and Delegates in attendance at this Provincial S. S. Convention, here assembled:

It affords me a great deal of pleasure to welcome you here in this, your 13th

Annual Convention. On behalf of the citizens we welcome to our town, our homes and our churches. I do this because I feel in you we have the greatest power for good that has been ever felt in this century. This is the second time you have met here, and I am forcibly struck with one thought, and that is, after looking over your registered delegates and closely scrutinizing your faces, the fact that many, very many, of those who were here at that time are not here tonight, and while that may be accounted for in a great many ways, it teaches me the fact that we should each do whatever lies nearest us every hour, yes every moment of our lives. I think that it was this idea the apostle had in mind when he wrote to the Ephesians and Colossians concerning "Redeeming the time." Now we redeem an opportunity by improving it, not improved it is lost, just as completely lost as a soul when mercy's sun has set. Time once spent is gone for ever. Oh, let us remember this and may it be engraven on our heart. I fully believe that there comes a time in the history of every individual, church and nation when a great blessing is offered, a great privilege presented, a great future unfolded. If the church, individual or nation recognizes its opportunity then a sphere of great usefulness is opened out to them, but if they do not recognize it, it passes from them and never again in the unfolding purposes of God have they that opportunity to make themselves what they otherwise might have been. Such an opportunity was offered some twelve years ago when a number of God fearing, intelligent, consecrated men and women met at McKenzie's Corner

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in a County Convention, and the idea was advanced for a Provincial Convention, and although it was a busy time in the year for the farmer, who formed the majority of the delegates in this or any other Convention, they left their work and gave their time and attention to doing what they could to help along the great work. Such was the attendance and the interest manifested that there were invitations issued to all the prominent workers in the province to meet in St. John and form the Provincial Convention, and who can tell what might have been the result had this opportunity not been improved? We welcome you here because it is impossible to be a Christian without being a better man and a better citizen, and there is not today a force so great in shaping the characters and cheering the hearts of the young and impressing them with such lessons as will make them useful and successful in this life and happy and glorious in the life to come. We welcome you because we find in you a band of consecrated men and women, whose main object is the uplifting of all mankind, especially the young men of our land. Never were the young such objects of interest, such creatures power, such voices of influence as now, and what you are doing to give youth the right influence, to turn energy, talents and purity in the right direction can never be lost. There is not today a force so intent on shaping the character and implanting in the minds of the young such lessons as will make them happy and useful in this life and happy and glorious in the life to come. The importance of guarding the young from the evil influence which prevail seem to be especially intrusted to your care. The

disrespect for the Bible, the Sabbath, the sanctuary, the constant disregard for the claims of religion, the increase of crime, the prevalence of vice, all make this a most important hour in which we live. And today the greatest want of our age is manhood enlightened. Even cold Christian character without which we are a ruined people. We may have commerce, trade, manufactures, colleges and churches, but without a public concerned we are a doomed people. We all know that the minds that are to control the next century, settle all the questions that arise and give a future to our nation are now being shaped, formed and moulded and to form them aright seems to be the delicate but responsible task entrusted to your care. As a governor closed a speech at Harvard College with the sentiment, "Prosperity to this and every institution on the face of the earth whose main object is the creation of men." To that sentiment we utter our fervent response, Prosperity to this S. S., for its main object is the creation of men. (Applause)

The President said: These cheering words of welcome will be supplemented by something in the same line from Rev. Dr. Chapman on behalf of the churches.

Dr. Chapman said: Mr. President, beloved delegates of the Provincial S. School Association, and friends of the good cause generally:

We are glad to see you here. Permit me in the name of the churches of this town to extend to you a most cordial, fraternal welcome. We welcome you because we believe your advent, by the blessing of God, will mark a distinct uplift in the higher life of

the town. Not infrequently is it the case that our centres of population are invaded by individuals and organizations that leave behind them a manifest deterioration of the moral tone of many lives. We entertain no such fears in connexion with your visit, and your work among us, but confidently believe your coming to us will quicken the moral pulse, alike of our social, municipal and church life.

We welcome you in the belief that you will help us in the adjustment of our methods of Christian work to the needs of the time. We are not troubled as to the stability of the foundation truths of revealed doctrines and morals on which are are building our Christian work. Indeed we are thankful that in the crusade that has set in in some quarters against dogma; that the attacks of Christianity in the earlier centuries by pagans and infidels called forth our defenses of Christian doctrine, and that upon these doctrines and the system of morals connected with them and based upon them, we are endeavoring to build up character, alike amongst the old and young. And yet we are enquiring what would be the methods of Christ were He with us in the flesh today, and what methods we ought to adopt? especially in our work amongst the boys and girls, and young people of our charge? We believe you will shed light on our path in relation to these eager enquiries and help us to wise and more fruitful forms of Christian service. The forces of evil are waxing stronger and more tactical in many instances. We are in hand to hand conflict with them. We are aiming to secure the young for the side of truth and righteousness and purity. We welcome you among

us as a timely re-enforcement and feel assured you will help us in our struggles toward ultimate victory. We welcome you in the interests of interdenominational good will and fellowship. We are living in peace. Ephraim is not annoying Judah, nor is Tadah vexing Ephraim. We have no quarrel as Christian bodies, and while we believe in holding loyally and firmly to our respective systems and doctrine and polity as churches, we are sure you will give us an illustration of "how good and how pleased a thing it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." We welcome you because you come to us with an unshaken faith in the Old Book.

A young minister after a brief pastorate, complained to a veteran clergyman, that he had exhausted the interest of the Bible, when the reverend senior rebuked the ignorance of the young man by urging him to sink his shaft deeper, and he would find water. We believe you will help us to sink one shaft.

We welcome you because of your belief in the personality of the Divine Spirit and His work in opening the Scriptures to the understanding and the heart, as manifested in the excellent circular of the executive. Finally, we welcome you because you come to us in the spirit of prayer. Most heartily do we welcome you, one and all, to our town, our homes and our churches.

Convention then sang "Showers of Blessing."

#### REV. G. O. GATES

responded to the addresses of welcome and said: Mr. President, Mayor, Brother Chapman, Delegates and Christian friends: There is quite an

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army of speakers to come after I sit down. Among them one, a distinguished stranger, and it will be very necessary for me to make my remarks brief. Mr. Mayor and Bro. Chapman, I return you our warmest thanks for those very tender and gracious and helpful words. It is the first time for many of us to place our feet in this town. We have been impressed with the thrift, with the number of spires. It must be a very religious city. We have crossed that political bridge, and after having safely crossed it we believe it to be secure. We have been pleased to come here to Woodstock, the centre of Carleton county, at the end of the most successful year in the history of our association. Because it was from you that there first came a desire and the possibility that there ever could be a Provincial Convention, inter-denominational in its character, with an association in every parish and every parish having a Sunday School conducted for the glory of God and the good of others. In Carleton you had a County Convention, and from that came the Provincial Convention. I am happy to inform you that the year past has been one of the brightest and best in our association history. And this will be confirmed when you listen to the report of the Executive Committee and the statement of the Treasurer. We are glad to be here tonight and hope that in our contact with you, our coming in and going out of your homes, and our mingling together of prayer, that we shall receive a blessing and leave one behind. As the train came in today some might have asked, "What do these men and women mean, why all this waste of money on the Canada

Pacific and other railroads?" God forbid that it should be a waste. It is going to be a great gain to Woodstock, to the men and women who have made sacrifice by coming here. It is going to be a gain to the Provincial Sunday School Convention work and to the generation following. It is going to be for the glory of God. We are going to lay firmer and better foundations for building up of character to shine in the diadem of the crown of the Lord.

We are here in the interests of the highest education. But it is more than that; for the teachers come to discuss methods of work and to lay plans for their future work. The truest education is the education that comes through the <sup>Word</sup> ~~Word~~ being brought in touch with the Word of God. "The entrance of Thy Word giveth light." "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."

We are here in the interests of our country. We belong to a beautiful province, to a grand dominion, stretching from the Atlantic to the Pacific. And with the teeming population yet to be we are seeking to fashion and mould our country's best interests. We are patriots seeking to extend all that is good until Christ shall come in glory and power.

We are here in the interests of the boys and girls who shall take our places. Another generation is going to follow in our footsteps nobler than it has been possible for us to be—that shall honor God. And for the good of those following we are here.

We are here tonight having in mind the kingship of the Lord Jesus Christ above everything else. That kingship is destined to be world-wide. And be-

heving that great things are to be attained from the study of God's Word, we are here to help, to encourage, to stimulate each other in a systematic study thereof. Other books are read once or twice and after that lose their interest. But if the Holy Spirit dwells in us in our study of the Word new light and truth and joy will come to us. It never grows old. And God's dear people who study it most love it best. To facilitate a painstaking study of the Word of God we are in your midst tonight.

Another thing: We are here in answer to our Lord's prayer that we may be all one. In the sense of being outwardly one we are not here. There is diversity of organization. But there may be unity in diversity. We are one in the grand aim of serving our common Lord and extending His kingdom among men. And I do not ask for any greater unity than we have in these Conventions. We are here to consider how we can best study the Word of God and advance the cause of Jesus Christ in the world. It is an interdenominational unity. Our Lord prayed that they might all be one and He looks down and sees His prayer answered. God grant that it may be fully so in your heart and mine.

President J. Willard Smith said: **Christian Friends and Fellow Workers**—We have been permitted in the good Providence of God to come together at the close of another year's work in our various fields of labor, to attend another convention. Our feelings are those of devout thankfulness to the giver of all good for the many blessings He has bestowed on us as individuals and as an association.

Looking back over the year, which has been one of active effort, the feeling must be that of satisfaction, not because of the perfection of the work or the workers, but on account of the actual progress achieved, and of the manifest blessings which have been so graciously accorded to the work, the good results and the tokens of Divine approval of the same.

Of the particulars of the work done I shall not attempt to speak, as these will be given by our worthy Field Secretary when he submits his annual report, but I cannot refrain from saying that the same unceasing effort and zeal has characterized his work during the past year as in all the years of his labors and that great advancement and good has been the result.

We find ourselves today the honored guests of the good people of Woodstock, in this splendid county of Carleton, famed not only for its agricultural products, but for its faithful workers in the Sunday Schools, this county of all others to whom we as an association owe so much—the banner county in Sunday School work. We do not forget that from this county came the moving spirits in the person of Bro. Parsons and others which led to the organization of the New Brunswick Sunday School Association twelve years ago, and who have done so much to keep aglow the fire then kindled.

How the work has developed during these twelve years. At that time there was reported 568 schools in this province—today we rejoice that the report of the Executive Committee will show the number to have increased to about 1,000, with 6,000 teachers and officers, while the growth along all other lines has been equal. County Associations

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have been formed, Parish Conventions have been held, many new schools opened and more kept open throughout the year, better methods of teaching and conducting the schools have been adopted and the best blood and brain of the various denominations are united to carry on this work. Other evidences of growth are manifest, such as increased contributions of money to the work. In looking over some of the past reports I find the sum of money raised for the support of this work during the first year of the association's history was \$208; this year the contributions, as will be shown by the Treasurer's report, have amounted to \$2,700, sufficient to defray all the current expenses and wipe out a considerable indebtedness with which we commenced the past year.

**Normal Class**—We are cheered to know that since the last Convention, held at Chatham, this important department of work has made special advances and that in a number of schools the Normal Class holds a place. One of the greatest needs of the work in the schools is teachers fitted by training for their work. Such a training can only be had by the establishing of Normal Classes, without which no Sunday School may be considered well equipped. I am glad we shall have the pleasure of hearing much that cannot fail to inspire and stimulate in this department of work, from our good brother, who has come to us from the neighboring republic and to whom we extend a hearty welcome. We owe much to such godly men as Jacobs, Reynolds, Hurlburt and our brother who is with us in this Convention. We welcome him as we have the others, because they form

links of the chain that binds us to the International work of which we have the honor to form a part.

**Home Department**—In the matter of secular education no subject is perhaps more discussed just now than that of "University Extension." An attempt is being made to carry the University to the large number of people who cannot, from one cause or another, come to the University. The aim of the Home Department is to awaken an interest in systematic Bible Study in the Homes. The efforts which have thus far been made in this line during the year have been successful in awakening a considerable interest, and though this work is still in its infancy the seed thus sown is bearing much fruit, as will be shown by reports to be presented at this Convention.

I might speak to you of the International Convention, held at Boston in June last, of the wonderful progress shown by the reports from every part of the field, but there are others to come after me upon whose time and subject I do not wish to trespass.

For this great work and at every step in our progress we need to be filled with the Spirit of the Master. May He give to us all who teach and speak the "tongue of fire," and create within us a passion for souls. We must be in communion with Him if we would be used by Him.

The pathway behind us is bright with the joy of success and blessing. The future before us gleams with hope and anticipation, with such a devoted band of workers, with such a good object and with so much reason to believe that God's hand is with us we

may look for and confidently expect a continuation of blessing.

May this Convention be the best in the history of this association, and may we all at its close go back to our several fields of work determined to do better service for the Master than we have ever done before.

Convention then sang "Jesus, I Come to Thee."

Gleanings from International Convention at Boston:

REV. F. W. MURRAY

said:

"Forward, forward let us range,  
Let the great world spin forever down  
The ringing groves of change,  
Thro' the shadow of the globe we  
sweep into the younger day;  
Better fifty years of Europe than a  
cycle of Cathay."

Thoughts like these must have filled the heart of every delegate who attended the great International Convention. We were there given a broader view of the world-encircling movement in which we are taking a part. They came from the east and the west, and the north and the south and sat down in Convention together—an earnest, surely, of the Grand Conception spoken of in the Revelation. We were not merely superintendents, or teachers, or pastors, but we were the vanguard of the grand army, heralding the approach of over twelve and a half millions of Sunday School scholars who are marching on to take the world for Christ. What man or woman could fail to take a broader view of the great work in which we are privileged to bear a part?

We received a memorable lesson on the oneness of the Church. We were all with one accord in one place learning how best to advance the interests

of Christ's kingdom. It became apparent that all were possessed of the one purpose. Proselyting under such influence must give way to the larger plan of winning the world for Christ at an early date. None who listened to Burrell of the Reformed Church, or Lormier of the Baptist Church, or Blake of the Episcopal Church, or Schaffler of the Presbyterian Church or Potts of the Methodist Church could go away fancying himself or his church to possess any monopoly of grace or of learning or of consecration. We there came to realize more fully the meaning of the words, "One Lord, one faith, one baptism." For purposes of practical training the Convention was really a college. John Brown of Haddington is quoted as having said to his theologues, "Young gentlemen, these three things ye must have, piety, learning and common sense. God will give you the first; I can give you the second, but as to the third, if ye have na' that the Lord have compassion on ye." (Laughter.) Granted the first and third, however, the Convention could and did give the second so far as Sunday school work was concerned.

For practical work before class one room in the convention contained everything necessary to instruct the child from infancy to a maturity which few reach. There were sand maps, Bible games for children, Scripture coins, wooden objects to represent men, trees and animals. I was especially interested in some material for the construction of the tabernacle—there was the brazen laver, the altar or sacrifice, of incense, the table of shewbread, the mercy seat and cherubim, in fact all the furniture of the

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tabernacle. There were full instructions as to how it should be set up. (There is a Sunday afternoon exercise for your children.)

Each large denomination, too, had a book counter with all books and Sabbath school literature. Such a supply of cards, papers and Sunday School books I never saw. There were books of doctrine, too. You could buy at one counter books on the Scripturalness of Infant Baptism, at another on the Scripturalness of Adult Baptism; at another on Government by Presbytery; and at another on Congregational Government. In short, if you needed anything in the line of educational cards or books you could buy it there, or the house would take your order and ship it at the shortest notice.

I was interested to know that the parties who are digging in Palestine and Egypt were represented there and you could order copies of any of the ancient MSS., or you could get photographs of Nuevil, Babylon, Cheops and other towns that are shedding new light on old history.

We Sunday School workers have access to the results of the labors of such men as Sayre and Druer, and Edward and Green, and Lightfoot and Westcott, and many others who are giving us of the rich ore they have mined that we may use it for the coming generations. The work of these men, the scholarly labor of years, is offered today to the Sunday School teacher at a price which puts it within the reach of the poorest.

English, Scotch, German, American and Eastern scholarship were all represented in that book room at Tremont Temple, thanks to the consecrated printing press. It was truly a

feast of fat things.

In the matter of administration we received copious instructions. Superintendents, teachers and primary teachers had meetings for their especial benefit, with addresses by veteran workers. Field workers were educated for the most intelligent work. In fact any person who had anything to do with a Sunday School was instructed how to do it better.

So much for the direct educative effect of the Convention. As to the indirect influence of it, King Arthur made his Knights lay their hands in his and swear "To reverence the king, as if he were their conscience, and their conscience as their king, to break the heathen and uphold the Christ," and I think all who attended the Convention feel themselves pledged to their King for higher and nobler deeds.

So far as this province is concerned, those who were at the Convention will never be contented to see the work conducted on the same plane as heretofore. That is out of the question. The work must take a step up. It must be higher than ever.

Let us close with an illustration I heard a while ago: There is a bird in the old land—the lark. As you are taking an early walk through the dew of a summer morning he springs up before you into the air and as he mounts he begins to sing; the sound floats down upon you. But he mounts higher and higher. All the time the sound is floating down upon you. He is almost out of sight and still you can hear him. He is a half mile high. But sound travels equally in all directions. It is then a half mile above him as well as a half mile below. It

is on every side of him. Thus the music is filling a globe of air a mile in diameter. And all the air within that globe is pulsating and vibrating at once. But think of it; in that globe there are 2,000,000 tons of air—equal to the load on a freight train reaching from the Atlantic to the Pacific—2,000,000 tons of air all in motion. And the moving cause, the little vocal chords—not a quarter of an inch long—in the throat of a lark.

Sunday School teacher, think of your possibilities!

#### S. J. PARSONS

said: I did ask the President to excuse me from saying anything before the session began, and after it began I was almost afraid that he would. (Laughter.) It is an inspiration to be before such an audience. It is certainly a great pleasure to see you again in this place. We are to talk about the International Convention at Boston. It seems strange that I, a Parsons, should be sandwiched between two parsons. (Great merriment.) I was a delegate to Saint Louis and was the only one present from New Brunswick. At the Chicago Convention three years ago there were several present. I was a member of the Executive of the Convention, which office I held about nine years. This gave me an opportunity of seeing the inside working of the association. I went into the room where the Committee met. I found a long table with a row of chairs on each side. This great association is controlled by an Executive Committee. Dear Brother Jacobs was there, and we have all learned to love him. He is chairman. On his right is Brother Hartshorn, on the other side a man from the south,

another from Texas (Hamble D. Scott) and Martin from Virginia and Cook from California, and having been a member for nine ears I got acquainted with many of them. John R. Pepper of Tennessee is one of the most inspiring men I have known. Dear Brother Jacobs controlling and directing them all. And he turns up to the 21st chapter of John and explains from the 10th to the 17th verses. And then we bow in prayer. They are all consecrated men if there are anywhere a set of consecrated men. I do not know what denomination they are of. The question of denominationalism is not raised. It is not thought of at all. The utmost harmony prevailed. There needs to be denominational fences, but we can take off the barbed wire that is on them. Then in our Provincial Sunday School Association we have a lot of consecrated men. I do not know of any more so. Mr. Jacobs has said that the Lord has skimmed the churches and put the cream into the Sunday Schools. He will bless them while they keep in line with His will.

#### REV. GEO. M. YOUNG

said: Mr. President and Christian friends: As the youngest of those who have been prevailed upon to give a few words this evening, I wish that I could uprise your hearts with the desires that permeated all of us when in Boston last July to reach the greatest number of people for the Lord Jesus Christ. There are a great many who can tell us how this work ought to be done, but there are not many doing it. Two laborers one hot July were attempting to get a huge corner stone into position. Great beads of sweat stood out on their

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faces. Passers by as usual gave certain directions how it could be done. They understood it better than the men who were doing the work. This reminds me of Sunday School work. Two are working, but twenty are ready to give directions. Two do the work but many do the talking. We need work as well as talk. The whole Convention from beginning to end emphasized the need of personal individual work for the Sunday School. The one point was brought out again and again; there must be personal and individual work for others. And no service but personal and individual will be blest by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit cannot come upon us as an unpersonal thing, but as a personal power. And what we need is the need of each worker in the Sunday School; the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Then with the energy of the Spirit working through us we are fitted for workers in this latter part of the 19th century. We want to reveal Christ to others. David Kerr, the sculptor, spent many months on a statue of Jesus Christ. When finished he called in a little girl and asked if she knew who it was. She replied, no. He dismissed her, feeling that his work was not perfect. He worked again at it for twelve months longer and then called in the little girl and asked the same question. She replied, yes. It is, "Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not." When he knew that his work was a success. How it was brought out in that Convention that the work of the Sunday School teacher was to bring out the truth so that the scholars might see the Lord Jesus! We want to get nearer to the children. Mr. Young told about Dr. Boynton, a Har-

vard professor, who was searching for a rare plant called the *Sulularia Aquatica*. Some one directed him to Fishy Jimmy, who was well acquainted with the flora of the district. Fishy Jimmy did not know it by that name. The doctor took out a specimen and showed it to him. Why, he said, it is pickerel grass, and you can get it any where where pickerel can be caught. We need to put truths in the common language of the people that they may be understood. And so in this individual work we find the power and usefulness of close dealing. In the Normal Class and House to House Visitation Work we find a better and larger preparation for Sunday School going forward. One member of the Convention had said that since the development of this House to House Visitation Work the devil had not had a wink of sleep in Indiana for over two years. Let there be individual and personal consecration and individual and personal service, and that enthusiasm for which we pray and look will come. Brothers, work for the good that is highest. Dream not of greatness afar that glory is ever the highest which shines upon men as they are.

Convention sang "Leading Souls to Jesus."

The offering was then taken.

#### PROFESSOR HAMILL.

President Smith, in introducing him, said: I have great pleasure in introducing to you one who has come to you from the United States, one of the officers of the International Association. He delighted two St. John audiences last Sunday with two practical addresses. I refer to Professor Hamill of Illinois. The professor was received by waving of handkerchiefs. After

singing another verse of "Leading Souls to Jesus."

Professor Hamill said: Mr. Chairman, Christian friends: I surely have cause to appreciate the very gracious words of welcome and the beautiful display of white handkerchiefs. It is now half-past nine, and I am sure that you have been abundantly entertained. Going from state to state, and from province to province, I meet the best and brightest spirits of the church. I can put my ear and hear the beat of many hearts, and I do not remember any Convention that has been so signally blest in its first session. I have been wondering what I shall say. What shall a man say who comes after a king? You have the princes of Israel on this platform. The professor told about a boy who was very fond of buckwheat cakes, and with some that affection lingers to the end of life. This boy had eaten very heartily of the cakes. He was interviewed by the kind lady of the house if he wanted any more. No, said the little fellow, I did not want all that I have had. (Laughter.) He was really painfully full on his subject, and so I have been reflecting what can I say in addition to what has been said.

There are many Conventions. It seems to me a characteristic of the English speaking people to come together in Convention. We are a liberty loving and humanity loving people. Such things seem to belong to Conventions. But no Conventions are more important than those belonging to Sunday School work. Just now in the United States great meetings are being held. We are in the midst of our great quadrennial convulsion. I came from the very midst of it ten

days ago. Yet I confess to you that all those gatherings, great as they are, ministering to the prosperity of a great sister nation are not of equal importance to our Sunday School gatherings. First the Convention stands for the greatest Christian unity. I need not enlarge on that. How beautiful it has already been presented and with what variety of illustration. I have opportunity in my work as wide as the nation to see splendid catholicity manifest. I see it in nature. The great rocks lift their snow peaked heads into the clouds and the villages nestle at the foot of the mountains. Their lights and shade plays on the mountain side, and so in our Sunday School work, although newly organized in some parts. Yet it is a great power for Christian unity. I have been lately in several state Conventions and they were like this in earnestness, in spirit and in prayer and in sincere desire to do work for Jesus Christ. You have given me a gracious welcome in the name of Jesus Christ, whom I delight to serve.

The spirit of the Gospel is eliminating even national distinctions. It is binding together all people in a splendid unity of work. What I like about this fellowship is that it is a practical one. It is not a mere sentiment. Another thing: It stands for an aggressive organization. There must be a sentiment first. There must be an incarnation of a sentiment. You have the fellowship. You love one another and can work together for God. You have practically in your grasp a magnificent Sunday School organization. We have men for business as well as for devotion. It means not merely an insignificant number

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of persons, but it means a unity. It is consecration brought down to Anno Domini 1896 under the electric lights. It means a vestibule limited express. The rush light of our grandfathers have gone. Some time ago a company of railway magnates met to see what further could be done in the way of improving railway travel. They concluded that they could not go any further in the direction of larger engines or faster speed. "We have eliminated speed. We take the wings of the morning and fly to the uttermost parts of the earth before the setting of the sun. But we can take short cuts. We have got to get right across. We must strengthen the track, the foundations, put in heavier rails, strengthen the workings, make the organization better year by year." I do not believe that everything is in machinery. I do not forget Ezekiel's vision, there was a spirit within the wheels. It requires the spirit and the wheels both. There in another thing this convention stands for, it means the development of the laity—the elevation of the pew. Mr. Moody defended this as the age of the laity. I think that he was correct. I would like to leave behind me some kind of a monument that will abide. The first thing that I went to see in Illinois was Abraham Lincoln's tomb (although I was rocked in the cradle of slavery. My old father came from Scotland. He was a rank abolitionist. He freed his slaves and then emptied his pockets and gave them a little bare change that they might make good their escape. My good old mother prays for me this very night. That old mother was of the very best English stock. So I do not feel myself an entire stranger among you.

My wife is from Yorkshire, England.) I went to Abraham Lincoln's tomb and read, "With enmity for none, with charity for all." I looked at the great monument above him. A beautiful thing. It was put there by loving hands. I looked at the granite monument to Stephen A. Douglas. But I want something better than that. I may not be in Woodstock again. I trust that I shall be in New Brunswick again. Time passes away. Seasons follow each other rapidly; nothing remains but the grey old mountains. The cemetery grows larger and everything is marked by change. I want the work to abide. I want to put it into hearts and consciences and lives of those who will come after me, who will catch something of the spirit and inspiration from me. I would have some boy in Woodstock here whom I have helped. I would rather help some boy in his character than be a great inventor like Sir Humphrey Davey. It was a wonderful thing to invent a safety lamp that made it possible for men to go into the bowels of the earth and work in safety. He did that and other great things. But when he was asked what was his greatest discovery he said "Michael Faraday," a poor boy whom he had found and given an opportunity for development. He took him to his heart and paid out money for his education. To discover the boy—that is the special work of this Convention. (Applause.)

Convention sang "Blest be the Tie that Binds."

Rev. J. Noble pronounced the benediction.

## SECOND SESSION.

This was held at 9.30 on Wednesday, the 21st. Miss Estey presided at the organ.

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. G. O. Gates.

Convention sang "How Firm a Foundation Ye Saints of the Lord." Then Rev. Geo. Steel led in prayer. Convention then sang "Alas, and Did My Saviour Bled." Then Revs. A. M. Hubly, A. Lucas and J. C. Berrie and Mr. G. S. Wall led in prayer.

Convention then sang "Always Abounding."

### THE NECESSITY OF THE BLESSING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Mr. Gates then had Bibles distributed to several persons, who were asked to read verses. Mr. Gates said: We live in the dispensation of the Holy Spirit. At one time God the Father filled the whole horizon. Then Jesus Christ as Son filled it, and the disciples looked into His face and He said: "It is expedient for you that I go away, for if I go not away the Comforter will not come." "I will send the Holy Ghost, the Comforter," and He will be with you until the end of the dispensation. There was a historical Bethlehem where Christ was born, and a personal Bethlehem when he was born into your heart and mine. And there was in the early history of the church a Pentecost of special blessing, and that practical Pentecost may be for you and me this morning. Let us

receive the Holy Ghost into our hearts as we received Jesus Christ as a personal Saviour. There is a tremendous importance of us receiving again and again the gift of the Holy Ghost. We are to be filled with the Spirit. The endowment of power that came to Jesus Christ at His baptism is what we need. Jesus gave us an example that we should be like Him and do like Him. Jesus when He was born unto this world was born of the Spirit—just as we were born of the Spirit before we are Christians.

Mr. Simms then read Luke I., and 28th verse: "And the angel came in unto her and said, Hail, thou that are highly favored, the Lord is with thee."

Mr. Lucas then read the 35th verse: "And the angel answered and said unto her, the Holy Ghost shall come upon thee and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee; therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God." Mr. Gates said: Jesus Christ had the Holy Ghost for His father at the incarnation. He was then born of the Spirit. He lived in the Spirit. There was never a word or a thought that was not prompted by the Spirit. There was no separation between Him and God. He grew up in the Spirit. He was unceasingly growing in the favor of God. Luke II. and 40th verse was read: "And the child grew and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him." There

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Rev. Mr. Hubley read Luke II., 52nd verse: "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man."

Mr. Gates said: "As God He emptied Himself and became man. He was born from above the first time. He walked in the Spirit. He got more and more into God, increasing in favor with God. There came a time when He must go out into active work and He never went out until He was endowed with power. Jesus Christ never began His life work until he received the endowment of power from on high. This is for me as a preacher and a teacher. God help us to learn from Jesus Christ. It was the cool of the day. John was standing in mute meditation. And he said: "I indeed baptize you with water, but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose; He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire." Jesus said baptize me, and immediately he felt that He was in the presence of one holier than himself. But Jesus said: "Suffer it to be so now." Will some one read? Luke III. chap., and 21 and 22nd verses: "Now, when all the people were baptized it came to pass that Jesus also being baptized and praying, the heaven was opened and the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, Thou art My Beloved Son, in Thee I am well pleased."

Rev. J. C. Berrie read Mark I. chap. and 4th verse: "John did baptize in the wilderness and preach the baptism of

repentance for the remission of sins."

Mr. Gates said: Jesus Christ had no sins to repent of. He had never committed sin. But he said, "Suffer it to be so now." John suffered Him, and as Jesus was praying the Spirit of God fell upon him—it was his act of consecration. Jesus took up His cross and from that moment was emphatically the sin bearer. I will take His place in that act of consecration. While He was praying the Holy Spirit came upon Him. Jesus enters not upon His work without His endowment. He was separated unto that work. Henceforth He could say, "My meat and my drink is to do the will of Him that sent me." From that time forward He set His face towards the fulfillment of that plan of work. That is just where I want you to be. God is calling you and me to better work. As He gave Jesus a work, so we have a work. And my work should be as sacred to me as Jesus' work was to Him. He never sinned. He had been born of the Spirit, but in order that He might successfully do that work He needed the endowment of power. And if you appear before God and pray as He prayed, expressive of your desire and confidence and need, you and I may receive an endowment. You and I may again and again and again receive that which will fit us for the work to which God calls us. Mr. Gates led the Convention in a prayer of consecration.

President J. Willard Smith took the chair at 10 a. m. and asked Convention to sing "More About Jesus."

Mr. Robert Reid read the minutes of the previous session, which were confirmed.

The President then announced the following as

Auditors—Judge Trueman, Joshua Stark, A. C. M. Lawson.

NORMAL HALF HOUR BY PROF. HAMILL.

Mr. Hamill said: Here is my subject, "How to Teach a Class." Given a class of boys and girls for thirty minutes, what course am I to take in teaching that class. In the first place there is the getting ready.

I. Preliminaries—I a man has to do a good day's work he wants a good breakfast. If I am to teach next Sunday I must get ready. What is necessary to be done? Ans. by Convention: Get ready. The first piece of advice is very old fashioned. Prof. Hamill put O. T. on the blackboard, which he said meant on time. Convention answered, on time. This will never wear out. The reason for this is very plain. The teacher who comes in behind time is irritable. He is conscious of being behind time. The scholars too become irritable, and they are in a bad condition for being taught. The battle is won or lost in the first five minutes after the school is opened. If the school opens at 9.30 you must be there at 9.20. You can then get everything into good condition. For instance, How many have been on time for every appointment? (Several rose up.) He thanked them. It is the little things that make the large success or failure of the teacher.

Second preliminary is: Give every scholar a cordial greeting. (Mr. Hamill put C. G. on the blackboard.) Show friendliness to every scholar. Let him know that you are glad to see him. Cultivate the art of being glad. Here

is a word of Scripture: "A man that hath friends must show himself friendly." Let there be an earnest striving after the art or grace of friendliness. I once had a teacher who was a good Bible scholar. But if he showed at any time any real gladness I fail to remember it. Try to make the boys feel at home. Some boys do not get much of that kind of thing at home. And so all the more need that they should have it at school. I like to talk with a boy, with any boy. Cultivate a love for the boys. One way or renewing my youth is by coming in contact with boys.

A third thing is C. S. (which the professor explained to mean, comfortable surroundings. You are subject to conditions imposed upon you by the building in which you meet. But give the boys comfortable surroundings as far as possible. I have known a teacher sit at the tail end of a row of eight or ten boys. Now these could have been made into two rows and he might have taken his place in front of them. By this change he would have had better command of them. I would have a model school and would have a trap door under the platform, and when "Dr. Jeremiah Jones of the Fijian Islands" had exceeded the time that he could profitably employ would press the button and let him drop out of sight and then go on with the work of the school. I would stand and teach. And if any boy is very mischievous I would place myself alongside of him.

A fourth thing is the A. B. C. (which the professor explained to mean all books closed.) You must begin with A. B. C. You will stop until that is accomplished. This is the golden key for success. Teach for 35 or 40 minutes

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with the lesson leaves and books all closed. Have nothing at all in your hands but the Bible that you use. I would try to teach well without the constant necessity of reference to books. A book becomes a non-conductor. I believe in teaching without any waste of teaching power. Let ordinary helps be closed (Amen.) We are getting ready. This is the first step. Convention reviewed On Time, Cordial Greeting, Comfortable Surroundings, All Books Closed. Prof. Hamill referred to the necessity of giving a cordial greeting by speaking of a visit to a girl belonging to his class who had scarlet fever. He found her up a second flight of stairs. She was alone. And when asked if many people had been to see her she said: "Nobody but you and the kitten." (Laughter.) I did not think that there was anything very remarkable in my going after her. But years afterward she came clear across the street and shook my hand and said that she was a teacher now. I like to recall that.

II. You are now ready. Next comes the test. Test the attention. (A.) You cannot tell whether they are really giving attention by seeing whether or not they are looking at you. The average Canadian or American boy can easily counterfeit attention by looking in the face. Unless you are mind readers he can impose upon you. The way to test attention is by questions. Try a question in this direction and then in that. Question about last Sunday's lesson. Spring a question as How long Was Solomon King? (Rev. A. Lucas, 40 years.) The bodies might be an attitude of attention and not the minds. I would ask Brother Jones what he thought of the last proposition I had advanced. I have felt very

much like doing that sometimes when I have been preaching.

The next thing is test the H. L. (Home Study.) Find out how much home study has been done. It is difficult to get home study done well. But one of the very worst things is to go ahead in teaching and assuming that no home study has been done. Soon there will be none if you assume that there is none done. Because if a boy does some and gets no credit for it he becomes discouraged. He goes home saying I had no chance. The teacher did not ask my anything. And he shuts up like a clam.

III. The third step is have a plan. Do not teach more than O. T. (One Great Truth.) I will tell you that I think the International Committee wise in seeking to force the chief teaching of the lesson in one great truth. And the golden text is generally the key to the lesson. They generally make a selection of a passage, find out its chief truth and then settle independently of each other on a golden text. Now, when sixteen of the brightest and best men have selected one text as the golden text there is mostly a great deal to be said in favor of it. I have often tried to teach too many truths. But you must remember that you are teaching from a standpoint of 35 or 40 years. But it is better to keep the minds of the scholars to one truth. My definition of knowledge is not what I remember, but what I cannot forget.

To teach by Q. (questions.) Do not do too much talking. I think that you should question the scholars and also be questioned by them.

IV. Step in Reproduction—The disciples were commanded, saying "As

you go teach." Each lesson may be taught in a different way from the rest. Try to get your scholars to tell you the lesson back in an O. (orderly) way. Go over it point by point. Ask Charles Jones to tell it. Perhaps he does it blunderingly. Then ask some one to do it orderly and in his own words. If he can do it it will be something for him to remember for many years.

Then let it be done A. (accurately.) Try to get all the points as fully as you gave them. In this way they will learn something in every lesson.

V. The last thing is the application. And this is most important. The Holy Spirit will do it. Prayer will do it. Meditation will do it. Study of the scholars one by one will do it. Here for instance is a boy whose father is a drunkard. The boy has no chance. If there is anything to help a boy like that I want to find it. And I am sure that there is something for him. I will pray that his heart may be touched and that he may be strengthened in what is good. The Holy Spirit will help me and impress it upon his heart. The teacher must pray for his scholars individually. Unless he does this he will not make much of a success in teaching. If I were an artist and chiseled out in marble the face of a little child, every part true to nature, with an exquisite life-like appearance, every mother would admire it. But if I could turn it into living marble every mother would want to take it to her breast and kiss it. So you want to take your work and kiss it by the sunshine of your love and water it by the tears of your faith and it will succeed. You cannot depend so much upon your learning as the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Here is something—a nail. A carpenter must have a good

nail. He cannot drive a nail until he gets one and it must be a good one. First get the nail. That is getting ready. It is the preliminary. A good nail is what? Convention: Getting ready.

Next he sets the nail. He does not begin to drive at once, and that is home study. It is what? Convention: Home Study. Now you are ready to drive the nail. How many nails at once? Conception: One nail.

I might drive the nail by pushing it through a board. Cultivate the art of questioning. How drive it? Convention: By questions. But an expert carpenter proves the nail to see if it has gone through. It must go to its place. I must turn the boys round to see if they can tell me back in their own words, so that I may know whether the truth has gone home. If they can tell me I know that it has reached the mark. The application is the clinching of the nail. This is done by the Holy Spirit, prayer and meditation. Professor Hamill prayed at the close of the lesson.

The following is what he put on the blackboard. The preceding notes will explain the letters:

- I. Prelim—O. T., C. G., C. S., A. B.
- II. The Test—A. H. S.
- III. The Teaching—O. T., Q.
- IV. Reproduction—O. A.
- V. Application.

Convention then sang "Blessed Assurance."

Conference on County Work was held by Field Secretary Lucas. He stated that County officers were to give reports, not taking more than five minutes each.

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## REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICERS.

### ALBERT COUNTY.

(Read by Judge Trueman.)

In Albert County the year has been a fairly successful one in Sunday School work. The six parishes of the county are all organized, the parishes of Hopewell and Harvey, however, being organized into one association, which arrangement appears to work well. There are 53 schools, of which 31 are evergreen. Before this organization made its influence felt in the county the greater number of these schools were closed in winter. There were eleven Parish Conventions held during the year, and the usual County Convention at Riverside was a very interesting and successful one. The presence on that occasion of Rev. G. O. Gates added greatly to the interest and success of the Convention, and the Field Secretary, as usual threw his whole soul into the work and greatly aided and encouraged the teachers and officers there.

While it is true that the S. S. Association have by organizing the county and parishes, and by the holding of Conventions done much to further and extend S. S. work in the county, and increase the efficiency of schools throughout the county, and to stimulate schools to keep open throughout the year, still we cannot blind one eye to the fact that the good work is hindered by the lack of sympathy manifested by a considerable portion of the Christian community, with our organization and its efforts to forward the

noble work, a lack of sympathy that perhaps would be better explained by the term hostility.

However, on looking the whole ground over we recognize the hand of God leading us on and that there is much to encourage us and much reason for thankfulness.

W. A. TRUEMAN, Vice-president.  
A. C. M. LAWSON, Cor. Secretary.

### CARLETON COUNTY.

We are able to report the Sunday School work of this county in a fairly prosperous condition. The eleven parishes are all organized and progress has been made during this year. We have 100 schools, 63 evergreen—an increase of seven in this respect over last report. Sixty-six members are enrolled in the Home Department, which indicates an increased interest along this line recently begun. An impetus has been given to House to House Visitation, which promises gracious results. The work in the Town of Woodstock was completed on the 24th September and has revealed the necessity for much active Christian labor. A good degree of interest has also been awakened in Normal Class Work. Our County Convention, held at Hartland in August, was largely attended and was one of the most successful in a long time; the reports submitted were encouraging, and the presence of Field Secretary Lucas lent fresh inspiration and contributed large-

ly in making the session a most profitable one.

We have to regret the loss, by death, of our county Vice-president, the late Brother George W. Hovey, who was one of our most faithful, devoted, indefatigable and successful Sunday School workers.

There is a large field before us, and our Executive is planning for more aggressive work during the present Conventional year.

Yours in work,

C. N. SCOTT,  
Cor. Sec'y.

CHARLOTTE CO.

(Read by J. K. Laflin.)

I believe the year just closed has brought many rich blessings to our Sunday School workers. There have been more added to the membership of the church from the Sunday School than has ever been reported before in any one year. Our schools are steadily increasing and the work generally is very encouraging indeed. This year the Convention held at Oak Bay was truly a season of refreshing and spiritual blessing. Many of the delegates expressed themselves in this wise—'This is, I think, the best convention we have ever had.' The representation was the best ever yet at a County Convention. Some excellent addresses were given and papers read.

Field Secretary was present with us and gave us some Normal Bible lessons, which were highly appreciated. Much information was also derived from his excellent answers to questions. He certainly inspired all who were interested in Sunday School work with more zeal for the advancement of God's kingdom and the winning of

souls. We have had the privilege of attending nearly all the Parish Conventions, and there is a very marked improvement in these also, both in attendance and in the interest taken. In fact, our parish officers are doing splendid work, and had I more time I could say much more, but I must speak of St. David parish and our energetic President. So anxious was he to have no day school district without an S. S. that he was the means of organizing one in the adjoining parish. This parish is now the banner parish, having all the schools open twelve months every year. Our County Executive have done most excellent work this year in visiting schools in different parts of the county. On the whole our county work and organization, and the spirituality of our schools is much improved and we are thankful to our Heavenly Father for the way He has blessed our County S. S. work.

Considerable difficulty is experienced by our County Secretary in gathering statistics, as our parish officers do not seem to understand their work.

We still have discouragements, but we must not forget God's promise, "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life."

Respectfully submitted,

J. K. LAFLIN,  
Vice-president

No. of schools in county 80, increase 1; evergreen 57, increase 4; holding teachers' meetings 8; reporting house visitation 3; officers 248, increase 41; teachers 425, increase 84; church members 481, increase 185; total number officers and teachers 606, increase 17; No. of scholars, 4187, decrease 162; No. from 5 to 16 years 2176, increase 482; total

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Yours truly,  
HATTIE J. PINKERTON.

GLOUCESTER COUNTY.

(Read by Rev. A. Lucas.)

The Sunday School work as carried on in this county may be said to be in a fairly prosperous condition. As the population is so largely Roman Catholic the field for this important department of Christian work is somewhat limited. The possible ground is, however, being occupied, and promise of better results is already ours. The annual Convention, held in August, was a source of instruction and blessing to all. In point of attendance and general interest it was in advance of any yet held in the county. The Field Secretary rendered us valuable assistance by his wide experience and the warm sympathy which he possesses for this special work. The Executive Committee will see that the Home Department work will be carried out as far as possible.

WM. HARRISON, President.  
WM. ROBERTSON, Secretary.

KENT COUNTY.

(Read by Rev. F. W. Murray.)

This county made gratifying progress during the last year. A comparison with the previous year shows the following improvement:

Schools .....	1893.
Evergreen .....	41
Officers and teachers.....	16
Scholars .....	200
Average .....	1169
Home Department .....	938
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The largest Convention in the history of the county was held in Kingston in September and was most helpful. A number of Parish Conventions have been held. In this connection special mention should be made of President H. A. West, who has been untiring in his efforts in his part of the county, and who has been a model officer. Dr. W. G. King, one of our Parish Presidents, who has served a long and most useful term, retires this year. While another fills his office the county rests assured that Mr. King's assistance will be as freely rendered to the cause as hitherto. We have met with difficulties as heretofore, but have in all cases felt the benefit of the supervision of the Provincial Association. The fact that we were sure of a visit and most searching questions from the Field Secretary has had not a little to do with keeping us at work. Did the state of the funds permit we would sincerely greet a new departure in the way of Normal Institutes or such other means as might be possible for the better training of teachers. In the meantime our county has very great reason to be thankful for the measure of help the Provincial Association has so cordially extended to us.

KINGS CO.

(Read by Rev. A. M. Hubley.)

Kings County Sunday School Association has been doing good work during the past year, but as yet has accomplished only a small portion of what might be done if all officers, superintendents and teachers were doing their best. At the annual Convention, held at Hampton, delegates were present from various sections of

the county, and cheering reports were received from several parish officers. The meetings were enthusiastic and full of encouragement and suggestions to workers. The Field Secretary was present at that Convention. Our county is deeply indebted to the Provincial Association for his services. No parish has reason to complain that he does not do his best to attend all Parish Conventions if he is duly notified.

The statistical report for the year gives the number of parishes organized eleven. Nearly all these have held one or more Conventions during the year, the total number of Parish Conventions reported being twenty-one. Four parishes are still unorganized and there seems to be no way of effecting their organization at present, as the schools are few and scattered. The total number of schools in the county is 87, 50 of which are evergreen. Actual reports were received from 62, and the Secretary was obliged to estimate or give last year's figures for the remainder. The number of officers, teachers and scholars is not so great as last year, but there is an increase in the average attendance, and the number united with the church is 143, an increase of 40 over last year.

The first Normal Class in the county is reported by the Methodist school at Hampton. Rev. G. M. Young is its leader. We hope to see other schools following the example of this one. House to House Visitation does not receive due attention; but, at our last convention, it was much talked about. Many were in favor of a thorough canvass of the county. We would like to see our hopes along that line realized before long, for much good would certainly result from it. Two schools report a Home Department. Thus it

is evident that some of the most helpful branches of S. S. work are just in their infancy; but if they continue to grow, as they will if carefully nourished, a few more years should see our county far in advance in this work.

ANNIE FREEZE,  
Secretary.

MADAWASKA CO.

No report.

NORTHUMBERLAND CO.

(Read by Samuel McLoon.)

Mr. President and Members of the Convention: Our last County Convention was held for the first time in Derby, July 17 and 18, thereby showing the increasing interest in S. S. work in the county, as heretofore Chatham and Newcastle seemed to be the only available place for such meetings. This Convention we regard as one of the best, if not the very best ever held in our county.

It was largely attended, the church in which the meetings were held being taxed to its utmost capacity to hold the audience. Thus a large number of people were reached who do not usually attend Conventions, and we hope much good thereby.

The number of schools reported in the county were 52, an increase of 10 since reporting last year, of which 42 are open the year round.

Of the 13 parishes in Northumberland County only six are organized. These all hold Parish Conventions more or less regularly. In Newcastle and Chatham Conventions are proposed to be held quarterly, but it is a matter of regret that sometimes months or more are allowed to elapse without a meeting.

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passed calling upon pastors, parish  
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their utmost endeavor to organize such  
meetings in connection with every  
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pointed to carry out the spirit of the  
resolution. The Home Class Depart-  
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which such a work deserves, and has  
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provincial Convention in Chatham last  
year an effort was made in one section  
to organize a Normal Class; this move-  
ment met with some success for a time.  
A class of eighteen members was  
formed and for a while did some good  
work, but were not able to continue  
through the summer months. We hope  
they may soon be revived. The visits of  
the Field Secretary to our county are  
highly appreciated by all S. S. workers;  
we regret that he has not more time  
to spend in a county where his ser-  
vices are very much needed.  
In the whole we feel that we have  
advanced in some lines during the  
year, and in looking hopefully to  
the future, may the blessing of the  
Father of Jacob be with us.  
EDITH J. SHERIFF, Secretary.  
W. HOS. A. CLARK, President.

QUEENS COUNTY.  
report.

RESTIGOUCHE COUNTY.

(Read by Robert Currie.)

The Restigouche County S. S. Asso-  
ciation includes also the schools in the  
County of Bonaventure, Quebec. In  
all 50 schools; 34 of these keep open all  
the year.

The two counties are divided into  
eight districts, under the care of ten  
vice-presidents, who very faithfully  
perform their duties. Two parish as-  
sociations were organized in Resti-  
gouche previous to this year and have  
held semi-annual meetings, going to  
the small districts, which could not be  
visited by the County Convention. The  
other two parishes were organized  
very lately, during the last visit of the  
Field Secretary.

ST. JOHN COUNTY.

(Read by Mr. Machum.)

During the year now past very de-  
cided and real progress has been  
made in the S. S. work in St. John  
County, but we feel that we have only  
begun and are even now preparing for  
a more vigorous attack upon some of  
the indifferent and lukewarm districts,  
and shall not rest until organization is  
complete and the enthusiasm in the  
good work is as keen as it should be.

The county is divided into three par-  
ishes, Lancaster, Simonds and St.  
Martins. In Lancaster a Parish Asso-  
ciation has been formed and in Simonds  
there are two Parish Associations,  
Simonds East and Simonds West.  
Parish Conventions were held in these  
three districts. In Simonds West  
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ried out and the work generally in the  
district is in a flourishing shape. There  
is no Parish Association in St. Mar-

tins and, so far as we can see, little interest have been aroused in the work, notwithstanding past efforts on our part; we feel, therefore, that it is to this part of our county that we should especially direct our attention.

This map of the county which we have before us (it is only the working plan and is as yet incomplete) brings our field clearly to view. All the churches and school houses shall be marked (that is outside of the city) and every house in the county located in time. The map shall be the object of study until every house has been visited, and every available family or individual aroused to an active interest in the Sunday School.

At our Annual Convention we appointed a Normal Class Superintendent and a Secretary to the Home Department so that these very important features of S. S. work may be more immediately under our supervision than formerly.

I have made no mention so far of the work in the city, but shall now read a brief summary of the work done there, prepared by the Secretary of the City Association.

In all the progress made during the year we desire to acknowledge the great help and stimulus we have received from the active and devoted cooperation of our worthy Field Secretary, Rev. Mr. Lucas.

Above all we are grateful to Him to whose work it is for success achieved and for the many blessings vouchsafed to us in this branch of His service.

On behalf of the St. John County S. S. Association,

ALEX. WATSON,  
President.

While this report was read Messrs. Machum and Simms exhibited a map

of the county. All churches and schools outside the city were marked. Eventually it was intended to have every house marked where the inmates did not attend Sunday School.

St. John, Oct. 14, 1896.

ALEX. WATSON, Esq.,

Pres. St. John Co. S. S. Association:

Dear Sir—I am pleased to report that since the last Provincial Convention at Chatham there has been a great awakening in regard to Sunday School work in our city. Shortly after the return of the delegates from Chatham the St. John City Sunday School Association was formed, and during the whole year no effort has been spared to increase the effectiveness of our Sunday Schools. The association's first move was to arrange for a House to House Visitation, which was successfully carried out; 34,203 persons were visited and much valuable information obtained. Many of the pastors report that it has been a great help to them and it has undoubtedly aroused much interest in S. S. work. A number have been brought into the schools as a result of it; several new Home Class Departments formed, and old ones strengthened, and from present appearances Home Class Departments will soon be organized in most of the schools in the city. Considerable interest in Normal Work has been aroused and several Normal Classes are now doing excellent work. Generally speaking, the city is coming rapidly into touch with advanced S. S. methods along all lines, and have no doubt that the present year will show results unequalled in history.

Yours truly,

E. R. MACHUM,  
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## SUNBURY COUNTY.

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Rev. Mr. Austin spoke of a Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor at Sheffield. The centre of the county is moving towards Fredericton Junction.

Mr. Mott said that his school at the Junction had 140 enrolled, and an average attendance of 80.

## VICTORIA COUNTY.

(Read by Wm. S. Low.)

Mr. President and Dear Fellow Workers: This report is not just what ought to be. Still, after all, under the circumstances, with so few right up-to-date workers and arduous is our work, that we need lots of the advice Moses gave to Joshua and Joab, the great warrior, to his army. "Be ye strong and very courageous and play the men for our God and people." And in order to be successful in this kind of work, W. B. Jacobs says for us to adopt the motto of the great warrior, and "forgetting these things which are behind and reaching forth those which are before, press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." We held four Executive meetings. All were fairly well attended and we did the best we knew how for the interest in the blessed work. The members of Executive and Vice-presidents gave reports showing aggressive work. Some schools show greater interest than others in the work. Report for International Convention gives thirty-eight day Schools in Victoria. Since reporting I find four schools need reorganizing. We have organized two schools. (Membership, see the report for 1896.) In Victoria are six par-

ishes, four are organized, holding five Conventions two in Perth Parish, two in Gordon and Lorne (are one organization), one in Andover, and the county with its annual Convention. All were well attended, with a marked blessing, yes, for better work. Laymen and pastors give us their assistance, much interest was taken in each meeting. The work cannot be overestimated. Field Secretary Lucas is a grand man for this work. Words of praise upon every hand and we would be pleased to see him for a week at a time in Victoria. May God bless this grand work, and may His richest blessing rest upon our noble Field Secretary. House to House Visitation and the Home Department, with Normal Class, does not receive the attention it should get. Soon we trust more interest will be taken in these departments in S. S. work.

The Evangel is just an A1 paper for to keep Sunday School teachers and officers in touch with the worldwide S. S. All should take it. Victoria does not do financially as it should or could. Yet drawbacks, though they are many, we have great reason to thank God and take courage. Great is the encouragement to go forward. Great hope for the future. Abundant assurance that our gracious God will still go before us, ever leading us to higher and better things.

Yours sincerely,

W. S. LOW.

## WESTMORLAND COUNTY.

(Read by Rev. W. C. Matthews.)

Your Vice-president for this county has pleasure in reporting that the year just closing has been one of advancement. The annual Convention in June was one of the most helpful ever

held in this county. The workers who were present returned home greatly encouraged and strengthened for the work.

The interest in Home Department has deepened and Normal Work has occupied more and more of the thought of workers throughout the county.

We feel that great cause for congratulation is the increased interest shown towards association work by the City of Moncton. We sincerely pray that these good tokens may continue to progress.

In reviewing the whole year we are encouraged and feel determined to spare no effort to make the approaching year the best in the history of the county.

JAMES FRIER,  
Vice-president.

#### YORK COUNTY.

(Read by Mrs. Sharp.)

Mr. President and Fellow Workers: In comparing our report with that of last year we rejoice to acknowledge the good hand of the Lord upon us.

While there are so many languid ones yet to be aroused and so much room for more and better work, yet the progress made is noticeably encouraging. During the year Maryland dignity of a tanner county. Fredericton organized, also North Lake and Stanley District. Every parish is now organized and we have attained the dignity of a banner county. Fredericton has finished House to House Visitation and other signs of progress are visible. Parish Conventions, of which about twenty-five have been held and attended by the Field Secretary, are of a higher order. Home Department is progressing and House

to House Visitation shows a slight increase. Last year we had 109 Sunday Schools; this year we report 119 and a larger percentage of these kept open all the year. The attendance of officers, teachers and scholars has also increased, and the need of Normal Classes and teachers' meetings is more recognized. We regret to notice that fewer have passed into the fostering care of the church, a matter which should receive earnest attention. Our County Convention was an excellent one, but we claim for the next a larger representation from the distant parishes. Contributions for the work have increased. There is a cheerfulness about the giving that is delightful. The county pledge of \$250 is paid and a surplus over.

(MRS. I. CLAUNCE),

HELEN J. M. SHARP,  
Cor. Sec'y.

Marysville, York Co., Oct. 19th, 1896

The districts or parishes of Bonaventure have not yet been organized but we hope to accomplish this before another Convention.

The total attendance of scholars and teachers does not show any marked increase, but in some other ways we have made progress.

Last year we reported no Home Normal Classes. Since that time two Home Classes, with a membership of 46, have been organized, and we have reason to expect that a Normal Class will be organized in Campbellton very soon. The Home Class idea has been received with very much favor by the parents where it has been introduced. Visitors report that lessons studied very regularly and any failure to do so is duly recorded on the envelope or card. Already its good influence is being felt by the school

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House to House Visitation is not practiced to any extent, but a committee was appointed recently in Campbellton and the work done, but no report has yet been received. On the whole our work is progressing favorably. To our Heavenly Father we give all the praise.

Respectfully submitted,

R. CURRIE,  
Cor. Sec'y.

Convention sang "Jesus Saves." Offerings were collected.

QUESTION BOX BY PROF. HAMILL.

Ques. 1. If you were a superintendent how would you deal with a teacher who persists in making constant use of lesson helps himself and permits his class to answer from the same?

Ans. The most effective way of doing away with the use of lesson leaves the class would be for the teachers to agree to dispense with them. That would be the simplest way. Then make personal and urgent appeal to the teacher using them.

Ques. 2. What do you think of inducing a temperance pledge in the Sunday School? If so, how?

Ans. I am very partial to the temperance pledge. It has a great deal of good in it. It appeals to a boy's sense of honor. It starts him right. I see no sort of opposition to a righte pledge. Make your vows and pay them. I remember a case in point where a boy had taken the pledge. In an accident 100 souls were hurried into eternity. He had a limb broken. The doctor ordered liquor for him while his limb was amputated. He refused to take it. Whether wisely or unwise-

ly I will not say, saying he had taken the pledge. But he was true.

Ques. 3. Where can chalk such as you used this morning be procured?

Ans. It is the electric crayon. It can be obtained at the office of the American Tract Society, New York. Write Henry Gurley Co. of the above. A wooden box with a dozen pieces in it can be obtained. It would last a long time. It would cost about 20 cents for postage and 50 cents for the chalk. If you wanted colored you would have to pay five cents extra per stick.

Ques. 4. Where all the classes mingle during opening exercises in small school, how, and at what time should the teachers greet their scholars? Should the superintendent (who is a teacher) greet scholars on entering the room?

Ans. Where there is a feeling or cordial greeting it will find a way of expressing itself. Where there is a will there it will be done. The way scholars come in will in part determine that the superintendent might meet many of them at the door. The teacher might meet them as they come into class.

Ques. 5. How can I interest a primary class without a blackboard?

Ans. You can get ordinary wrapping paper and a package or two of diamond dies and a cheap five cent brush and make pictures that will interest them. Or you can get a big slate and make drawings on it and pass it round among the scholars. One more thing: You can get a Flackboard cloth at a cheap rate, \$1.00 per ard, of four feet width.

Mr. Lucas said that Messrs. E. G. Nelson & Co., St. John, could supply the cloth at \$2.00 per yard. He ex-

plained that a revolving one, similar to what he used, would cost about \$7.50.

Ques. 6. How can we keep our schools through the mid-summer sports?

Ans. Have something to stimulate attendance. Publish record of attendance quarterly. Have a pass mark say that can be obtained by many of the scholars. Encourage them to attend. Make the school attractive.

Ques. 7. How can we get superintendents who are indifferent, to work in the right way? Asked by a parish vice-president.

Ans. You cannot get people into it by a letter where a visit could be made. Possibly the visit could be made by appointment. Then, if I had a personal interview I might meet him at his fireside and talk and pray over the matter.

Ques. 8. How many scholars ought a teacher to have in his class?

Ans. Seven or eight would be a good limit. I would stop at seven if I had no separate room. But if I had a room I would fill it. I prefer a large class to a small one.

Ques. How can a teacher teach a lesson unless it is first prepared by a scholar?

Ans. Our Lord taught many lessons that were not first prepared. The Sermon on the Mount, the discourse with Nicodemus, the lessons were not prepared by the scholars. Do not use all the time in telling the lesson. Begin right with their ignorance of it. And tell them something and question them about what you have told them. Question them back again and again.

Ques. 10. How can I help my boys and myself to be better Christians and workers? (A mother)

Ans. In the effort to get your boys to be better Christians the reflex influence will be to make you a better Christian. "Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled." You are already in the way of answering your own question.

Ques. 11. How can I interest an unruly boy?

Ans. They are usually more easily interested than a ruly boy. The unruly boy manifests that he has the making of a man in him. Give right direction to his energies. Get him to take part. I have nothing to say against the good boys. But my sympathies go out to those unruly boys. Give them something to do and the unruliness will be changed to ruliness.

Ques. 12. Why did King Solomon put Adonijah to death because he asked for Abishag to be his wife?

Ans. For the very good reason that he wanted the concubine of David in order that he might base upon that claim to the throne.

Ques. 13. How many scholars sufficient for one teacher?

Ans. I have tried to answer this question. (See answer to question 8) If you have a separate room take as many as you please.

Ques. 14. Should the superintendent appoint the teachers or should the scholars choose their own teachers?

Mr. T. S. Simms read report of a system that is authorized by the church to which the school belongs should be the one honored in its observance and not in its breach. Then under no circumstances would I allow the school to choose their own teachers. I would not allow them to choose their own day school teachers; then their Sunday School teachers?

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Ques. 15. What is the best way of creating an interest in the Home Department of the S. S.?

Ans. Well, if you are only alone in your parish get up an organization of your own. Get the superintendent to it before the school. You go ahead and organize one, whether it is large or small. This will be an object lesson.

Ques. 16. Would you reproduce the lesson before the entire school or at the teachers' meeting?

Ans. I would according to the teaching of this morning. I would have the scholars reproduce the lesson and also the superintendent in the review at the close of the school.

Ques. 17. What are we to do with Sabbath School scholar who will not keep good time in singing?

Ans. Let him sing in his own way. What matters the singing of a crow when the larks are all in time? It is the time of the singing rather than the harmony of the voice. The professor told of having 75 boys in a Latin school; not one of them could sing. I had an idea that boys could sing. I had a little lady with a piano. And every day for half an hour she prac-

tised them. I did not then know a note of music. But I can sing. At the end of the year those boys gave an exhibition. They sang one or two selections from the Oratoria. I never told the people that the boys could not sing, and the people never found it out.

Ques. 18. If one has the advantage of good teaching in a city Sunday School, but living in a country place, where the teaching is not good, what is their duty? (Please explain this, as it will help the question a great deal.)

Ans. Well, of course, there is the duty of the strong to the weak. In Illinois the good teachers are in the country districts. So the question would be, "If a good teacher from the country districts come to the city, where the teaching is not good." (Laughter.) The best teaching is among country districts. The city people are often too busy. And they use their helps too freely. But the duty is for the strong to help the weak.

Mr. Simms moved an adjournment, which was carried.

Announcement was made. Rev. Dr. Chapman pronounced the benediction.

### THIRD SESSION.

This met at 2.30 on Wednesday, the Miss Estey presided at the organ.

G. O. Gates again led the devotion. Convention sang "My Jesus I love Thee." Then the Rev. G. W. Gates led in prayer. The Convention sang the last verse of the hymn above. Convention then repeated together, "For God so loved the world he gave his only begotten Son whosoever believeth in Him

should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Convention sang "Leading Souls to Jesus." Then Rev. K. McKay (Houlton), Wm. C. Robinson and J. S. Trites led in prayer. Convention then sang "Always Abounding."

Mr. Gates said: The great fundamental truths in the New Testament are the atoning work of Jesus Christ and the renewing by the Holy Spirit.





## REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

With unfeigned thankfulness to God we gather the second time in this favored Town of Woodstock for our Annual Provincial Convention. Our previous meeting here was in 1888, when closing our fourth year of work, and girding for the fifth. Coming now, we may well make comparisons, observe the progress, and gratefully acknowledge God's goodness therein. We come again to this County of Carleton with more than ordinary gladness, because from it we first learned to associate for Sunday School work. In distant parts of the province we heard of Carleton County Sunday School revival, and a few of us came at your invitation to study the object lesson which you furnished. In this county the plans for a Provincial Association were first conceived, and from here came the noble band to the City of St. John to aid in starting this organization in 1884.

Today we return to show the harvest of your seed sowing. You see not the measure which you sowed, but a rich waving harvest to gladden the hearts of all who shared in the former labors. There are now nearly 1,000 schools, with about 6,000 officers and teachers, who have under them a great host of pupils to be taught in the word of life, and trained for better service to God than we are doing today. If any of you in that day thought you were sowing "a handful of grain on the top of the mountain," truly today, through God's goodness, you can say, "the fruit thereof snakes like Le-

banon." When the Convention met here in 1888 to celebrate its fourth anniversary, Parish Conventions were unknown outside of this county. Now there are about 100 parishes organized, most of them holding regular Conventions and doing good work. At that time our workers were a small though noble band who did what they could in the time which was taken from their business. Now the voluntary workers are increased, and their efforts are extended through the year by our paid Field Secretary.

At that time we published only a summary report in the Weekly Sentinel, but now we publish an Annual Report which is highly valued by the foremost superintendents and teachers by pastors and others interested in the spread of Sunday School work.

During this year the shadow of death has fallen upon our circle. Leonard Tilley, though not a member of our Executive, was one of the earnest promoters of the Association who and a subscriber to its funds whose subscribers were much fewer than now. Some of our business methods which have been most fruitful for our work were adopted at his suggestion. Until the time of his death in the month of last June, he continued to take an interest in this cause, reading whatever was published, and never failing to make kind inquiries as to the untold work when he met the workers. We miss him from among our friends in the circle of society of which he was an honored member.

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Our second loss is in the death of Mr. Geo. W. Hovey, from this County of Carleton. He was for several years vice-president of the association. He was scarcely ever absent from the annual Convention, and took a deep interest throughout each year while being a diligent worker in his county and parish. These lived well, and were found in that attitude which enabled them to realize that "to depart and be with Christ is far better." But their example is still with us, and "being dead they yet speak." May their mantle of usefulness fall upon younger men!

#### THE WORK OF THE YEAR.

Our committee has held the four regular quarterly meetings, all of good earnest character, and well attended by central members, and often some from a distance. Besides this, no special meetings were held as the work seemed to require.

We have witnessed with great pleasure the strengthening bonds between county and provincial officers, and believe that year by year the parts of our work are being bound in a strong whole for the high purpose which God has called us as an organization.

The County Convention, in almost every instance, put on a strength of either intellectual work at no sacrifice of spiritual power. In addition to the County Secretary being at all the County Conventions, the Rev. G. O. Gates attended that of Albert County, and E. R. Machum that of Queens County. These counties were grateful for the additional encouragement so given. Some of our county officers have made great advance as practical workers in their own field. Each year understand the underlying prin-

ciples or the genius of association work better, and apply them with a deepening love to the improvement of their parishes.

#### EXTENSION OF WORK.

The association year now closing has been the best in our history in several important particulars:—

(1) The organizing of the cities of St. John, Fredericton and Woodstock, has marked a new epoch in our history. St. John, immediately after organizing, began steadily to prepare for a Systematic House to House Visitation. This was accomplished at the close of last February. Conditions of social life in relation to the several departments of church work were discovered, and good has resulted beyond what might be so early expected. Similar work was done in Fredericton and Woodstock, the results of which will be told you.

(2) Home Class Department—This work was based on the discoveries made by systematic visitation, and has been well begun in St. John and in smaller degree elsewhere. We hope at this present Convention to take earnest steps to extend this work to every parish and day school district. Reports and discussions will bring this subject before you for further consideration. We are deeply impressed that no one can fully estimate the value, for the salvation of our Province, of the influence thus set in operation this year. The subject has been emphasized in Parish and County Conventions. Articles of an excellent literary character have been published in the columns of the Daily and Weekly Sun on this subject, and the small portion of the Sunday School world which is in our Province, is beginning to recognize its duty along this line.

(3) Normal Work—We recognize that the majority of our Sunday School teachers need better facilities that they may qualify themselves to teach the Word of God. Many superintendents complain of their inability to impress teachers with the importance of their work, or to obtain new teachers, either regular or occasional. For two years at least our work has steadily kept this need in view. A Normal Text-book was adopted. Normal lessons were given in County and Parish Conventions. But during this year further steps have been taken. Excellent teacher training has been done by Normal Classes in town and country, and we hope that the time is now ripe for the extending of this work.

At the last meeting of the Executive, a Committee was appointed to consider the advisability of forming a Provincial Normal Department, the superintendent of which would arrange for an annual examination and the granting of diplomas to those who successfully pass their examinations. This Committee's report will be presented to you during this Convention.

The International Convention held during this year at Boston, brought to the Sunday School work of this Province greater benefit than was derived from any of its previous triennial gatherings. More than thirty delegates from this Province attended its four days' sessions and brought back, some more, some less, inspiration for organized Sunday School work.

The Report of that great Convention is in hundreds of homes, through the kindness of the International Evangel, and as a result our Province has taken a higher position of intelligence in this great work. For more than twenty years we have shared the bless-

ings of the International through its system of lessons, which have wrought so much good for us. For a smaller number of years we have welcomed its chief field-worker, Mr. Wm. Reynolds, who has much helped us. Let our sympathies spread wider as the organization strives to extend to Mexico, South America and the West Indies.

We heartily welcome another of the International workers in the person of Prof. Hamill, whose name has long been familiar to us.

#### FINANCE.

All who are interested in this work will be gratified at the conditions which our Treasurer is able to report. It will be remembered that last year we talked of debt, and thought of trenchement. You did far better than stay under the one, or to consent to practice the other. Under the encouragement of Mr. Wm. Reynolds, who nobly helped to remove the debt, and we, your Committee, feared to retreat when God said "Go forward."

Our Treasurer's report will show that we are free of debt, all our liabilities are paid, and we begin another year with a small balance in hand. We have not talked debt during the year, but we have asked our Secretary to use some time in collecting on the same lines, but a little wider, than previous years. With God's blessing, disposing a large number of business men to help this good cause, and with the kind remembrance of superintendents in sending offerings from the Sunday Schools, this favorable condition is brought about. God has answered prayer and rewarded effort. To Him let our thanks ascend.

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## THE INTERNATIONAL EVANGEL.

We regret that the special New Brunswick edition of this valuable Sunday School paper has been disturbed since last May. A change in the management necessitated a change in the arrangement with us. The ownership of a new arrangement has been unavoidable, but we now lay the plans before you Mr. R. M. Scruggs of St. Louis, who has great faith in the blessings of the International Sunday School work, has guaranteed the financial standing of the paper, and its profits will be appropriated to International work. They offer to print 500 copies of our four pages, bind and mail with the regular edition for the sum of \$15.00 per month, asking nothing for seeing the same through the press with the best wisdom of the general editor, W. Semelroth. They will print up to the full requirement of our subscription list, and sufficient over this for avassing over our field during each month, until up to the number of 1,500, then any over that shall only be proportionate cost. The subscription rates are one dollar for single subscriptions, except an introductory, when we may take them at fifty cents. Ten copies either to one school or locality, or even ten copies ordered one time, though not all to one post-office, can be taken at fifty cents per year.

We have had many inquiries since special four pages were discontinued. One of our best workers asks "how are we to keep up our knowledge of the field, and the hints on our work, if we do not have this?" We have that no Sunday School worker can keep abreast with the modern movement without it, for no other

paper gives regularly an account of the sayings and doings of Sunday School leaders at the front through this entire continent and the world. It keeps up a conference the whole year between superintendents and teachers on best methods, and is a constant educator for parish and county workers. These things are necessary to our work, and we believe that while our own work has been published with that from the International field, our people have had broader views and have done more intelligent work.

## OUR FIELD SECRETARY.

We have only to repeat the words of our Committee at the Chatham Convention in regard to the work of our Field Secretary, Rev. A. Lucas, except to say that added experience has led to even greater results, and the year just closed marks an era of advance as a consequence of his efforts, such as could not have been obtained by one of less experience.

From his detailed report you will learn of the miles travelled, and Conventions and other meetings attended, besides work in connection with the Finance Committee, and his editorial work for the International Evangel.

Eternity alone will reveal the amount of good accomplished by our brother in stimulating to greater effort those already interested, in encouraging the weak, and in enlisting the services of those heretofore indifferent.

His never falling faith and courage under all circumstances are remarkable, and conduce in no small degree to the success of this work.

The withdrawal of our Corresponding Secretary, Miss Clemmie Lucas, from the work has entailed an added burden

on the Field Secretary, from which your Committee feels he must be relieved, and would recommend this Convention to consider what assistance he can be given in his work.

Your Committee have repeatedly cautioned him against overwork, and feel that the only remedy is in providing such assistance as the work demands.

We are here to cheer each other, also to lay new and enlarged plans. Our work is fairly begun. A splendid future lies before us if only we do our Lord's bidding. We must not stand still. He who has led us still points onward. He has given this cause much favor with the people. He has crowned our efforts in the past. We must not be any less prayerful and vallant than in other days when prospects were not so bright but faith was strong. A large number in our Province are yet without systematic Bible study. Let us not rest till we have done our best to arouse them to the things which are so precious to us, for the life which now is and for that which is to come."

We therefore offer the following recommendations:

First. We emphasize the importance of placing the Biblical and spiritual characteristics of this work as a first thought in all our plans, and we urge our fellow-workers in counties and parishes to seek the manifestations of the Holy Spirit in all their meetings.

Second. That county officers use every opportunity to secure a wise choice of parish officers, to impress them with the great possibilities of their office, the need of discrete wisdom and fervent piety or the systematic visitation of schools, and that they show to superintendents the value

to Christianity of correct statistics and annual offering for the extension of this work.

Third. That diligent attention be given to extending the House to House Visitation, and the Home Class Department movement, and that a superintendent of Home Class work for the Province be appointed by this Convention, and that a depot for Home Class supplies be opened.

Fourth. That in view of the importance of the Normal study of the Bible and the very general interest that being shown along this line in various parts of the Province, a Normal Department for the Province be established. That a superintendent Normal Work be appointed, regular annual examinations be conducted, diplomas granted, and that graduation exercises form a part of the programme of each Annual Provincial Convention.

Fifth. That the officers and teachers of Sunday Schools during this year be requested during the coming year to give special attention to the matter of grading, and that it have a place on the programmes of parish, county and province through the year.

Sixth. That we recommend to S. S. population of our Province International Evangel and request that they endeavor to extend its circulation.

On behalf of the Committee,  
T. S. SIMMS  
Chairman

Mr. Simms moved and Rev. C. Gates seconded a vote of thanks to International Evangel for the note sent for use of delegates. Carried.  
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White seconded the following, which was carried:

Whereas, The Rev. Kenneth McKay, Tom Houlton, one of the organizers, men of Richmond, in this county, is present;

Resolved, That he be received as a member of this Convention and invited to share in all its privileges.

Mr. W. J. Parks moved that the report be adopted and that we consider the recommendations therein. Carried.

FIRST RECOMMENDATION.

Rev. T. Marshall moved this. This to enable the Convention to see the great importance of emphasizing the necessity of placing the Word of God and the work of the Holy Spirit first. This is a very profitable thing for us in our Sunday School work to remember that the Bible is our text-book. There are different ways of doing this, but the great object is to teach the Bible itself. It may be possible in teaching the Bible to give undue prominence to certain features of our work. We need to know something about its literary character and other things. But we must give special prominence to the necessity of spiritual power. We need to see that we have the power of the word unto salvation. Unless it directly leads to the conversion of our scholars there will be a serious lack.

Rev. J. C. Berrie seconded it. He said: I think that this is the most important feature of our work. We must emphasize this in all our Parish and County Conventions.

Rev. G. O. Gates said: I heartily sympathize and my vote to this. Our teachers must remember that in carrying out this may be carried out we seek the blessing alone with God. It will enable us to teach spiritual

truth. May the Lord help us and then there will come a blessing. Carried.

SECOND RECOMMENDATION.

Wm. S. Robinson moved this. He said: We are not censuring our officers, but we ought to see that they do their work.

Rev. F. W. Murray seconded it. He said: There ought to be more done in the way of personal visitation. If it is possible for us to secure an intimate connection between the Provincial Association and the Parish Schools it will be largely done by carrying out this resolution. And it is not possible to secure support for the association unless efficient visitation is maintained.

E. R. Machum said: In selecting county officers be careful to choose those who will do their duty at the right time. I speak from experience. At one of our Conventions we had not a large attendance. I made enquiries and found that notices had gone out too late for them to be of any service. Carried.

THIRD RECOMMENDATION.

Mr. Simms read it and moved it. He said: I hope that we adopt that clause and request that the Executive carry it out. Those who heard the report and saw the map from St. John County will see what is being attempted. The necessity of developing this work is increasing. It will be a great benefit to all.

Rev. T. Marshall said that the wisdom of this had been questioned by some. But he can bear testimony to the good effect of this kind of work. House to House Visitation is a great blessing. By it I was led to discover some families that I did not know had any connection with my church. It has been more helpful than we can



TREASURER'S REPORT.

This was read by Mr. White. Several questions were asked and satisfactorily answered while he read it and explanations were given:

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CONTRA ACCOUNT.

Miss Lucas for	
Postage .....	\$ 2 00

Book and post cards...	45
200 post-cards and printing .....	3 00
Tippett & Co.' bill "supplies" .....	2 41
Rev. George Steel, reporting .....	15 75
Barnes & Co, supplies.	8 75
Postage bill, Miss Lucas .....	4 00
Carter & Co., bill for reports ..	152 34
E. J. Armstrong, "badges" .....	16 00
Flewelling's bill for cut for collecting slips.	5 00
Mailing reports to pastors, etc .....	4 00
Express bills .....	60
R. D. Robinson & Co.'s bill ..	15 35
Barnes & Co.'s bill....	23 20
Postage bill, corresponding secretary .....	12 61
Bill for Home Department supplies .....	13 20
Post cards and printing.	6 00
International pledge ...	75 00
Miss C. S. Lucas' bill, salary and postage...	117 10
R. D. Robinson & Co.'s bill .....	9 75
Loss on check and cost of draft .....	50
Postage on second lot of collecting slips....	1 28
D. F. Brown's bill.....	2 04
Post cards and printing.	4 00
Draft for part of 1897 International pledge..	25 00
Paid joint note .....	250 00
Postage bill, corresponding secretary .....	9 00
Treasurer's bill, postage, etc .....	7 50
Interest on \$500 note at 5 per cent.....	25 00
Loss on American money ..	33

R. D. Robinson & Co.'s bill .....	23 30
Rev. A. Lucas, salary .....	1,100 04
Rev. A. Lucas, field expenses .....	257 79
Rev. A. Lucas, postage, etc. ....	33 90
Rev. L. Lucas, express and telegrams .....	10 75
Loss on St. John check .....	15
Loss on American money .....	20
Rev. G. O. Gates, expenses to Woodstock donated to Convention ..	3 60
Organ boy, Woodstock .....	1 00
Sexton, Woodstock ....	5 00
E. J. Armstrong's bill..	3 75
Manchester. Robertson & Allison .....	7 08
Barnes & Co.....	1 35
Bill for Hymn books, etc. ..	6 08
	\$2,265 15

RECEIPTS, 1896.

ALBERT COUNTY—Pledge \$72.00.

Schools, Germantown, \$2.25; Riverside Union, \$1.50; Memel Union, \$1.00; Coverdale Union, \$5.40; Hopewell Hill, Methodist, \$3.00; Hopewell Hill, Baptist, \$4.00; Upper Coverdale, F. C. B., \$2.00; Hillsborough, 2nd Baptist, \$2.55; Coverdale Methodist, \$5.00; Alma Baptist, \$2.00; Hopewell Cape Baptist, \$5.70; Albert Methodist, \$1.75; Brookton, \$1.00; Chemical Road, 60 cents; Alma Methodist, \$2.00; Rosevale, \$1.00..\$40 75

Conventions and Meetings—West River meeting, 64 cents; Hopewell and Harvey Convention, \$2.46; Hillsborough Convention, \$1.58; Dawson Settlement meeting, 35 cents; Point Wolfe, 60 cents; Alma Parish Convention, \$1.83; Elgin Parish Convention, 72 cents; Alma Parish Convention, \$3.16; Hopewell Parish Convention, \$3.04; Harvey Parish Convention, \$3.56; Hillsborough Parish Convention, \$1.14; Coverdale Parish Convention, \$1.04 .....

Subscriptions—A. C. M. Lawson, \$2.50; Mrs. A. C. M. Lawson, \$1.00; W. A. Trueman, \$1.00; S. C. Murray, M. D., \$1.00; A. E. Chapman, \$1.00; Mrs. Jameson, \$1.00; M. F. Fillmore, \$1.00; M. E. Bacon, \$1.00; Charles Smith, \$1.00; Alexander Rogers, \$1.00; George W. Barber, \$1.00; Hon. A. R. McLellan, \$6.00; Mrs. R. Colpitts, \$1.00; Professor Rhodes, \$1.00; Capt. H. A. Turner, \$1.00; J. W. Cornwarth, \$1.00; James Keever, 50 cents; E. A. Parkin, \$1.00 .....

Total from County, \$84.87.

CARLETON COUNTY—Pledged \$2

Schools—Woodstock F. C. Baptist, \$3.25; Woodstock Methodist, \$2.21; Lindsay Union, \$1.00; Oakville Methodist, \$2.00; Woodstock Advent, \$6.75; Bristol Union, \$5.25; Upper Woodstock, \$1.00; Greenfield Presbyterian, \$2.65; Lindsay Union, \$5.00; Hartland Reformed Baptist, \$2.50; Grafton Union, \$6.00; Bath Union, \$3.50; Beechwood Union, \$4.20; Waterville F. C. B., \$1.00; Bloomfield, \$1.40; Lower Brighton Rd Bt, \$2.00; Upper Knoxford, \$2.00; Beaufort Union, \$1.84; Summerfield Methodist, \$3.50; Lakeville, \$2.00; Wicklow Union, \$1.00; Ferryville Methodist, \$2.45; Northampton, \$2.75; Biggar Ridge, 78 cents; Watson Settlement, \$3.00 Billville, \$2.00; Benton Methodist, \$2.00; Rockland F. C. Baptist, \$3.12; Pembroke F. C. Baptist, \$2.00; Woodstock Presbyterian, \$6.60; Dr. Merchant, settlement, \$1.00; Maplehurst, \$2.00; McKenzie Corner, \$2.00; McKenzie Corner Presbyterian, \$2.00 .....

Schools—Woodstock Rd Baptist, \$5.00; Jacksonville Baptist, \$1.80; Woodstock Methodist, \$8.60; Lower Brighton F. C. B., \$1.00; Woodstock Presbyterian, additional, 75 cents; Centreville Baptist, \$3.22; Hartland Union, \$1.70; Waterville Methodist, 60 cents; Homesville, \$1.25; Jack-

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COUNTY—Pledged \$2

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cents; Woodstock F. C. B.,  
1.10; Jacksonville Methodist,  
0.00; Centreville Methodist,  
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Conventions and Meetings—  
chmond Parish, \$5.90; Brigh-  
n Parish, \$3.00; Peel Parish,  
cents; Aberdeen Parish, \$2.15;  
ent Parish, \$3.90; Wicklow  
d Simonds Parish, \$4.00; Wil-  
ot Parish, \$1.87; Wakefield  
r Parish, \$1.60; Northampton Par-  
sh, \$2.00; Woodstock Parish,  
17; Benton Parish, \$4.57; Kent  
r Parish, \$4.56; Aberdeen Parish,  
cents; Southampton Parish,  
5; Queensbury Parish, \$2.40;  
uglas and Bright Parish,  
5; Carleton County Conven-  
n, \$30.00 .....\$ 74 85

Subscriptions—C. D. Dickin-  
son, \$1.00; F. Dickinson, \$1.00;  
Harron, \$1.00; H. L. Bailey,  
cents; J. T. G. Carr, \$1.00;  
Humphrey Taylor, \$1.00; M.  
Thistle, \$1.00; Mrs. G. B.  
t, \$1.00; S. Hayden Shaw,  
0; G. E. Boyer, 50 cents; E.  
xander, 50 cents; H. M. Hun-  
50 cents; H. E. Blakslee,  
cents; W. D. Keith, 25 cents;  
Hurley, 25 cents; David  
ple, \$1.00; R. C. Kirkpat-  
50 cents; W. A. Sher-  
d, \$1.00; W. M. Wetmore,  
; D. S. Jones, \$1.00; Miss  
ie Bell, \$1.00; George Wig-  
\$1.00; Herbert Cliff, 50  
s; Willim Love, \$1.00; John  
ntosh, \$1.00; James Love,  
Sherman Murphy, \$1.00;  
ph Nixon, 50 cents; Perry  
gerald, 50 cents; J. A. Shea,  
Nobles & Trafton, \$1.00;  
rew Myles, \$1.00; A. P. Con-  
1.00; W. T. Dibble, \$1.00;  
McLaughlin, \$1.00; F. A.  
say, \$1.00; John F. Dickin-  
\$1.00; H. A. Connell, \$2.00;  
L. Pitt, \$1.00; Mrs. Tre-  
\$1.00; Albert Hayden, \$1.00;  
amson Fisher, \$1.00; J. S.  
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C. A. McKen, \$1.00; W.

S. Saunders, \$1.00; R. M. Den-  
nison, \$1.00; R. B. Jones, \$1.00;  
Miss Annie J. Fisher, \$1.00;  
Bateman Bros., \$1.00; "The  
Despatch," \$1.00; E. S. Kirkpat-  
rick, M. D., \$1.00; J. E. Drys-  
dale, 50 cents; Chas. Vanwart,  
50 cents; L. N. Fletcher, 50  
cents; A. Friend, Woodstock,  
\$5.00; J. T. A. Dibble, M. P. P.,  
\$5.00; D. McLeod Vince, \$2.00; C.  
R. Watson, \$1.00; M. Brewer,  
\$1.00; W. C. Atherton, \$1.00; J.  
H. Watt, \$1.00; P. S. Keirstead,  
M. D., \$1.00; F. F. Sprague, M.  
D., \$1.00; M. D. Rankine, M. D.,  
\$1.00; R. K. Jones, \$1.00; Chas.  
Connell, \$1.00; Alex. Henderson,  
\$1.00; J. A. Lindsay, \$1.00; Don-  
ald Munroe, \$1.00; C. N. Scott,  
\$1.00; E. M. Boyer, \$1.00; W. T.  
Drysdale, \$1.00; N. Colter, M. D.,  
\$1.00; W. T. Sherwood, \$1.00;  
George Sanderson, \$1.00; W. N.  
Hand, M. D., \$1.00; W. B. Nich-  
olson, \$1.00; B. A. Grant, \$1.00;  
J. M. Tripp, 50 cents; H. W.  
Scovil, 50 cents; J. B. Curtis, M.  
D., \$1.00; A. S. Esty, M. D.,  
\$1.00; E. D. R. Phillips, \$1.00;  
Charles L. Smith, \$1.00; C. D.  
Dickinson, \$5.00; G. A. White,  
\$1.00; Mrs. W. F. Smith, \$1.00;  
Colonel Baird, \$1.00.....\$ 94 50

Total from County, \$301.52.

CHARLOTTE CO—Pledged \$200.00.

Schools—Wainig Presbyterian,  
\$2.85; Oak Bay Methodist, \$2.00;  
Old Ridge, \$2.00; Little Ridgton,  
St. James, \$1.00; Woodward's  
Cove Methodist, \$1.86; Two Is-  
lands, Seal Cove, \$3.40; St.  
Stephen Baptist, \$5.00; Ledge  
Methodist, \$2.55; Greenock, Dun-  
barton, \$4.00; White Head F. C.  
B., \$9.00; Little Ridge Union,  
\$2.00; Lower Bocabec, \$1.00; St.  
David's Hill, \$2.85; Oak Bay,  
Baptist, \$2.45; Beaver Harbor,  
Baptist, \$1.62; Lynnfield Presby-  
terian, \$1.40; St. George Presby-  
terian, \$7.50; Upper St. David's,  
\$3.50; Mascarene Baptist, \$2.00;  
DeWolfe Presbyterian, \$3.00;  
Lower Tower HHL, \$3.10;  
Moore's Mills Union, \$4.00; Did-

quequach Methodist, \$1.00; Tower Hill, \$2.00; Oak Bay Methodist, \$3.45; Ballie, \$1.00; Milltown Methodist, \$11.00; Meadows, \$2.00; Pennfield Centre Presbyterian, \$3.45; Lynnfield Methodist, 1.55; Pomeroy Ridge, \$2.10; St. Stephen Presbyterian, \$7.00; Old Ridge, \$3.40; St. Stephen Methodist, \$10.00; Scotch Ridge, \$1.00..... \$ 117 03

Conventions and Meetings—Lepreau Parish, 43 cents; Pennfield Parish, \$1.59; St. George Parish, \$1.15; Back Bay Parish, 75 cents; St. Stephen Parish, \$2.29; Ridgeton Parish, \$1.30; Scotch Ridge Parish, 52 cents; Lynfield Parish, \$1.03; St. Andrews Parish, \$1.83; St. Patrick Parish, \$1.46; St. Croix Parish, \$2.66; Dunbarton Parish, \$3.00; Charlotte County Convention, \$7.00; St. David's meeting, 84 cents; collection at Prof. Hamill's meeting at St. Stephen, \$7.80; St. David's, \$2.51..... \$ 36 16

Subscriptions—J. K. Laffin, \$10; St. Croix Soap Mfg. Co., \$10.00; Ganong Bros., Lmtd., \$5.00; F. M. Murchie, \$3.00; J. D. Chipman, \$3.00; Hon. James Mitchell, \$2.00; Judge Stevens, \$2.00; Mrs. Frank Todd, \$2.00; J. S. Whitlock, \$2.00; G. S. Wall, \$2.00; W. H. Clerke, \$2.00; J. M. Dienstadt, M. D., \$1.00; F. O. Sullivan, \$1.00; M. McGowen, \$1.00; Jas. N. Clarke, \$1.00; Cameron & McIntosh, \$1.00; S. Webber, \$1.00; E. B. Keirstead, \$1.00; J. M. Grant, \$1.00; DeWolfe & Dinsmore, \$1.00; H. Stephenson, \$1.00; F. E. Ross, \$1.00; A. J. Tead, \$1.00; Jos. Murchie, \$1.00; W. C. Grimmer, 50 cents; Wm. Douglas, \$3.00; B. L. Moore, \$1.00; Geo. A. Dibble, \$1.00; Wm. King, \$1.00; Jas. Murchie, \$5.00; E. H. Balcolm, \$5.00; Mrs. C. Todd, \$2.00; George Todd, \$1.00; A. McKenzie, \$1.00; John Willder, \$1.00; Wm. Graham, \$1.00; Robert Hill, 50 cents; B. H. Kerr, 50 cents; Mrs. R. D. Ross, \$5.00; C. W. Manzer, \$5.00; W. A. Grant, 50 cents; James O'-

Brien, M. P. P., \$1.00; Hector McKenzie, \$1.00; Frank Hibbard, \$1.00; H. J. Taylor, M. D., \$1.00; Thomas Dick, M. D., \$1.00; J. Suttan Clark, \$1.00; H. Vaughn Dewar, \$1.00; George Johnson, \$1.00; James Dodds, \$1.00; John O'Brien, senr., 50 cents; Timothy O'Brien, 50 cents..... \$ 100  
Total from County, \$253.19.

GLOUCESTER CO.—Pledged \$25.

Schools—St. Luke's, Bathurst Village, \$1.00; Janeville, \$2.00; Stonehaven, \$3.50; Lower Teteagouche, \$3.00; Bathurst town Presbyterian, \$4.40; St. Luke's, Bathurst Village, \$2.00..... \$ 15

Conventions and Meetings—Belledune, 89 cents; Teteagouche, 60 cents; Dunlop, 42 cents; Middle River, \$1.46; Gloucester Co. Convention, \$5.88 .....

Subscriptions—G. M. Duncan, \$2.00; A. A. Desbrisay, \$1.00; S. Williamson, \$1.00; W. J. Draper, \$1.00; Joseph Henderson, \$1.00... \$  
Total for County, \$31.15.

KENT COUNTY—Pledged \$175.00

Schools—Smith's Corner, \$2.47; Mill Branch, \$2.00; Buctouche Presbyterian, \$3.00; Mortmore Union, \$1.80; Harcourt Methodist, \$2.90; Buctouche Methodist, \$3.00; St. Andrew's Presbyterian, Kingston, \$8.00; West Galloway, \$2.00; Little River, \$2.00; Harcourt Presbyterian, \$5.00; Ford's Mills, \$2.00; Richibucto Presbyterian, \$2.30; East Galloway, \$2.70; Bass River Point, \$1.00; South Branch, \$2.60; Main River, \$2.50; Cocagne, \$3.40; Bass River, \$4.65; Pine Ridge, \$2.20; Kouchibouguac, \$3.00; Jardineville, \$2.00; McNairn, \$2.00; McLean Settlement, \$1.07 .....

Conventions and Meetings—St. Marys and Dundas, 77 cents; Scovill's Mills, 43 cents; Wellington Parish Convention, \$2.16; McNairn Convention, \$1.10; Richibucto Convention, \$4.00; Moulus River Convention, \$1.81; Bass River Convention, \$2.46;

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\$8.00; West  
Little River,  
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J. Brott, \$1.00; A. B. Carson,  
0; Hazen Russ, \$1.00; Wm.  
Carter, \$1.00; W. Forbes,  
0; Andrew Dunn, \$1.00.....\$ 8 00  
Total from County, \$91.31.

INGS COUNTY—Pledged \$250.00.

Schools — Queensville, \$1.55;  
ollina Baptist, 50 cents;  
t Springfield Baptist, \$1.00;  
hanics' Settlement Union,  
; Reformed Episcopal, \$5.65;  
sex Presbyterian, \$5.00; S'th  
nch Baptist, \$1.25; Penobs-  
Baptist, \$3.00; Penobsquis  
C. B., \$5.35; Hampton  
odist, \$1.00; Mrs. M. E. S.  
more's Class, Bloomfield,  
; Hillsdale Baptist, \$1.35;  
er Springfield Union, \$1.30;  
Springs Baptist, \$3.15;  
iac Union, \$2.50; Upperton  
n, \$1.00; Waterford Union,  
Rothesay Presbyterian,  
Salem Baptist, \$1.55; Car-  
Point, \$1.00; Carsonville  
odist, \$2.74; Hall Union,  
h Valley, \$1.25; Lower Mill-  
m Presbyterian, \$4.00; Hd  
Millstream Union, \$4.00;  
arton Presbyterian, \$2.00;  
e's Corner Methodist, 50  
; Apohaqui Union, \$4.20;  
ville Union, \$2.00; Newtown  
n, \$3.05; Sussex F. C. Bap-  
\$6.50; Belleisle Creek Meth-  
\$3.00; Lower Ridge F. C.  
cents; East Scotch Settle-  
\$2.00; Centreville, \$1.10;  
oton Presbyterian, \$5.75;  
t Hebron, \$1.50; New Line  
Union, \$2.80; Millstream  
tain, 40 cents; Sussex  
odist, \$5.40; Spring Hill  
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\$3.50; Mountain Dale, 40  
Queensville, \$2.60.....\$ 115 16  
ventions and Meetings—  
lock Parish, \$1.52; Ham-  
Parish, \$4.15; Cardwell  
\$1.33; do., \$1.50; Havelock

Parish, \$1.05; Norton Parish,  
56 cents; Studholm Parish, \$3.00;  
Studholm Parish, \$3.26; Kings  
County Convention, 95 cents;  
Rothesay Parish, \$4.00; Sussex  
Parish, \$1.28; Thanksgiving ser-  
vice collection, Sussex, \$3.44....\$ 26 04  
Subscriptions — John Rich-  
mond, \$2.00; A. H. Robinson,  
\$1.00; J. A. Moore, Esq., \$1.00;  
Samuel Hayward, \$5.00; J. G.  
Smith, \$1.00; C. W. J. Upham,  
\$1.00; J. R. McLean, \$1.00; W.  
H. White, \$2.00; G. N. Pearson,  
M. D., \$1.00; H. H. Dryden, \$1.00;  
W. B. McKay, \$1.00; O. P. King,  
Esq., \$1.00 R. D. Robinson, \$1.00;  
Seth Jones, \$2.00; Joshua Pres-  
cott, \$5.00; Geo. J. Vaughn, \$5.00;  
Hon. A. S. White, \$5.00; Rev.  
A. Lucas, \$2.00; J. E. Slipp, \$1.00.  
Mrs. J. S. Trites, \$1.00; Mrs. H.  
A. White, \$5.00; J. S. Trites,  
\$5.00; Miss C. S. Lucas, \$5.00; A.  
Friend, \$1.80; Mrs. C. T. White,  
\$5.00 .....\$ 61 80  
Total from County, \$293.00.

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY—  
Pledged \$140.00.

Schools—Lower Napan, \$3.60;  
Newcastle Mission School, \$5.80;  
Strathadam, \$1.10; Whitneyville  
Presbyterian, 65 cents; St. An-  
drew's Presbyterian, Chatham,  
\$10.07; Millerton Union, \$5.60;  
Red Bank, \$3.00; Hardwick,  
\$1.50; St. James Presbyterian,  
Nelson, \$4.15; St. Mark's,  
Douglastown, \$6.00; Little Beh,  
\$2.10; New Lion, Upper Black-  
ville, \$4.00; Lower Napan, \$2.15;  
Lower Derby Union, \$1.00; Ch  
Point, \$2.05; Black River Bdg.  
\$2.00; Blackville Presbyterian,  
\$6.10; Loggville Presbyterian,  
\$4.00; Newcastle Methodist,  
\$4.10; Tabusintac Presbyterian,  
\$3.00; Burnt Church, \$2.15; Pro-  
tectionville, \$2.00; St. John's  
Presbyterian, Chatham, \$8.27;  
Whitneyville, \$2.00; Blackville,  
\$2.25; St. Luke's Methodist,  
Chatham, \$5.00; Lower Napan,  
\$1.05; Napan Union, \$3.15; Red  
Pine Island, \$2.00; Upper Black  
River, \$2.45; Newcastle Presby-

terian, \$4.00; Upper Nelson, \$3.00; Doaktown Union, \$2.65...\$ 111 94

Conventions and Meetings—  
 Chatham Convention, \$3.00; Newcastle, \$2.84; Blissfield, \$2.11; Chelsford, 56 cents; Indian town, 50 cents; Nelson, \$2.60; Northumberland County Convention, \$10.00.... \$ 21 61

Subscriptions—L. F. Weldon, \$1.00; Mrs. A. Gillis, \$1.00; Wm. M. Salter, \$1.00; F. G. Winslow, \$1.00; G. A. Lounsbury, \$1.00; G. N. Clark, \$1.00; W. A. Park, \$2.00; J. C. Miller, \$2.00; T. C. Miller, \$1.00; Miss Edith Sheriff, \$1.50; Andrew Burr, \$1.00; D. Ferguson, \$5.00; R. H. Anderson, \$2.00; J. D. McKenzie, \$2.00; D. P. McLachlan, \$5.00.....\$ 27 50

Total from County, \$161.05.

QUEENS COUNTY—Pledged \$70.00.

Schools — Upper Gagetown Baptist, \$4.85; Fowler's Corner, \$1.25; Upper Jemseg Baptist, \$3.64; Salmon Creek Presbyterian, \$2.00; Narrows Methodist, \$1.00; Woodville, \$3.25; McDonald's Corner, \$3.21; Gage town, 80 cents; Armstrong's Corner, \$1.00; Upper Gagetown Baptist, \$2.80; Mill Cove, \$2.00; Young's Cove, \$1.35; First Johnston F. C. B., \$1.20.....\$ 28 35

Conventions and Meetings—  
 Chipman, \$4.12; Caanan Forks, 31 cents; New Caanan, 66 cents; Petersville, \$1.63 .....\$ 6 72

Subscriptions—G. G. & W. C. King, \$5.00; H. Woods, \$1.00... \$ 6 00

Total from County, \$41.07.

RESTIGOUCHE CO—Pledged \$150.

Schools—New Carlisle, \$2.00; yearly contribution, \$120.00.....\$ 122 00

Conventions and Meetings—  
 River Louison, 89 cents; Colbourne, \$1.90; Dalhousie, \$3.28; Addington, 50 cents; Dalhousie, \$1.60; Durham, \$1.00.....\$ 9 17

Subscriptions—J. T. Windsor, \$5.00; S. S. Harrison, \$1.00; Jas. Reid, \$1.00; J. P. Mowatt, \$1.00; H. Lunan, M. D., \$1.00; D. G. Murchie, \$1.00; George McKenzie, \$1.00; H. F. McLatchey,

\$1.00; Wm. Murray, \$1.00; W. A. Mott, M. P. P., \$1.00; W. G. Mawhinney, \$10.00 .....\$ 24

Total from County, \$155.17.

SUNBURY CO—Pledged \$25.00.

Schools—Blissville, \$7.32; Oromocto F. C. B., \$2.40; Fredericton Junction, \$2.20; Sheffield Congregational, 65 cents; Juvenile Methodist, \$3.70; Oromocto Methodist, \$2.60; Russagornish F. C. B., \$1.42; Patterson Settlement, \$2.00; Tracey Station F. C. B., \$2.00; French Lake, \$1.55; Maugerville, \$2.20..\$ 28

Conventions and Meetings—  
 Bunkerville, 96 cents; Russagornish, \$1.40; Gladstone, \$1.52; Blissville, \$1.87; Oromocto, \$1.24; Lincoln, 46 cents; Sunbury, 61 cents .....\$ 8

Subscriptions—A. J. Murray, \$1.00; A. L. Nutter, \$1.00; T. B. Roberts, \$1.00 .....\$ 3

Total from County, \$39.10.

ST. JOHN COUNTY—Pledged \$300.

Schools — Pisarinco, \$1.00; Shanklin Union, \$3.50; Congregational, \$3.00; Queen Square Methodist, \$20.00; Waterloo Street F. C. B., \$5.30; Main Street Baptist, \$18.00; Germain Street Baptist, \$20.00; North End Methodist, \$6.00; St. David's Presbyterian, \$20.00; St. Stephen Presbyterian, \$5.00; Zion Ch. Methodist, \$2.50; Salmon River, \$1.00; Second St. Martins Baptist, \$1.65; Brookville, \$2.00; Gardner's Ck, \$4.00; Pisarinco Presbyterian, \$2.65; Fairfield, \$1.00; Reformed Presbyterian, \$2.00; St. John Presbyterian, \$6.00; St. Andrew's Presbyterian, \$16.00; Grand Bay Union, \$1.00; Centenary Methodist, \$15.00 .....\$ 1

Conventions and Meetings—  
 Lancaster, \$2.19; Loch Lomond, 56 cents; Fairville, \$1.54; East Simonds, 75 cts; Simonds, \$1.25.\$

Subscriptions—Sir S. L. Tilley, \$5.00; George Robertson, \$5.00; Waterbury & Rising, \$5.00; J. M. Robertson, \$2.00;

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 gerville, \$2.20..\$ 28  
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 adstone, \$1.52;  
 romocto, \$1.24;  
 ; Sunbury, 61  
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 nty, \$39.10.

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 \$5.30; Main  
 18.00; Germain  
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 Salmon River,  
 Martins Bap-  
 pokville, \$2.00;  
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 y Methodist,  
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 Simonds, \$1.25.  
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 ge Robertson,  
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 ertson, \$2.00;

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 hittaker, \$2.00; G. A. Hender-  
 \$2.00; J. R. Woodburn,  
 \$2.00; M. McDonald, Esq., \$2.00;  
 McDiarmid, \$2.00; W. F.  
 atheway, \$2.00; a Friend,  
 \$2.00; Dr. P. R. Inches, \$1.00;  
 James Robertson, \$1.00; J. Bul-  
 ck, \$1.00; D. J. McLaughlin,  
 \$1.00; D. E. Loomer, \$1.00; G. L.  
 bour, \$1.00; DeForest & Sons,  
 \$1.00; A. A. Stockton, Esq., \$1.00;  
 n White, \$1.00; E. T. C.  
 owles, Esq., \$1.00; A. P.  
 nhill, Esq., \$1.00; M. F.  
 ce, M. D., \$1.00; A. A.  
 kton, M. P. P., \$1.00; H. H.  
 \$1.00; John Sealey, \$2.00;  
 B. Patterson, \$2.00; William  
 rker, \$1.00; A. B. Gilmour,  
 ; Samuel Kerr, \$1.00; Wm.  
 \$1.00; J. H. Wasson, \$1.00;  
 hrup & Co., \$1.00; Charles  
 \$1.00; Fraser, Fraser &  
 \$1.00; Wm. Robb, \$1.00; J.  
 ussell, \$1.00; J. J. Bostwick,  
 O. H. Warwick, \$1.00;  
 hester, Robertson & Al-  
 \$10.00; Judge J. G. Forbes,  
 Alex. Watson, \$1.00; Hazen  
 ck, \$1.00; J. H. McRobbie,  
 Ross Reid, \$1.00; James  
 \$1.00; David Mitchell,  
 \$1.00; Slipp & Flewwelling, \$1.00;  
 McCavour, \$1.00; Robert  
 fee, \$1.00; C. A. Stockton,  
 \$1.00; A. L. Spragg, 50  
 ; Ezekiel McLeod, \$2.00;  
 Sheffield, \$1.00; H. C. Til-  
 \$1.00; L. P. D. Tilley, \$1.00;  
 Fair, \$1.00; E. R. Machum,  
 J. Willard Smith, \$10.00;  
 Ruel, \$1.00; W. S. Fisher,  
 F. S. Bunnell, \$1.00; J. H.  
 son, \$1.00; Geo. W. Hoben,  
 Andrew Malcoln, \$40.00;  
 Shaw, M. P. P., \$5.00; J.  
 yers, \$1.00; Geo. C. Weldon,  
 A. L. Goodwin, \$1.00; John  
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 M. D., \$1.00; John  
 M. D., \$1.00; J. C. Mott,  
 \$1.00; D. F. Brown, \$1.00;  
 Simms, \$10.00; R. Reed,  
 W. J. Parks, \$5.00; M.  
 ld, M. D., \$1.00.....\$ 190 50  
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VICTORIA COUNTY—Pledged \$50.00.

Schools—California, 80 cents;  
 Forest Glen, \$3.50; Upper Kin-  
 cardine, \$1.05; Upper Kintore,  
 \$1.95; Upper Kincardine, \$2.91;  
 Lower Kincardine, \$2.40; Kil-  
 burn Methodist, \$6.25; Aroos-  
 took Junction, \$2.00; Sisson  
 Ridge, \$3.20; Three Brooks, 50  
 cents; Andover Baptist, \$1.15;  
 Lower California, 62 cents; Sth  
 Tilley, 57 cents; Perth Centre,  
 \$2.00; Mrs. Baird's Primary  
 Class, \$1.60; Forest Glen, \$3.00..\$ 33 50  
 Conventions and Meetings—  
 Andover Parish, \$1.00; Perth  
 Parish, \$1.75; Kilburn Parish,  
 \$2.62; Lower Perth, 16 cents;  
 Lower Kintore, 57 cents; Vic-  
 toria County Convention, \$6.00.. 12 10  
 Subscriptions—H. W. Bever-  
 idge, \$1.00; F. N. Welling, M. D.,  
 \$1.00; F. D. Sadler, \$1.00; W. L.  
 Mallory, 50 cents; C. L. Clark,  
 \$1.00; R. Wiley, M. D., \$1.00;  
 J. H. King, M. D., \$1.00; A. J.  
 Beveridge, \$1.00; a Friend, 25  
 cents; G. L. Corey, \$1.00; Hon.  
 Senator Baird, \$5.00.....\$ 13 75  
 Total from County, \$59.35.

WESTMORLAND CO—Pledged \$75.

Schools—Point DeBute, \$1.00;  
 Salisbury Methodist, \$2.50;  
 Sunny Brae, \$4.85; Petitcodiac  
 Union, \$2.50; Moncton Presby-  
 terian, \$7.55; Forest Glen, \$6.50;  
 Second North River, \$4.25;  
 Steeves' Settlem't, \$1.90; Hick's  
 Settlement, 60 cents; Chapman,  
 \$2.30; Tidnish Bridge, \$1.20;  
 Shediac Presbyterian, \$4.50;  
 Hanesville, \$1.30; Jollicure  
 Methodist, \$1.10; Moncton Re-  
 formed Episcopal, \$1.00.....\$ 43 05  
 Conventions and Meetings—  
 Westmorland Parish, \$1.23;  
 Sackville Parish, \$1.83; Dor-  
 chester Parish, \$1.40; Shediac  
 Parish, \$1.50; Forest Glen, \$1.00;  
 Forest Glen, 50 cents; The  
 Lord's money, 50 cents; Bots-  
 ford Parish, \$3.36; Westmor-  
 land Parish, \$1.88; Petitcodiac  
 Parish, \$1.36; Salisbury Parish,  
 \$2.75.. .....\$ 17 31

Subscriptions — Miss Annie Moore, \$1.00; George J. Oulton, \$1.00; W. U. Black, \$1.00; R. C. Tait, \$2.00; W. A. Russell, \$1.00; A. J. Webster, \$1.00.....\$ 7 00  
Total from County, \$67.36.

**YORK COUNTY—Pledged \$250.00.**

Schools—Mouth of Keswick Baptist, \$1.80; Frederick's Methodist, \$5.00; Kingsclear Methodist, 65 cents; Hartin Settlement, \$4.00; Harvey Station, \$2.00; Millville Union, \$2.00; Marysville F. C. Baptist, \$6.80; Tweedside, \$2.00; Williamsburg, \$1.00; Canterbury Station Union, \$1.90; Canterbury Front Union, \$4.00; Marysville Methodist, \$22.90; Upper Haneyville F. C. B., \$4.70; Mount Hope, \$1.10; Marysville Baptist, \$4.35; Woodlands Union, \$1.35; Nackawick Union, \$2.17; Upper Caverhill Methodist, \$2.45; Nashwaak Presbyterian, \$6.55; Gibson Baptist, \$10.00; Campbell Settlement Union, \$1.30; Nashwaak Baptist, \$2.00; Upper Queensbury, 70 cents; Penniac Union, \$2.00; Gibson Methodist, \$4.85; Jones, Forks Union, \$1.00; Barony, \$3.00; Fredericton Baptist \$5.00; Poquik Union, \$3.50; Penniac Methodist, \$2.00; New Hope, \$1.75; Mouth of Keswick F. C. B., \$1.25; Kingarth (Kingsclear), \$1.00; Lower Prince William Baptist, \$1.40; Durham Union, \$2.00; Nashwaak Village Methodist, \$3.00; Gibson F. C. Baptist, \$2.00; Douglas No. 2, F. C. B., \$3.00; Middle Southampton Ref. Baptist, \$1.30; New Maryland, \$4.00; Stanley, \$1.00; Caverhill Mthd'st, \$1.00; Kingsclear Methodist, \$4.75; Central Kingsclear Methodist, \$2.85.....\$ 142 87

Conventions and Meetings—Prince William and Dumfries, \$3.00; Bright and Douglas, \$1.30; Canterbury, \$4.69; Eel River Lake, 35 cents; Fosterville, \$1.11; Green Mountain, North Lake, 61 cents; Manners Suttin, \$1.95; Bright and Douglas, \$1.56; Kingsclear, \$1.35; Prince Wil-

liam and Dumfries, \$1.30; Southampton, \$2.45; Canterbury, \$1.68; North Lake, 63 cents; Forest City, \$2.00; McAdam, \$1.60; Maryland, 56 cents; Cross Creek, \$1.40; Stanley, \$1.42; Harvey Station, 71 cents; Nashawaakis, 83 cents; Southampton, \$1.41; Douglas, \$1.65; St. Marys, \$6.00; Stanley, 83 cents.....\$

Subscriptions—Charles Sampson, \$1.00; Andrew Coburn, \$1.00; C. J. Tabor, \$1.00; Mrs. Rosborough, \$1.10; A. E. Kilburn, \$1.00; Isaac Kilburn, \$1.00; Rev. Wm. Ross, \$1.00; T. L. Fraser, \$1.00; Leverett Estabrooks, 50 cents; Robert Scott, \$1.00; John N. Grant, \$5.00; Henry C. Grant, \$5.00; Isaac Marsten, \$1.00; W. L. Turner, M. D., \$1.00; T. M. Edwards, 50 cents; Edward Higgins, 50 cents; J. W. Hoyt, \$1.00; Geo. D. Baskin, \$1.00; E. W. Brownell, 50 cents; Geo. C. Coulthard, M. D., \$2.00; Geo. H. Coburn, M. D., \$2.00; J. H. Flemming, \$1.00; J. S. Neill, \$1.00; Andrew Lottimer, \$1.00; R. Davies, \$1.00; J. F. McMurray, \$1.00; H. C. Creed, \$1.00; Mrs. F. J. Todd, \$1.00; Chas. A. Sampson, \$1.00; Alonzo Staples, \$1.00; J. R. Inches, LL. D., \$2.00; J. Weddall, \$1.00; J. D. Phinney, \$1.00; H. Chestnut, \$1.00; F. W. Barbour, D. D. S., \$1.00; John Wiley, \$1.00; J. T. Clark, \$1.00; Wm. Wilson, \$1.00; F. B. Edgecomb, \$1.00; H. H. Pitts, \$1.00; Miss M. A. McLeod, \$1.00; A. McN. Shaw, \$2.00; Thomas Hoben, \$1.00; G. P. Oltz, 50 cents; Geo. A. Inch, \$1.00; Lemont & Sons, \$5.00; A. A. Sterling, \$1.00; Wesley Vanwart, \$2.00; G. W. Vanwart, M. D., \$1.00; Dr. Atherton, \$1.00; Estabrook Bros., \$1.00; Hon. A. F. Randolph, \$25.00; Donald Fraser & Sons, \$10.00; J. Edgecombe & Sons, \$2.00; Havelock Coy, \$1.00; R. N. George, \$1.00; E. Vanwart, \$1.00; R. Staples, \$1.00; George S. Dayton, 50 cents; James E. Simmons, \$1.00; Thomas S. Gill,

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 Kilburn, \$1.00; Rev.  
 \$1.00; T. L. Fraser,  
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 arn, \$2.00; J. T. Owens, M.  
 \$1.00; Mr. Burt, 25 cents;  
 Bradley, \$1.00; Wm. Miller,  
 G. N. Goodspeed, 50 cents;  
 son Smith, 50 cents; D.  
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 Rev. J. McConnell, \$5.00;  
 Andrew Malcolm, \$5.00; T.  
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 Murray, \$5.00; Miss Mc-  
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 J. K. Laffin, \$5.00; W. S.  
 son, \$5.00; Mrs. F. W.  
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 n Chatham Convention....\$ 4 55  
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 Colpitts, Reports..... 1 00  
 E. Bason, Reports..... 50  
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From outside sources:  
 From Rev. A. Lucas for error in  
 last year's account.....\$ 10 00  
 Proceeds of note of \$250, dis-  
 counted in bank at 6 p. c..... 242 57  
 Overcharge on printing..... 2 00  
 \$254 57

Rev. G. O. Gates moved that the Report be passed over to the Finance and Audit Committee and that the Treasurer be thanked.

Rev. A. M. Hubley seconded it. Rev. A. Lucas had great pleasure in supporting it. The Treasurer had done a great deal of very arduous work for the association.

J. G. Holyoke also spoke in favor of it. Carried by a rising vote.

The President presented the thanks and said that Mr. White deserved our thanks in a way that it was not possible for us to express in words. He hoped the Convention might always have him in that office.

Mr. White said that he deserved no thanks for what he had done. He would like to be relieved from office, but would do the best he could for another year.

Convention sang "Bringing in the sheaves."

CONFERENCE ON GRADING AND SUPPLEMENTARY LESSONS, LED BY PROF. HAMILL.

He said: Both these subjects belong to the newer life of Sunday School work. Perhaps in not more than 100 schools is their a special system of grading. I have thirty minutes for both subjects. I believe in graded schools. It is practical in any school, large or small, city or country. A severe basis of grading cannot be adopted. The school cannot be graded upon a basis of study only. I do not

believe that the time has yet come when that will be practical. I believe that you can do what is done according to age with some supplementary work. I have very positive convictions along these lines, because I have had no little experience. You cannot transfer the methods of day school teaching into Sunday School teaching. Because you have them in Sunday School only one hour a week; and because the day school teacher has methods of enforcing his will that the Sunday School teacher has not. In the day school they must grade. It is a matter of dollars and cents. You cannot have the severe discipline of day schools. But the Sunday School ought to have distinct departments. Scholars should be moved up in order from class to class and from department to department. I have seen it done again and again with success. I will put a little scheme of grading on the blackboard. It has been tried with singular success. It is based generally on age. The teachers do the best that they can to make it a success. There is:

I. The Primary—The age is from four to eight, or all under eight. In this is taught the names of the books of the Bible. They are trained to find the books of the Bible. Some do it more slowly—but they all do it.

II. The Intermediate, called sometimes the Juvenile—I like the word intermediate. The age limit is from 8 to

12. Four years in this and four years in the primary. The work here is supplementary to the other. The geography of the Bible is taught. At the age the scholar will have to begin study of geography in the public schools.

III. The Junior—The age limit would be from 12 to 16. These are taught history. The great salient points of Bible history.

IV. The Senior—It is divided into the assembly from 16 to 20. And from 20 into the Bible department.

From 16 to 20 church history, principles and church doctrines would be taught. The aim being to give to each scholar a history of the church generally and then of the particular church to which he belongs. In each department they stay four years. Each scholar at 16 years of age is put into the Senior Department. This is done by them to the school. In our Sunday Schools we must recognize a requirement for long continuance—the same as in the army and in business firms. I spoke about his brother receiving a medal for 15 years continuous service with one firm. The same principle obtains everywhere. This must be done if you do not grade on any basis than age.

Here Prof. Hamill drew some pictures which he regarded as a model arrangement for a Sunday School room.

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SCHOOL ROOM.

A	Primary Dept.	Superintendent.	Inter. Dept.	A	New Teacher.
B				B	
C				C	
D				D	
A	Junior Dept.		Senior Dept.	A	New Teacher.
B				B	
C				C	
D				D	
Young People's Department.					

the end of four years he passes  
 gh one department, having had  
 ame teacher all the time. He is  
 ready to go into Class A. of the  
 mediate Department. There is a  
 ment about having the same  
 er all the time. But it is only a  
 ment. The teacher would have  
 scholar through all the depart-  
 -say for four years. Then the  
 er would go back to A. of the  
 tment again, D having the same  
 rs all the time through the de-  
 ent. He would give diplomas  
 a scholar has passed through  
 epartment. Each scholar would  
 just where he would be from  
 o year. Each scholar would re-  
 16 certificates and four diplomas,  
 or each department. How was  
 scheme of grading brought about?

A committee of five was appointed.  
 The school was informed that it was  
 going to be graded at the beginning of  
 a certain quarter. The committee read  
 out the name of every teacher and  
 assigned him his place and the same  
 with every scholar. The school fell  
 into line. Two scholars left, but they  
 came back. Lay your plan before the  
 teachers and it will be easily done.  
 The Professor said that it was better  
 to put a boys' class together and a  
 girls' class together. But in the pri-  
 mary classes the sexes might go to-  
 gether. And again in the Senior De-  
 partment. But any scheme might not  
 be altogether good for you. It is im-  
 portant to grade.

This is the outline of the grading  
 that the Professor put on the black-  
 board:

		GRADING.	
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INTERMEDIATE.		8 to 12	G. of B. (Geography of Bible)
JUNIOR.		12 to 16	H. of B. (History of Bible)
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		Ch. Pol.	
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Second, the Supplementary Work.—This is also a new method in Sunday School work. You can get an excellent supplementary course. It is one of the best that has been prepared. Make a great deal of it. Take two or three minutes every Sunday before your lesson. Give a little Bible drill for this reason: There are a great many facts that are not in the lesson. Give out a question and ask them to bring any answers next Sunday. Let it be a question that will require some thought. I have known men and women to take great interest in these questions. The drills may be made very interesting and instructive. But never take more than three minutes with a drill.

#### TWO DRILLS.

1. Historical—The Professor drew a line on the blackboard thus

The first great event, Creation. Put this at 4004 B. C. What year? Convention 4004 B. C. This is a good working basis, the best that we have. Then he puts a second date, 2348. This stands of the Deluge. Then he put a third date, 1491. This stands for the Exodus. Then he put a fourth

date, 1096. This stands for the Coronation of Saul.

Here he said (pointing to Exodus) comes a nation.

Here he said (pointing to 10) comes the greatest empire of the world under three great kings.

Here he said (pointing to 976), disruption.

Here he said (pointing to C. at end), comes Christ.

Then he called out in what period comes Ruth? Naomi? Elijah? Isaiah? Ezra? Daniel? Answers were readily given by Convention. But some interesting mistakes were made.

Where are our lessons? In the period.

2 New Testament Drill—Professor Hamill said: Next year we go to the New Testament for a year. I will start you. He put 8-2 on the blackboard.

Then he asked Convention to what they stood for. A joint answer said eight authors, twenty-five books. Then the Professor asked them to take on the ore rotunda which was done.

Who wrote the first book? Conventions, Matthew. Who wrote M

- B. of B. (Books of Bible)
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Convention, Mark. Who wrote Luke? Convention, Luke. Who wrote John? Convention, John. Then he went over again. Four more writers. Paul wrote 14, including Hebrews. Peter wrote two. Two more wanted, James and Jude. When he gave Convention a kind of rhymer and altogether repeated Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, and Peter, James and Jude. This was greatly relished by all. How many did Matthew write? Convention, one. How many Mark? Convention, one. How many Luke?

Convention, two. How many John? Convention, five. How many Paul? Convention, fourteen. How many Peter? Convention, two. How many James? Convention, one. How many Jude? Convention, one. This is what was on the blackboard when he was done:

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Benediction by Rev. K. McKay.

### FOURTH SESSION.

is opened at 7.30 on Wednesday evening. A united choir from all the churches led the singing and greatly pleased the Convention. Rev. G. O. conducted the devotional exercises. They consisted in large part of prayer. The very wet evening did not prevent a very large gathering of delegates and friends. Mr. Gates began by singing, "Let us sing from the heart." Then he led in prayer. Hymn No. 117 was sung, "Trust and Obey." Then No. 9, "I Shall be Satisfied." Mr. Gates related about going to visit a sick man who was difficult to reach with regard to religion, and when he decided to sing, "I Shall be Satisfied." It was made a blessing for the sick and by his request sung at the general. Then the Convention repeated together the 95th Psalm: "O let us sing unto the Lord." Rev. Mr. Phillips led in prayer. The Convention then sang No. 20, "In the Morning," after which prayer was

offered by Wm. S. Robinsen and Rev. A. Lucas. Then Convention sang No. 107, "Consecration." Prayer was offered by J. Willard Smith. Then hymn No. 31, "Cast thy bread upon the waters," was sung. At 8 o'clock President J. Willard Smith took the chair. Mr. Robert Reid read the minutes of the previous session, which were adopted.

#### FIELD'S SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Rev. A. Lucas then gave the following report: Annual seasons like this leave their lasting impress upon us, and increase the store of our best memories. New opportunities are seen and our pledges for service are renewed. At this moment I mentally view many persons who at these annual conventions found a higher purpose, and henceforth became more real living members of the church, the body of Christ. A business gentleman, who has but one

vacation per year, received so much good at a former convention that he postponed his vacation in order to be here at Woodstock. These are some of the indications that God uses this work as his instrument. Herein lies cause for humble gratitude. The joy of the Lord is our strength. But as each year we have been graciously kept from resting upon past attainments, so with the spiritual uplift of today we shall put on new strength for better work. The little child stands by a post on his birthday anniversary, while a level is put above his head, and a mark is made. He is glad at his growth, but he stretches up for a higher mark next year. That last mark would be a sorrow to the parent if the child grew no more. In the same way while my report may mark some things indicating a higher level attained, yet these bring new responsibilities, and must be as new starting points in our upward calling.

Permit me to give you a brief statement of my work for the year. At the Committee's request I attended all the County Conventions. These aggregated sixty sessions. I attended ninety Conventions of city, towns and parishes, which aggregated 181 sessions. Other single meetings, each in a separate and different locality, 140 in number, making the total number of public engagements during the year 381. To do this required the travelling of 9,000 miles, not counting that journey to the International Convention in Boston last June. In all these Conventions and other meetings the Word of God was extolled, its better use in public and private was urged, better methods of Bible study and teaching were inculcated, and the constant need of the Divine Spirit in all our

undertaking was taught. Some of you who are here can bear testimony to the value of Bible readings, Normal lessons, and addresses on such subjects as you thought to be promotive of the needs of your Sunday School work. In spiritual power and definite instruction most of the County Conventions were of a higher order than in previous years, and the whole round of the year, as I thankfully view it, shows an increase of God's favor. I know full well the inadequacy of the work done, both in quantity and quality. Constantly face to face with the work, one's eyes are opened to the possible height to which it may rise and the depth of need from which it must be lifted, where spiritual deadness manifested indifference, keeps back the kingdom of God and gives advantage to the powers of darkness. The needs must not blind us to the fact that today we celebrate our brightest year of our history, and one which is fullest of promise for the future.

As I look into your faces they remind me of the incidents of the year and represent certain points in our progress. The mosaic of this audience is a book or remembrances. I see from Restigouche to Albert, from John to Charlotte, and from the north of Fundy to Madawaska, up through all the river counties. You have made this work possible. Your presence at Parish and County Conventions, your faces bespeaking the desires of our hearts, have been an inspiration. Your question boxes, your personal inquiries in your letters so welcome, have met the demand which called for the bringing out of God's supplies, which I gave so liberally. Your greetings, handshakes and "God bless you"

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PERSONAL WORK.

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 of persons, localities and attend-  
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 quires are many, the anxieties are  
 sometimes intense; the desires for di-  
 rection are earnest. The replies must  
 be in detail, and filled with all the  
 wisdom and love obtainable from the  
 Divine source. Such letters must have  
 the most possible nearness to a face  
 to face conversation.

Then the personal interviews are  
 many. I have not witnessed a year  
 so full and fruitful on this line as the  
 year now closing. Objections must be  
 met and information given where  
 needed. The cause is good and rests  
 on the immovable foundation. We  
 suffer no objector to go uninformed if  
 they be willing to accept honest facts.

This information has been given in  
 person in many an office, home and  
 store where during the year I have  
 gone at Committee's request to seek  
 personal subscriptions. Let me here  
 record my thankfulness to God that so  
 many business and professional men  
 recognize this work as lying at the  
 foundation of the most important  
 national, social and religious interests.

It is also the genius of this move-  
 ment to value the individual man.  
 Jesus Christ hand-picked men, then  
 He associated them. That astute busi-  
 ness man, Hon. Chauncey Depew, was  
 speaking to a railway committee, and  
 after several detailed methods said by  
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 you come to a man." "The world  
 wants men, large hearted, manly men.  
 And heaven wants souls—not lean and  
 shrivelled ones. It wants fresh souls,  
 my brother—give it thine."

We have both prayed and sought for  
 earnest souls, men and women, and  
 God has given us a good share from  
 year to year. A little more than one  
 year ago one of our most intelligent

workers of today came into one of our weaker Conventions in the middle of the last session. But he caught the spirit of the institution and afterward asked for more information. God was discovering a man for the work. That God-moved man has moved many others during the year, both by tongue and pen. Let me impress county officers with the importance of praying and seeking individuals intelligent, Godly, earnest and consistent, of "good report" in their church and among those who are without. Explain to them this work, answer objections, lend them the Annual Provincial Report, your International Report, and a few copies of the International Evangel. Enlist them for your next Convention. Pray that God, whose Spirit opened our eyes, may show the good to them.

#### BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

These have furnished no small portion of the secret success of this year's work. One good Committee meeting may give effect to months of work before the public.

We studiously survey the whole International field and apply the best thought down through all our departments. It has been my privilege to meet with a large number of County and Parish Executives during this year, not in any sense to control or vote, but to give them the benefit of experience. It has served to convey the wishes and plans of the Provincial Executive down to the minutest portions of our work. The members of such committee have been grateful and the results have been good.

#### A PURPOSE THROUGH THE YEAR.

Not accident or haphazard, but prayer, plan and purpose have been

the rules of work. Not fancies but facts, not theories but real needs and how to meet them have been the earnest consideration of the year.

In nearly every locality to which we go there is a majority yet unsought by the Sunday School. The real mission of the school has been pressed under the form of the twin efforts of House Visitation and Home Class Department, which are modern terms for obedience to Christ's command "Go out \* \* \* constrain them to come in." These departments have fairly begun and there is promise of a useful future.

There is not yet a due estimate of the church membership of the importance of Bible teaching and preparation therefor. The church calls the teachers to this important work yet in many instances does nothing to relieve them from other work, or train them specially for this. Sunday School teachers are but a small minority of the church membership. Will not the day come when the church so highly esteems this Bible teaching that it will free this minority from other church duties that they may give themselves to the Word, the temperance, social and other departments of church work borne by the majority of church membership still left when teachers are deducted for their own special work? To help teachers Normal Classes have been advocated and their work illustrated throughout the year. The present Convention will put into solid form scattered efforts of the year, and in grace we shall build more intelligently for the future than in the past. These wise ends cities and parishes have been organized this year,

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And now, as we turn towards the future we ask, Why all these blessings of the past? Surely they have been sent to increase our usefulness for the future. We must not rest, we dare not be satisfied with simply holding the present position, for the call is "Go forward." Surely there is no higher work than to teach teachers, to encourage weak workers in rural districts and lead them into strength, to train childhood and youth in things of God's Holy Word, to enlist and organize for reaching out to every individual in every day school district, inviting to the Bible School or carrying that school to their home. Surely there is no companionship on earth equal to that which God gives us over this International field. Pastors and teachers, evangelists and all God's consecrated host are joined with us to bring the world to Christ through the teaching of His Word. Recognizing the greatness of your calling, let us "Gird up the loins of our mind and be sober." Let us move prayerful, more obedient to God's command and our faith more expectant. Let spiritual power control and guide our educational work and let us this year expect upon all the work the richer bap-

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tism of the Holy Spirit. Thus we shall go on our way singing cheerily to each other:

"Be ready, my brother, the call to obey,

In seeking the erring and showing the way;

And thus as His servants remember we pray;

Be always abounding in the work of the Lord,

Be earnest, be active, relying on His Word,

Be always abounding in the work of the Lord.

#### CONFIDENCE IN THE FIELD SECRETARY.

Rev. A. M. Hubley moved and Mrs. Sharp seconded the following, which was carried in a most hearty manner

I beg leave to move the adoption of the Field Secretary's Report, and that its adoption might also be an expression of gratitude to God for the Divine Providence that has preserved our beloved and faithful Brother Secretary from dangers of travel, seen and unseen, while journeying to and fro in the discharge of the arduous duties, and for the vigorous health of our brother during the past year, thus enabling him with unbroken continuity, to faithfully serve the Master and this association in the work to which he has been called, and for which he is so Divinely fitted. I propose that the vote adopting the report be given by the Convention standing and singing the Doxology.

Convention then sang No. 58, "Give Me Jesus."

#### FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Judge Trueman read the following:

Woodstock, N. B.

October 21st, 1896.

We, the undersigned Committee on Finance, beg to report as follows:

We have gone over the books and accounts of the Treasurer, with the Treasurer, and find the same correct with vouchers for all expenditures except a few small items for postage discounts on cheques and some other similar expenses, for which vouchers in the nature of transactions could not be got, and we recommend that the Treasurer's report as a whole be adopted by this Convention.

W. A. TRUEMAN, Chairman

JOSHUA STARK.

A. C. M. LAWSON.

This was moved by Wm. S. Robinson and seconded by W. J. Parks and carried.

Convention sang, "What will you do with the King Called Jesus?" (No. 58). Then the offering was taken.

#### PROF. HAMILL SAID:

Mr. Chairman and Friends: When I came in at that door tonight in the midst of the rain, I thought surely we are the children of the Storm and the tempest. It speaks well for the delegates and citizens and their interest in the work to see so many present this evening.

Greetings.—I am reminded by the rain of a State Mission I was commissioned to perform. I was in Maine State Sunday School Convention a few days ago. The authorities were feeling the effects of the election excitement there, but it did not quench their zeal. They took occasion by a formal vote to send their heartiest greetings to their brethren of New Brunswick. I was to express their sympathy and love. They are your neighbors. They remember you and are to be remembered by you. They Longard from Nova Scotia, he



ver the books and me in his own hand and desires  
 reasurer, with to be remembered to you. I am to  
 the same corre- k to you for a little time. I trust  
 all expenditures all meet the reasonable exigencies  
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es and some of our words shall constitute the basis  
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 commend that ed out in olden times encased by  
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 nvention. efield or returned with his shield.

EMAN, Chairman a German Monk discovered some  
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by Wm. S. Rol strength than an army of giants.  
 by W. J. Parks ner Monk discovered the movable  
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 ed Jesus?" (No. shman came next and saw the  
 was taken. ilities of steam, and the result  
 the locomotive and the ocean

MILL SAID:

nd Friends: Wh he printing press made it a fact.  
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 I thought surely before you four things.

of the Storm on-secration.—There is a sort of  
 It speaks well eration in name. But in name  
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reminded by e sentiment. It does not lead  
 Mission I was -denial. I am not speaking of  
 rm. I was in nd. There comes a time when  
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 The authorities forth to battle. The girls ac-  
 of the election nled the men to the depot. They  
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 ook occasion by gala day. It passed away. The  
 their heartiest f blood and the rattle of smoke,  
 ren of New B e groans of the dying and the  
 express their of the dead came next. Then  
 they are your lized what the putting on of the  
 mber you and new uniforms meant. It meant  
 by you. The to suffer, to grow hungry, to  
 ova Scotia, he to die if need be for one's

country. That is the kind of conse-  
 cration that God needs. A consecra-  
 tion that fogrets its high resolves is  
 not the consecration of which I speak  
 I think that I know a little about it.  
 You will grant me pardon for speak-  
 ing about my own experience. I had  
 a call to the ministry. I wanted to dis-  
 tinguish myself. I set myself to follow  
 one of the learned professions. But  
 the old call came back again. It kept  
 crossing my path. Then I got to liave  
 a fine salary and position. The long  
 coveted office was mine, and then that  
 sense of duty came back again. The  
 call kept responding in my heart. I  
 remember how I went down to the  
 High School. I went into the office and  
 looked into the books. And I knew  
 that was to decide whether I was to  
 go back there or go out forever. It  
 was a hard thing to decide. But for  
 the fact that the only safe course in  
 this world lay along the path of duty  
 I might have hesitated longer. But  
 with my hands upon the implements  
 of my work I renounced position and  
 emolument and in thirty days I had the  
 hard-scrabble circuit of the Illinois  
 Conference. I was inside a little  
 rickety parsonage. But God's blessing  
 came upon us and hundreds of souls  
 were saved. I then began to taste  
 what real joy was. I have never  
 known anything but a state of peace.  
 I have had no desire any more to live  
 a day outside of consecration to the  
 service of Jesus Christ. Consecration  
 to the work is the first requisite of  
 every Sunday School worker. I be-  
 lieve that there is a gift Divinely be-  
 stowed upon every one of us. Every  
 one has some sort of a gift that can  
 be used for others. It may be large or  
 it may be small. But if consecrated  
 now while the dew of youth is upon

you will be a great blessing to others. We had a drunkard. He had a daughter. She went to Sunday School. She brought him. He made confession of faith and gave his hand to the pastor of the church. He had only one little gift. But he consecrated it to God. Then he went up and down the Mississippi Valley and the result was that he planted 1,600 Sunday Schools. And a monument was erected, "Sacred to the memory of Stephen Paxton, by the Sunday School children of Illinois." There was consecration of a single talent. But he handed it over to God and God multiplied it abundantly in all that western land.

There ought to be consecration of time and talents to the Lord. And of money. I want to say a word about money. God makes us stewards of this manifold gift. Prof. Hamill gave an illustration of a friend of his sitting in his home. There we sat and talked about life. He said that he had realized the dream of his life to have a home to shelter his head. It was an ornament to the city. I had not gone seven days when a telegraphic message came saying that in an hour his home had closed for ever upon him. What good then was his home? How little it will be to you to have accumulated earthly possessions. In that very home in which you take so much comfort there is the shadow of death upon it. Why death treads with equal steps the cottage of the poor and the palace of the king. I plead with you as those who will lay up pleasure in heaven. A rich man died in a western country. Before dying his will was brought out and read. He said, "I care nothing about how much money I am worth. But how much have I been able to give to the good of others.

That is my only comfort." The great Judge will receive the actions of your lives. The honors of this earth weigh nothing in his estimation. Note the relative truths of the parables of the talents and of the pounds. God gave as He pleased. God gives to Elind Tom and he awakens the harmony of music. God gives to men talents as He in his infinite wisdom sees fit. He gave to every one his pound. He gives to all of us something. To the man who goes out with one pound it will be according to the judgment on that. He will be required to be faithful in one pound. Faithfulness will be the final test. Prof. Hamill told about being at Burlington. The great train swept through the depot. There was light enough to see the look of fidelity that sat on the engineer's face and also on the fireman's. But for their faithfulness the passengers could not have swept on into the darkness with so much courage. In the great day of accounts He is going to judge us according to our faithfulness.

II. Co-operation in the work. The finest example is the Provincial Association. We are not attempting to co-operate in the matter of doctrine. We are not attempting to break down doctrinal views. Calvinism will not be assailed by us. God has so constituted us that there is necessity for a variety of view. The world is better because of Baptist Church and Methodist Church and Presbyterian Church and Church of England and Congregational. They are needed. I remember when a boy in the army that the fact that other brigades were looking upon us was an inspiration to us. There ought to be in the churches that general spirit of emulation. But while there may not be unity

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or uniformity in belief or liturgy, there is a practical working basis of unity. It is the unity of work. It is a unity of saving those who are struggling to be saved. No church in this province can afford to be without this inspiration. I have two propositions to submit to you: Born in a certain church and rocked in a certain cradle, I have a particular church that claims my entire devotion. There is one church above all others that in my estimation is best. The more I want my church to realize the benefit of every great and good movement I want it to be the recipient of every blessing. Whatever this Convention stands for every church represented here must in part share the good.

III. Consecration.—I believe in "This one thing, I do." I remember a township officer. He had 18 schools in his parish. He went round and visited every one of them. The next thing he did was to give a clear report. And then he asked every superintendent to make an offering for the association. Before the end of the year he got a fresh report from every school. Every one made an offering; \$75 were given where previously only \$25 had been given. Five or six of the strongest workers in the state were developed there. You are making great progress in this work. You are organizing your Normal work. In Illinois they had twenty graduates the first year. Next year we expect to have 400. Let us labor on. One man with God is a majority.

IV. Contact with the work. In the last analysis you get to a man. I believe that the time has come when we must do hand-to-hand work. We must go about doing good. We must use the hook and the line. Then the drag

church depending upon drag net and seine. The best thing that you and I can do in teaching is what ought to be done. The Sunday School teacher ought to put himself in personal contact with the unsaved scholar. The best thing that we can do to build up our Sunday School is to put ourselves in contact with the Master. Then the scholar must be reached. The Gospel can only save men by coming in contact with them one by one. There is a great field before us in the Home Class Department and the House to House Visitation. What are you going to make of this Convention? God bless you to do the best that you can do. And there is a work for each of you. Go from house to house. Try to get the people that are not attending church to come out and put themselves within the sunlight of the Gospel. If I had twenty years to spend I would gladly give them to that kind of work. Prof. Hamill related about a committee that was appointed to look after the poor. Last Christmas day he went out and found a family in great need. It was a bitter cold night. I rapt at the door. I found a semi-idiotic mother and three children. I got twenty-five bushels of coal delivered that night, and some things to eat. Then I felt I am happy; now I have done my duty. You people of Woodstock: Turn yourselves loose and go from house to house and take your Bible. Find some sick man. Pray with him and talk with him and thus comfort him. Take somebody by the hand and help him. He will stand up and call you blessed. Prof. Hamill here related about a young woman who had spent some months in travelling. When she returned home—she had been in Boston, New York, and saw all the places worth seeing—she greatly en-

joyed everything. She said, "What impressed me most was not the great things that I saw, but when I was in the depot at New York one night a poor little widow, dressed in black, was going out to the great west with four children. She had to wait three or four hours for a train. A big, fine looking gentleman took up the little baby and attempted to keep it quiet. He got them all something to eat. And then he helped them into the car and made everything snug and pleasant and wished the widow God speed on her journey." Then she turned and said: "I do not know your name. I am nothing but a poor woman. But as long as I live I will pray God's blessing upon you." He looked into her face and said: "I have had a good many experiences. If life is worth living at all it is to do good to somebody else." That is personal contact.

Convention sang "Always Abounding."

COUNTY PLEDGES.

Prof. Hamill said: I am not going to make a speech. The past year has been most gratifying. Then he took charge of the promises for the next year:

Albert .....	\$ 85
Carleton (by S. J. Parsons).....	300
Charlotte (by J. K. Laffin).....	250
Gloucester .....	30
Kent ..	85
Kings ..	200
Northumberland (by S. McLoon)..	160
Queens .....	50
Restigouche .....	150
Sunbury ..	40
St. John (by A. Malcolm).....	300
Victoria .....	50
Westmorland .....	75
York .....	250

Benediction by Rev. Geo. O. Gates.

FIFTH SESSION.

This began at 9.30 on Thursday morning. Miss Estey presided at the organ. Rev. G. O. Gates led the devotions. Convention opened by singing "Blessed be the Fountain of Blood." Then Mr. J. Stark led in prayer. After this congregation sang, "It is Well With My Soul." Prayers were offered by Revs. A. Lucas, W. Colpitts, Geo. Steel and Mr. G. S. Wall. Then congregation sang, "Be Always Abounding."

Mr. Gates then said: I said to you yesterday afternoon that my idea of the baptism of the Holy Spirit was that we were filled with the Spirit. As there was a historic Bethlehem where Christ

was born, so there was a personal Bethlehem where we received Jesus Christ as our Saviour by the Holy Spirit. As there was a historic Pentecost for the church, so there was a personal Pentecost when we received this wonderful infilling of the Spirit. This baptism of the Holy Spirit is the Holy Spirit coming upon the believer and imparting to him gifts not especially his own and qualifying him for service. There is a distinction in regard to sanctification. I do not believe that this gift of the Spirit for service is the same as the sanctification of the believer. But both works are by the Spirit. There are three pro-

positions regard such a thing as of the Holy Spirit ment is an inst that this enduer of all evil. But the Holy Spirit and fitting him of the Spirit is t come up to the Christ, and this the works of the I speak of is co Said Jesus, "Go and preach th creature." But ye in the city of endued with po This is what you look unto your c be won for Jesus the best thing to class till you ge power. You need teacher and the need such power by the Holy say, "If I should be an evangelist chapter of fir You need it in or a good lawyer an train your childr upon another to b baptism of the Ho for your work. you may be prepa service for God. man who is a ca make him a good to make him an infilling of the Ho sity for service, no attempt for God. discharging our d of life where God

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positions regarding this: That there is such a thing as a special bestowment of the Holy Spirit; that that bestowment is an instantaneus thing; and that this enduement is the aradication of all evil. But I am speaking about the Holy Spirit coming upon a man and fitting him for service. The work of the Spirit is to sanctify us until we come up to the stature of a man in Christ, and this leads us not to fulfil the works of the flesh. But the baptism I speak of is connected with service. Said Jesus, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." But He also said, "Tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high." This is what you teachers need. You look unto your classes that they may be won for Jesus Christ. It might be the best thing to get away from your class till you get this enduement of power. You need the calling to be a teacher and the preparation. But you need such power as can be only given by the Holy Spirit. But some say, "If I should receive it I must then be an evangelist." Read the 12th chapter of first of Corinthians. You need it in order that you may be a good lawyer and a right mother to train your children. It might come upon another to be an evangelist. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is to fit you for your work. You need this that you may be prepared for any kind of service for God. It may come to a man who is a carpenter in order to make him a good carpenter and not to make him an evangelist. But this infilling of the Holy Spirit is a necessity for service, no matter what I may attempt for God. It is to fit us for discharging our duties in the sphere of life where God has called us. If it

was a necessity for the disciples who had been trained by Jesus Christ for some years, God pity us poor fellows if after coming out of college and having passed before a council of ministers and being able to say, "I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth," we have no baptism of power! We must have the special preparation that God the Holy Ghost can give us. And this preparation is as much a necessity as it was for Peter and James and John. Even Jesus Christ Himself did not start upon His work till He was annointed by the Holy Spirit.

This may be ours. If you and I are willing it is God's will. For some things when I pray I have to say, "If it be Thy Will." It may not be God's Will to give us a safe passage home after the Convention is over. It may be that I can do my work best by suffering. But I know God's Will in this matter. It is His Will. "If ye, then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your heavenly father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?" If you look at Acts the 2nd chap. and 39th verse: For the promise is unto you and to your children and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." Now keep in mind 1st Acts, 4th and 5th verses: "And being assembled together with them, commanded that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father; for John truly baltized with the water, but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence." Next, what was the promise of the Father? See Luke 24th chapter and 49th verse: "And behold I send the promise of My Father upon you, but tarry ye in the

city of Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high." And here in the 1st of Acts, the 4th verse: "Ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence." And in the 33rd of the 2nd chapter: "And having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, He had shed forth this which ye now see and hear." The promise in the 4th of the 1st chapter and in the 33rd verse of the 2nd of Acts is the promise of the Father in Luke 24th chapter and 49th verse. And that promise is the baptism of the Holy Spirit and it is "to you and to as many as the Lord our God shall call." And then looking to the generations yet to be born, he said, "it is for your children"; and then looking over the heads of that generation he said, it is "to them that are afar off." It is for the Gentile world.

Has the Lord called you to Him? I have entered into this service. It is "to your children and to them that are afar off," looking upon this assembly gathered in Woodstock. So that if God has called you to Him the promise in Luke, 24th chapter and 49th verse, and in Acts 1st chapter, 4th and 5th verses, in 2nd chapter, 33rd verse, and the promise in 2nd chapter of Acts, 39th verse, is "to you and to your children and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call."

That blessed promise is for you and for me. Now, if it is for us, has He made a mistake in offering it to us? Shall we not seek the infilling of the Spirit. It is a command to seek it. It must be yours before you can do what God has for you to do. I would like to take the steps this morning. But in the afternoon I will follow this out. For us there is to be a new in-

filling of the blessed Spirit that will send us from this Convention fitted for better work.

Normal Class Work, House to House Visitation, supplementary lessons are good. But nothing can take the place of the infilling of the Spirit. Let us pray.

Rev. Geo. O. Gates led in prayer. There was a deep interest manifested while he gave his address, and when he prayed there was a powerful influence rested upon all.

At 10 President J. Willard Smith took the chair.

Convention then sang, "More About Jesus."

Mr. Robert Reid read the minutes of the previous session, which were adopted.

Announcements were made.

#### REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Sharp read the report as below:

President—John S. Trites, Sussex.

Field Secretary—Rev. Aquilla Lucas.

Corresponding Secretary—Agnes E. Lucas.

Recording Secretary—Robert Reid, St. John.

Treasurer—H. A. White, Sussex.

#### VICE-PRESIDENTS.

Albert—A. C. M. Lawson, Hopewell Hill.

Carleton—S. J. Parsons, Woodstock.

Charlotte—J. K. Laffin, St. Stephen.

Gloucester—Mrs. J. Ferguson, Bathurst.

Kent—Rev. F. W. Murray, Bass River.

Kings—Rev. A. M. Hubley, Sussex.

Madawaska—Dr. Main, Edmundston.

Northumberland—Samuel McLoon, Chatham.

Queens—Isaac Vanwart, Woodville.

Restigouche—Georgie Housie.

St. John—Alex. V. Sunbury—A. A.

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Sunbury—A. A. Alexander, Fredericton.

Victoria—G. L. Corey, Gladstone.

Westmorland—Miss Mary McCarthay, Moncton.

York—Mrs. I. C. Sharp, Marysville.

CENTRAL EXECUTIVE.

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Mr. Simms explained that the vice-presidents of the various counties are members of the Executive. But that they could not be expected to attend all the meetings. One meeting is held immediately after election. This they could attend. But the other meetings were held in St. John. Hence the need of the Central Executive.

Wm. Robinson moved that the report be adopted. J. G. Holyoke seconded it.

The Field Secretary defined the duties of vice-presidents and read from the constitution what bore thereon.

Mr. S. McLoon asked if they were expected to attend all meetings of the Executive.

The Field Secretary said that there was no written law, no have to. But they have the privilege of attending all meetings. Two meetings they can all attend: One immediately after

election and the other at the time of the next Convention. Report was adopted.

President-elect escorted to platform Mr. Simms, and Rev. Geo. M. Young then escorted the president-elect to the platform. All the members of Convention rising while this was done.

The retiring President very cordially congratulated him upon the honor conferred upon him and trusted that the blessing of God might rest upon him. I sincerely thank you, he said (turning to the Convention) for the honor conferred upon me. I took the office with fear and humbling, feeling that I had not the necessary qualifications. I thank you for the help given me. I desire that this work may go on in the most successful way.

Mr. Trites said: Fellow workers, members of the New Brunswick Association. I have not the courage to express my feelings. Little did I expect that this honor would be conferred upon me. But I thank you for it. I do not feel myself worthy of the honor of being president of the New Brunswick Provincial Sunday School Association. I will do the best that I can. For two years I have been laid aside and not able to meet you. I have received at every Convention a wondrous blessing. By coming together we learn better methods and receive the infilling of the Spirit of God. May God strengthen us to go forward to do better work than in the past year. I am but a little child. I know not how to conduct the business of this great Convention. I ask for your prayers and for prayers for all the officers of this association that this year may be more prosperous than the past. We thank God for the past and take

courage for the future. Last night a message came to me from God afresh, "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life." Much depends upon the faithfulness of officers of this association. We have an army of 6,000 Sunday School workers in this province. We thank God for such an army. Let us consecrate ourselves afresh to God. Then He will bless us and give us work to do.

May God bless every effort in the prayer of my soul this morning!

Convention then sang:

"We share our mutual love,  
Our mutual burdens bear,  
And often for each other shed  
The sympathizing tear."

STATISTICAL REPORT.

This was read by Rev. A. Lucas and is as follows:

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 1896.

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STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 1896.

COUNTIES.	SCHOOLS.						MEMBERSHIP.								
	Total Schools in County.	Open all the year.	Teachers Meetings.	House to House Visitation.	Normal Classes.	Officers.	Teachers.	Teachers and Officers Church Members.	Total Number Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	No. of scholars from 5 to 16. Day-school age.	Total in School.	Average Attendance.	How many in Home Dept.	No. who joined the Church from S. School
Albert.....	53	31	2	2	...	200	281	276	450	2,909	1,737	3,359	2,030	...	100
Carleton.....	100	63	5	5	3	289	477	550	754	4,364	3,250	5,158	3,270	100	106
Charlotte.....	97	61	8	5	...	277	481	535	687	4,757	2,696	5,444	3,503	139	208
Gloucester.....	12	12	...	...	...	23	44	43	50	1,424	293	474	294	14	21
Kent.....	41	16	3	2	2	70	144	147	200	1,169	842	1,369	938	125	25
Kings.....	90	53	2	6	1	317	357	381	679	3,498	3,023	4,177	2,515	65	288
Madawaska.....	2	2	...	...	...	4	8	8	10	55	40	65	50	...	...
Northumberland.....	52	36	3	1	2	118	241	191	302	2,233	1,619	2,535	1,633	24	21
Queens.....	60	15	...	...	...	163	217	215	336	2,182	1,192	2,518	1,569	...	96
Restigouche.....	48	38	2	5	...	95	171	165	266	1,626	1,041	1,892	1,098	58	41
St. John.....	74	69	21	44	6	305	875	940	1,129	9,417	6,106	10,546	6,734	228	457
Sunbury.....	30	11	...	...	...	90	99	95	165	930	413	1,095	676	...	51
Victoria.....	39	16	2	4	2	121	152	150	163	1,294	948	1,457	1,061	...	6
Westmorland.....	83	43	6	...	3	290	465	466	755	5,343	3,504	6,098	3,497	30	337
York.....	118	67	9	6	8	340	524	642	864	5,374	3,357	6,238	3,940	59	99
Total.....	899	533	63	80	27	2,702	4,536	4,804	6,810	46,575	30,061	52,385	32,808	842	1,856
Church of England..... (Outside of St. John and a few other instances.)	121	81	*	*	*	237	450	695	695	3,765	*	4,410	2,607	*	*
Grand Total.....	1020	614	63	80	27	2,939	4,986	5,499	7,505	50,340	30,061	56,795	35,415	842	1,856

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 1896—(CONTINUED.)

COUNTIES.	FINANCE.				PARISHES.				County Resident.	County Secretary.
	For Provincial Sunday School Association.	For other Christian Missions.	For Own School.		No. Parishes.	Cities.	No. Organized	Parish & City Conventions.		
Albert .....	\$40 75	\$40 74	\$410 10	6	.....	6	11	A. C. M. Lawson, Hopewell hill		
Carleton .....	113 82	74 58	991 95	11	.....	11	30	C. N. Scott, Woodstock.		
Charlotte .....	116 03	284 66	1,489 19	14	.....	14	24	Miss H. Pinkerton, Lynnfield		
Gloucester .....	15 90	2 91	84 72	6	.....	7	3	Wm. Robertson, Bathurst.		
Kent .....	62 52	75 08	171 86	10	.....	7	10	Rev. F. W. Murray, Bass River		
Kings .....	116 06	86 04	771 86	15	.....	11	25	Miss A. Freeze, Penobscuis.		
Madawaska .....	.....	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	Dr. Main (vice-pr) Edmun'tn		
Northumberland .....	106 29	158 73	458 92	13	.....	6	13	Thos. Clark, Newcastle.		
Queens .....	28 35	35 23	265 93	10	.....	7	7	D. Patterson, Jenkins P. O.		
Restigouche .....	122 00	105 23	145 08	4	.....	4	7	G. C. Firth, Campbellton.		
St. John .....	156 60	1,893 55	5,190 30	5	1	3	10	Alex. Watson, St. John.		
Sunbury .....	28 04	*	*	7	.....	3	3	T. L. Alexander, Fred'ct Jct		
Victoria .....	31 50	*	*	6	.....	4	5	G. L. Corey, Gladstone P. O.		
Westmorland .....	43 05	128 63	1,467 74	7	1	6	8	Geo. J. Oulton, Moncton.		
York .....	142 87	231 10	*	15	1	16	25	W. G. Clark, Fredericton.		
Total .....	1,122 78	3,116 48	11,447 65	137	3	95	181			
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The Statistical Report was read slowly and a few remarks made.

1. In some items this report is below the present standing. Statistics were collected earlier than usual because required by the International Home Department, and some other matters have increased since then.

2. There are many schools which do not seem to recognize the importance of good records, and therefore cannot report how many from school have joined the church. Some officers do not rightly apprehend the school as a training place for Christian church membership.

3. We repeat our emphasis of the importance of correct statistics. They are the basis of future intelligent action. County officers should impress this upon the parish officers who collect the statistics.

4. All of us have learned to value the statistics of each denomination, but no one presents the condition of the whole province, or would show where Bible mission work needs to be done. Therefore let parish officers labor kindly with persons careless or unwilling to give report of their school. All Christians should be desirous of making as correct as possible Christian statistics, which are published through the International to the whole world.

5. Let county officers consider the question in early Executive meetings, and plan well together a report for each school.

Mr. Simms moved that the report be adopted. Carried.

CONFERENCE ON HOUSE TO  
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CLASS WORK, LED BY E. R.  
MACHUM.

Mr. Machum said: I am asked today to bring before you for discussion

the two subjects of H. V. and H. C. Departments. Two subjects closely interwoven, it is true, but each worthy of more consideration than we will be able to give to both in the time allowed us. My prayer is that in opening this conference I may be able to say something that will arouse your interest and lead to a full discussion, and that such discussion may be followed by action. Our Statistical Report for last year shows that we had 55,740 persons enrolled as members of our Sabbath Schools. What a great army! Fifty-five thousand persons studying the Word of God each Sunday in the schools of this province! Is it not grand? But there is a reverse side to this picture. Leaving out our Roman Catholic population, and they should not be left out, we have 204,000 Protestants in this little province of ours who are not studying the Word of God in our Sabbath schools nor anywhere else, I very much fear. What do you think of the picture now? 55,000 in the Sunday School—204,000 outside. Is it not sad? And how easily this could be changed! Oh, what could this grand army not accomplish with God to lead them when twelve poor, unlettered men aroused a world! I tell you, we want more Christ-like enthusiasm for humanity. Saving souls for Christ, mortals grandest mission, and we go about it in a manner that if practiced in our business would keep us in perpetual bankruptcy. We sing with great gusto "Onward Christian Soldiers, and then forget to go onward. Shame on us, Christians. I had almost said hypocrites. How can we, if we have the love of God in our hearts, sit still and not try to bring a like joy to our fellows. "Let your light so

shine," as I heard a friend say at a love feast the other day, "Even if my light is only a rush light I am bound to let it shine for all it is worth," that is the spirit we want.

204,000. Four time 55,000 makes 220,000. How many of these 204,000 would be reported outside at next Convention if each member of our Sunday Schools would determine to bring in four others during the year—one every three months. Why we could clean up N. B. and give P. E. I. a lift. We can't get the whole 55,000 to work of course, but ten just men could have saved Sodom, and if we can send from this Convention ten men and women filled with a new zeal and determination, such a fire will be kindled throughout the province that wonders will be wrought and hundreds brought to Christ and our schools. May some one for each of the fifteen counties of this province go from this Convention determined that as for his or her county every soul within its bounds will have during the next year at least a personal invitation to come to Christ. And that this may be done in a systematic way, so that none will be missed, let us adopt a plan. We have ready to our hand a plan especially stamped with Divine approval. One that we cannot be wrong in adopting, for it was used by the meek and lowly Nazarene, your Saviour and mine, who sent his disciples out "two by two" with power. They carried blessings into every house they entered, and so may we. We know now something of the result of their visits and we will know more hereafter. We feel the effect of those visits over a space of 1900 years, and it will be felt to the end of time. So it will be with our

labours if carried on with hearts single for the Master's service. We will start into motion impulses, forces, that will help to mould the life of generations yet unborn. Christ's plan is the plan of the House to House Visitation. The disciples were to begin at Jerusalem; you begin at your own home. Stir up your own parish; talk about the matter, get your neighbors interested and then set them to work. Form a Parish Association if one is not already formed. Divide your parish into smaller districts of 25 or 50 families each. Have the ministers of all denominations preach about the matter, pray over it, advertise through the papers and every means in your power the fact that a House to House Visitation of the parish, or town, is to be made. Ask every school to supply volunteers for the visiting, and when you have enough visitors assign two to each district, supply them with books, giving the questions to be asked and in which they can enter the information obtained, and set them all to work at once. When the visitors have completed their rounds a House to House Visitation has been made. But is the work done? By no means, it has really only begun. The actual visitation is only a means to an end. When the visitors have handed in their reports they must all be compiled and tabulated so that you will have your parish spread out like a panorama before you. You will have every family in the parish located, and the facts regarding each family's attitude to Sunday School work brought prominently before your notice. There will be no waste energy looking after families already in the Sunday School. Your duty is "not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance." Select each

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family not doing its duty by the Sunday School and pound away at it till it does do its duty. If one invitation won't bring them, nor seven, then give them seventy times seven. The fruits of many a hard fought battle won have been lost through failure in pursuit. Don't let it be so in your case. And in this pursuit the Home Class Department will come to your assistance—the simplest and most powerful way of quiet working I know of. Surely it was an inspiration that showed to Dr. Duncan the boundless possibilities of the Home Class. But some of you perhaps do not understand what a Home Class is. This little book will explain it fully for you, but I will give you a definition. It is a plan for securing through associated effort in connection with the Sunday School a general and systematic study of the Scriptures by those who for any reason do not attend the Sunday School. The study is in the home, the place of all others where the Bible should be studied. Notice, too, that it contemplates the study of the Bible, not merely reading. There is a vast difference, as you will see, if you stop to think. Then the study is to be general and systematic, and it is a great gain to have a system in anything. Truly the aim is a great one. It is impossible to overestimate the importance of Bible study. Ministers are constantly urging it upon their congregations. Christ Himself said, "Search the Scriptures, for they are that which testify of me," and the people of Berea were more noble than those of Thessalonica, because "they received the Word with all readiness of mind and searched the Scriptures daily." Mr. Gladstone said that "he had only one hope for the human race, and that was that

the human mind should be brought in contact with the Word of the Lord Jesus Christ." The Bible is the book the seeker after knowledge should study.

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The good, the pure, the beautiful  
From graven stone and written scroll,  
From all the old flower fields of the  
soul;

And, weary seekers of the best,  
We come back laden with our quest,  
To find that all the sages said  
Is in the Book our mother read."

First, then, we want to get our people studying the Word of God in a systematic way, and second we want to get them into the Sunday School, for no person, old or young, can afford to miss the benefit derived from the united study of the Sunday School lessons every week in the year. They are not meant merely for the children. To have the church in the school and the school in the church should be our aim.

But if these people will not or cannot come to Sunday School, whether owing to age and infirmity, weariness or work, family cares or disinclination, then let us take the Sunday School to them. The plan is very simple. After you have taken the reports of the House to House Visitation, and apportioned the names to the volunteers from the Sunday School, these visitors start out on their mission, taking with them a set of Home Class cards, pledge cards and a supply of quarterlies and record envelopes. They endeavor to get the persons called upon to unite with the main school, or if not, then to join the Home Class Department. The person becomes a member by signing an agreement card, which reads, "I desire to join the Home De-

partment of Sunday School, and promise to spend at least one-half hour each Sunday or during the week in the study of the Sunday School lesson unless prevented by sickness or other good cause. I will continue my membership until I notify the superintendent of my withdrawal." A record envelope is also left, on which is kept a record of their study, and in which is put any offerings that may be given.

If an objection is made to signing the written promise or pledge, take a verbal promise. But people need not hesitate to sign. The promise is only binding upon them so long as they wish. As Mr. B. F. Jacobs says, It is not like getting married. They can drop out at any time if they find it undesirable or unprofitable. At the end of each quarter the visitor collects the record envelopes, and leaves new envelopes and new quarterlies. To keep the Home Class more in touch with the main school than would be the case if their only connection was when the visitor paid the quarterly visit, each member should be furnished weekly with a good Sunday School paper, and messengers selected from the younger members of the main school should be employed to carry these papers each Sunday. Also furnish each Home Class member with a catalogue of your library and have the messengers deliver and return the books selected. This not only makes the connection between the Home Class and the main school more intimate, but it is a good thing for the young messengers. It gives them something to do for Christ and develops a helpful, missionary spirit.

Let us next notice some of those to whom the Home Class will especially appeal. First, I would mention the

aged. It is pitiful to think how much they are left to themselves even in the kindest homes, while in many they simply occupy a corner and are made to feel that their days of usefulness are gone, and it is so hard to be left out of everything. Many of them have had their affections for many, many years largely bound up in the church of their choice, but now that they can no longer take an active part in the services of the sanctuary, the church seems quite ready to forget them—a visit from any but the pastor is a rare thing. They will usually welcome gladly an invitation to join the Home Class. They will be rejoiced to know that they can still be associated with others in the study of the Scriptures, while the call at least once a quarter from the visitor, and each Sunday by some bright, active boy or girl will do much to cheer them and dissipate their loneliness. Then there are the invalids. Time passes slowly to them. Their thoughts are apt to centre too much on their disease and they become morbid. Something should be done to cheer and stimulate them; something not beyond their powers that will take them out of themselves, and what can be better than a Sunday School lesson to make the leaden-footed moments move on wings. And when the quarterly or paper is put aside there will be something to think upon, something that will lift their thoughts up to heaven and make either living or dying more sweet.

Then there are the mothers who are kept at home by household duties or small children. Unless their hearts and minds are stimulated the never-ending round of tasks becomes almost unbearable drudgery. Some of our visitors in St. John have had

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mothers decline to join the Home Class because they could not find time to study. They are making a mistake. The time they take for Bible study is absolute gain. They will be fresher and stronger for it. When the heart is cheered duties become light. Christ knew what He was saying when He invited the weary and heavy-laden to come unto Him that they might find rest.

Then there are the servants, commercial travellers, railroad conductors, brakemen, engineers, newsboys, postal clerks, drug clerks, seamen, steamship officers and employes—most of these could not attend any one school if they wished to, but through the Home Department they can still be connected with their Home School, whether on the rail, on the ocean, or wherever they may be. They can take out the quarterly and soon put themselves in sympathetic connection with those at home.

Again, in many of our country districts the snow is so deep and the cold is so intense that the Sunday School is closed for the winter and months of separation occur between the breaking off point and the place where the lessons are taken up again, thus lessening the influence. Here the Home Department offers associated home study in place of study in the Sunday School. Each family becomes a Home Class. So that when the inclemency of the weather causes the school to suspend operations, the Home Class Department practically keeps it going, and in resuming not a single lesson has been lost and the continuity has been preserved. This is an important point. Surely this is preferable to having three or four months intermission during which the lessons have not

been studied at all. In one case it takes some time to get things going again; in the other steam is all up and the train moves right off. Again, when a family goes away for summer vacation the members can join the Home Department and keep in touch with their own school. These are only a few of the opportunities presented by the Home Class Department. Each of you will be able to think of special cases where it will work well. The Home Class Plan is a simple plan, but fraught with wonderful power.

The Rev. C. E. Mogg, of Ithaca, N. Y., says: "The Home Department brings all ages and conditions into a common work. Sharply defined divisions among young and old, rich and poor, are not only useless to the church but aggressively harmful. The cosmopolitan spirit is Christian. This is the spirit of the Home Department. It was born of inspiration, fostered by the Sunday School, nurtured by love, christened and sent out to encompass the world. It is the complement of the world's Christian work. Think, the child, the youth, the stalwart man, the noble woman, the aged, all in their many spheres throughout the world, studying the same Scripture, drinking at the same fountain, rejoicing in the same spiritual sunlight, passing through the same valleys, clambering up the same mountains, beholding the same transfigurations, receiving the benedictions of our Common Lord. This is the thought the spirit of the Home Department, and this is why I believe in it."

We have everything in our hands for this work now as never before in the history of this province. What are we going to do about it? Let the opportunity slip, or press forward in

the work? My friends, let us to the work, remembering, as Mr. Jacobs says, "That we are the conducting pipes through which God's Word, under the pressure of the Holy Ghost, is to be carried to the hearts and lives of others, and so all are to be reached and blessed by its refreshing and life-giving power.

"Our sufficiency is not in ourselves, but in God. Painfully conscious of our past failures, distrusting our own power or wisdom, let us prostrate ourselves at His feet, let us ask God to empty us that we may be vessels meet for the Master's use, then to fill us with His own Spirit that we may be willing learners and go forth as faithful laborers in His harvest fields during all the great tomorrow which shall end only when we meet again in the great assembly on high."

The matter is opened for discussion now. We have in view the formation of a Home Department in the province. We have full supplies here and leaflets, and the literature of the House to House Visitation. This can be distributed. The working of this will not involve any additional expense on the school.

One delegate said that it had brought \$3.00 into the funds of their school.

Mr. Machum said that it had brought \$16.85 into the funds of the Queen Square Church, St. John.

Mr. Lawson said that it would be a great source of revenue to the school. He thought that were we to call for missionary collections only on the first Sunday of the month many would forget to bring any.

Mr. Simms said that their Home Class Department contributed about

\$12.00 per quarter over and above expenses.

Prof. Hamill said that it would not withdraw any moneys from the school. It increases the amount given to the school in every instance.

Rev. G. O. Gates said, I agree with that.

Mr. Simms said I want to give Mr. Gates the credit of starting the first Home Class.

J. K. Laffin said it had increased attendance at the Sunday Schools.

Rev. Geo. Steel said that it had been a great benefit in his congregation to some.

Wm. S. Robinson said that they had House to House Visitation in which all were invited. Expected to start a Home Department right away.

Judge Trueman asked if they could unite two churches together in forming a Home Department.

Mr. Machum thought that each school should have its own.

Prof Hamill asked, what are the advantages in uniting several schools in House to House Visitation.

Mr. Machum replied that in this way they covered the entire ground and they find out the families not attending church and the leanings that they may have to any particular church.

Mr. Lucas instanced one pastor who was always faithful in his pastoral duties. Yet by this visitation he had found one family that for several years had not attended church. But since had been gathered into the church.

Prof. Hamill said that there was a gain of time in associating different churches together. And there was a gain in associating these topics together. If one church undertakes the work part of their labor is thrown

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away. But if all schools will not join together, let each school go to work separately. In a thorough canvass of a community by several churches or schools good feeling is promoted. One little thing more: I want to encourage the old as well as the young not only in being members, but in taking part. He gave an instance of a good teacher who had become too deaf to teach, but he set to work and organized a Home Class Department. This was work that he could do in spite of his deafness. He soon got forty members into his department.

Wm. Fancey said that House to House Visitation had been a great blessing in Charlotte Co. Let us join together, old and young, in this work.

Rev. J. C. Berrie explained that it was a good work. Hoped to organize soon.

A lady delegate asked if you would seek to get the adherents of other churches to join the Home Department? Answered, yes; by all means.

Rev. J. M. Austin had formed a Home Class Department. I received the Baptist minister's daughter as a member of my class.

Mr. Machum said that it was better to have House to House Visitation. But the formation of Home Classes might go ahead.

Mr. Simms moved that the matter of the formation of a Provincial Home Class Department be left with the Executive.

Rev. Geo. M. Young asked if they were going to have a salaried officer or would he work for love.

Mr. Machum said: He will work for love.

Mr. Lawson suggested that Mr. Machum be the superintendent of this department.

Mr. Machum said that he had already given reasons why he could not accept the office.

Rev. Geo. O. Gates said that they had given a hint and that it had better be left with the Executive. Carried.

It was a most interesting conference.

#### QUESTION BOX BY PROF. HAMILL (Continued from page 35.)

Ques. 19 What importance do you attach to teaching the children the duty of systematic benevolence?

Ans. It is a matter of very considerable importance. Christian giving is largely a matter of education. And the proper time to begin the education is with children. The Sunday School is the best place for training children. One church sets apart one Sunday in each month to missionary giving. It ought to be intelligent giving. The scholars ought to be informed of the objects for which they are asked to contribute. Reading of missionary letters is sometimes a very great help.

Ques. 20.—May not a teacher, while teaching, with books closed, have a slip with topics of lesson in his hand to aid his recollection, with help to himself and without distraction to the attention of his pupils?

Ans. That lies along the line of yesterday. I can see no objection to him having the outline of his lessons on a slip of paper. But he may grow into the habit of using larger notes. It would be better to dispense even with that if possible.

Ques. 21. Do you approve of having scholars commit verses of the lesson to memory? Should church contributions take up the time devoted to lesson?

Ans. Of course I do. Earnestly request that certain verses should be

committed to memory by small children, especially the memory verses. These should be committed by all. Memory should be trained and strengthened by all of us. It should be put to work. Memory is one of the foundations of knowledge. So train it.

Ques. 22. I have been a teacher for over a year. Have tried faithfully and only in God's strength to teach the lessons, yet see no results. Should I give up my class and not try to teach?

Ans. By no means. Success is not with you, but with God. One soweth and another reapeth.

Ques. 23. How many scholars would you have in an intermediate class?

Ans. A number of small children is better in a separate room if possible. If not, six to ten would make a good sized class. I am in favor of seven. It is a Bible number.

Ques. 24. Do you think it a good plan to hold Sunday School in a school house when churches are available, there being no chance to enlarge the school in its sessions in the school house?

Ans. "There being no church." If I understand that question it has reference to a school that might be used. I would go to the church if available.

Ques. 25. Can a Sunday School dispense with a review by the superintendent without suffering a serious loss thereby?

Ans. It cannot. The review properly conducted stimulates every scholar in the school, and the teacher, too. The review ought to be addressed to individuals. That is, the questions ought to be put to individuals.

Ques. 26. Is it not assuming too much that the 1856 reported as having joined the church from the S. School

were converted through the work in the S. School? Have not the regular and special services of the church fully as much, if not more, to do with these conversions?

Ans. It is a timely question. We do not attempt to run the roots of conversion in every place to the Sunday School. We want to emphasize the point that conversion is the great work of the Sunday School teacher. The teacher needs to be reminded of this. It is not a supplement to his work. It is his work. The question whether father or mother or pastor or teacher brought about conversion does not concern us. But conversion does. Therefore we keep this before us.

#### PROF. HAMILL TURNS QUESTIONER.

Do you keep class books? Answer—yes. How? A delegate, I keep a record of the attendance and the collection and the progress that the scholar makes, giving it to the secretary.

Ques. Do you look up your absentees and in what way? Wm. S. Robinson said: I enquire why they were not in class. I go to the scholar or to the home.

Do you mark your scholar's lessons and by what method? One said by three marks: One for punctual attendance, another for good lessons and another for good behaviour. I carry them out to the end of the quarter. Then I carry the quarterly record out to the end of the year.

How many can attain to that standard? Make a standard that all can attain to. The ideal, say, is to be present 52 Sundays. The standard ought to be lower than the ideal; if not you are likely to discourage your scholars.

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To what extent do you visit your scholars? A delegate, I visit absentees.

How many teachers have visited their scholars during the year? A large number rose up.

What should the teacher's visiting of a scholar be? Answer, It depends upon the condition of the scholar. If sick it should be a sick visit. If well it should be another kind.

Another said that it should be a

spiritual visit. All our efforts should be in that line.

Prof. Hamill said: It will take a great deal of wisdom to make the right kind of visit. You must think about it.

Wm. S. Robinson said that complaints should not be taken to the parents.

(Applause at the close of the conference.)

Rev. A. M. Hubley prayed and pronounced the Benediction.

## SIXTH SESSION.

This began at 2.30 on Thursday afternoon. Miss Estey presided at the organ. Rev. G. O. Gates had charge of the devotions. Convention sang, "How Firm a Foundation Ye Saints of the Lord." Rev. Geo. M. Young offered prayer. Then Convention sang, "Saved to the Uttermost." Prayer was offered by Wm. S. Robinson and Wm. Fancey. Convention then sang No. 107, "Consecration."

### STEPS TO BE TAKEN TO SECURE THE INFILLING OF THE SPIRIT.

Mr. Gates said: In the talks that we have had since yesterday we have endeavored to give our definition of the baptism of the Holy Spirit. It is that the Holy Spirit comes upon believers, imparting to them gifts that otherwise they do not possess and fitting them for service. The baptism of the Spirit is the promise of the Father. It is the being filled with the Spirit. It is spoken of as having received the Spirit. It was a definite experience since the Master said,

"Tarry ye in the City of Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high." As an experience it is not to be confounded with the regenerating work of the spirit. It was given to an individual to fit him for service. Mr. Gates told of being out to dinner today, and almost as soon as ever he got to the house the gentleman began by calling attention to the diversity of the gifts of the Spirit in the 12th chapter of the 1st of Corinthians. But all the gifts are to profit withal. Then we have seen the necessity that there is for this baptism. And their hearts were throbbing that they might carry out those marching orders, yet Christ said, "Tarry ye in the city until ye be endued with power. They were not fitted until they received this. Neither is any one of us fitted to do work for the Master until he has this infilling of the Spirit. So then let us, as ministers and teachers, seek the enduement of power. I have intimated that it might be ours, and that the Word of God was so plain in regard

thereof that there need be no mistake. Some things are necessary. I call our attention to them. I hope that you have taken those steps.

The first step is in the 39th verse of the 2nd chapter of Acts. The "promise is unto you and to your children and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." And the promise then is to us. Now, in the verse preceding some steps are indicated. Peter said: "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gifts of the Holy Ghost." The first step then is to repent. Change your mind in regard to Christ. He has changed them with the death of Christ. Now change your thought in regard to Him.

Second Step—Change your mind in regard to sin. Turn right away from it. Go the other way. Turn right about and go in the opposite direction.

Third Step—Then they were to face Jesus Christ as their Saviour. Make a confession of Jesus Christ.

Fourth Step—This is obedience. In the 4th chapter of the Acts of the Apostles this is brought out.

Now are we ready to obey? We are not to pick out in what things we are ready to obey. We sometimes mark out a way which we wish to travel, instead of giving our will entirely to God. Mr. Gates referred to Mr. Torrey as one of the best authorities on the work of the Spirit. He referred to a young lady coming to him. She had not been able to obtain this gift of the Spirit. She had come from Baltimore to Chicago to consult him. He said to her: "You want to go back as a Christian worker. Are you willing to go back to Baltimore and be a servant girl?" And she said, "No, I am

not." That was against her will. But after a time she was led to say, "Anywhere, anything at all, Lord." Then the Holy Spirit came upon her. Would you be willing to teach a class of boys and girls if the Spirit filled you? Perhaps when you get ready to do that for Jesus you will know this blessed experience. Now we have gone over four steps. Change your minds in regard to Jesus; and in regard to sin; confess Jesus and yield your will up to Him.

Fifth Step—It is desire. "I will pour water upon him that is thirsty and floods upon the dry ground." When thirsty, gold or silver will not do, but water. Now, if we are brought face to face with the fact now I can go no further. O God, endue me with power. "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him."

Sixth Step—Ask God to give the Holy Spirit. The disciples spent the time in prayer. They were asking for the promise of the Father.

Seventh Step—This is trust. See the 11th chapter of Mark and the 24th verse: "Therefore I say unto you, what things soever ye desire when ye pray believe that ye receive them and ye shall have them." I have said desire. I have said have faith that ye receive and ye shall have. It is ours to believe and as we believe we shall have. Another passage, the 1st Epistle of John 5th chap. and 14th and 15th verses—"And this is the confidence that we have in Him that if we ask anything according to His Will He heareth us, and if we know that He hear us whatsoever we ask we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him."

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This is the confidence that we have in our Heavenly Father. We know that He heareth us. We have turned away from sin. We have taken Jesus as our Saviour. We will give up our will to God. We will desire this. And we will trust for it, and He will see that we have the petition we desire of Him.

I bow myself down before God this afternoon. I know that I have confessed Jesus. My will is upon the altar. I have laid all there. I desire the infilling of the Spirit. I have come to God and asked Him—then how much more shall our heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him. I have asked. But some will say, I do not feel a bit the better. The Bible does not say you would. Feelings are not always to be trusted. I am willing to take God's Word, and this is the confidence we have. If I ask for the Holy Spirit we know that He heareth. We know that He hears because it says so. I am to take all that to the throne now. God will accept us. I can trust the Word of God. I can believe my brothers and sisters. Infinitely more let me believe my God.

Mr. Gates then prayed.

During the opening exercises there was a solemn, deep influence resting upon the Convention.

#### CONVENTION REPORTS.

Rev. Geo. M. Young recommended these to the attention of the Convention. From them you will gather a very full and accurate idea of the Annual Convention. If teachers and superintendents will join in scattering these abroad they may do great good. Others who are not here will be able to share in the benefits of the Convention. He requested that all orders

should be given to Miss Agnes Lucas. There are about 300 delegates present. If each would order a dollar's worth the association would be greatly helped. He explained that a dozen could be obtained for one dollar.

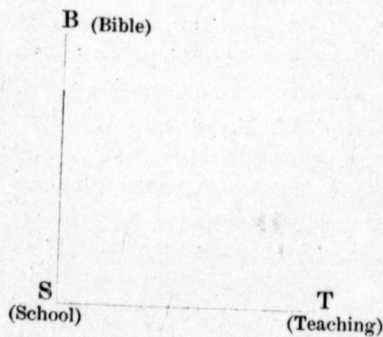
#### CONFERENCE ON NORMAL WORK, LED BY PROF. HAMILL

He said: Mr. Chairman: A Conference is a bringing together of experiences and judgments and opinions. I understand that it is the purpose of this Conference to consider the importance of organizing a Normal Department. I am to throw any light that I can on this subject. I think that there is an increasing interest in Normal Work. It is one of the first things. But you cannot have a system of teacher training without having an inter-denominational association. I do not know a single church in the United States or Canada having a perfect system of teacher training. There are some of the churches that are sufficiently strong. All of them have strong men. And they could institute a system and limit it to a denomination. One big church in the United States attempted it a few years ago. But the attempt was largely a failure. The Chatauqua Movement first began the idea of training teachers. But this originated in the London Sunday School Union. Some of the best works on Normal Work came from there. In fact, it is the mother of the Modern Sunday School Movement. The Chatauquan Movement in the United States has given a great impetus to this work. One book by Dr. Jesse Hurlbut is the result of that movement. I believe that you have adopted it as our text book for this Province. I know something about Normal Work

I have given a good deal of time to this. Dr. Hurlbut's is one of the very best, if not the very best work.

#### DEFINES NORMAL WORK.

There are just three things in all Normal Work. The word Normal indicates what it should be. It is a norm. It means a unit of measure. It was the ancient Carpenter's Square. It was two lines meeting a point and forming a square. Normal, then, has come to us from the carpenter and indicates a true measure. The work was to be tested by the norm. It was to be true to it. There must be a carefully defined principle. Now, there is a right and a wrong way of studying and teaching the Bible. But in our Sunday School work we ought to have a true idea before us. Prof. Hamill then drew something like the following and filled in the letters as he went along:



This suggests three points. The three things in a Normal Work: B. Get a good idea of the next Sunday School lesson. That is the application of your knowledge of teaching. It is bringing down our norm to 10 or 12 verses. That is microscopic study in severe analysis. You try to find out what there is in it. Just as if you were subjecting anything to a microscopic examination.

Suppose you had an insect you would examine the wing and then part by part till you completed your examination. You examine the lesson and then go and rehearse in our class what you have learned. But there is a study better than that. A study behind that—a study more necessary and that is the general study of the Bible. Every teacher should seek to have a systematic knowledge of the Bible. Now, what is the difference between a specific study and the Normal study? It is to get the idea out of the Bible of a unity. Of the 66 books in their relation to each other. To learn all the salient things in the Bible. Of course this is a study that may be carried out to a most amazing extent. No one person can understand all the Bible. Some men have spent 30 or 40 years on one book, and then have not exhausted it, although they may have exhausted themselves. Why, Dr. Parr not long ago, before he died, expressed great regret that he had not spent all his time in studying the dative case! You cannot expect to exhaust the Bible or any part of it. But it is intended that one should get a good general knowledge of the Word of God as a whole. So we shall be better able to understandly teach it. Another particular lesson I will illustrate it very simply. A teacher of arithmetic who would limit himself to the next day's lesson would make a very poor teacher. We have a great book in the Word of God. It takes a large understanding as well as a small one.

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a large part of the church. It is next to the ministry. But how many can give a divine warrant for the existence of the Sunday School! How many have acquainted themselves with the history of the Sunday School movement! How many can trace the movement from the days of Robert Raikes! How many can tell when it was translated to this Continent! But look at the Sunday School in relation to the State and the home and the community. You prepare your lesson. That is the study of the Bible. Next you study your class. That is your objective point. In these two things there is a wide field for study.

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#### TEACHING (T).

This refers to the art of teaching. Teachers are not born, but made. After a somewhat extensive acquaintance with Sunday School teachers I may say that I have not met more than five born teachers. Mr. Jacobs is a born teacher. It came to him by intuition. Miss Harlow is a born teacher. But they have regularly fixed habits of study. But most of us have to learn how to teach. You and I must at any rate. It is a good thing for a Sunday School teacher to learn how to teach. Solve this problem, if possible. Prof. Hamill referred to Dr. Hurlbut's book. It would help in this direction. This would make you a good general Bible student. In former times on the public roads there were sign posts. It was nice to meet them where the roads forked. We could read so many miles to such a place. This did not carry us there, but it showed where we were and how to reach our destination. The sign post saved us from taking the wrong road. So a good text book

stands at the divergence of ways and shows us the way to take.

Prof. Hamill strongly recommended young people's societies. Then he referred to Napoleon and the success of his life. He gathered around him the wisdom of age and the enthusiasm of youth. He gathered around him the young guards of the French nation, and they fully justified his conscience. The church is looking to its young people. The effective membership of the church just about corresponds with the number of members that it has in its Young People's Societies. Paul wrote to young Timothy, who was one of the first Christian Endeavorers (It was his last message): "I have fought a good fight; I have finished my course; I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of life, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give." He gave Timothy much fatherly advice. Paul was a magnificent scholar. He was master of many languages. He drank in many streams of knowledge. He had carried his Master's cause into many lands. He knew what God expected from him. God did not send Peter, the poor fisherman, to stand before kings and princes. I do not stigmatize Peter. But Paul was the apostle of the wider culture. He wrote: "Study." That is agorize. Strive to show thyself a workman that needeth not to be ashamed—rightly dividing the word of truth." God puts no premium upon ignorance. So strive to show thyself a workman that needeth not to be ashamed. Prof. Hamill referred to his own experience. He was superintendent of Normal Class work in Illinois. It has been growing rapidly. At first we counted ourselves happy in having 10 or 20 graduates. Now we have between 300 and 400. All

taking the elementary course. This course requires diligent study for one year. Many a young man at the farm and in shop is taking this course. The young women are taking it in the proportion of two to one, as compared to the men.

The Professor gave several examples of young people and others taking the course. A young woman organized a class. Her father and mother and other members of the family were members of it. Eighteen diplomas were given. He spoke of George P. Perry as one of the most successful workers in the State of Illinois. He has a prosperous drug business. God has rewarded him with the faculty of making the most of his honors. He was never in a college in his life. Starting ten years ago, he has graduated ten classes. It has been my pleasure to give the degrees to his graduates. He waited for a college professor or a minister to take up the work. But he never came. Always seek the younger pastors. They have more strength, if not more time.

Where is the best place to put a Normal Class? The best place is the Sunday School. You can teach it in the Sunday School hours. Every Sunday School ought to have a Normal Class of its own. Why should not a man who is superintendent of the Sunday School unite all who are willing to take up a systematic course and then take the examination? John Wesley described himself as homo unius libri. Everything should be mixed with Bible study. So the pastor ought to be the best teacher of that class and of the book. Now, who will take the young people through a course of study and let them graduate before the next Provincial Convention? Prof.

Hamill thought that five minutes could be given in some classes before the regular lesson was taken up.

Then he exhibited a badge of graduation. Next he exhibited a beautifully printed programme of exercises on the occasion of giving diplomas.

Then he exhibited some diplomas.

Question—What do you make the required numbers for passing and obtaining a diploma? Ans.—Some of them an hour a day as the course can easily accomplish it in a year. The time, however, varies a little. He gave several illustrations of how some were studying it and yet following their employments.

Question—Would you recommend taking the different parts of Hurlbut? Ans.—I would take it up just as he gives it.

Question—It is necessary for each member of the class to have a copy of Hurlbut? Ans.—Yes; by all means. Because he could not make good use of the class teaching if he had not a copy. He would want a book for home study.

Prof. Hamill then asked, How many people are interested at heart in this work? Many hands were raised. It is well nigh unanimous, he said.

It is always practical. It belongs to Anno Domini 1896, New Brunswick.

How many think that it is practical for you and your Sunday School? Many hands went up. How many are going to put it into practice? Again many hands went up.

How many are going to get a class if you can? If not, how many are going to try to graduate? Many stood up in answer to this test.

The Professor said: I hope that I shall be with you in spirit if not in body.

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**THANKS TO THE PAGES.**

The pages to the number of fifteen were then brought into the Singers' Gallery and Prof. Hamill addressed them: Young gentlemen, he said. (But let me call you boys and count that the greatest honor). The highest honor of this Convention has been put upon me. It is a great honor and pleasure to be permitted to address you. It has been a great pleasure to have you act as pages. Every delegate will make good my word when I say that we are greatly indebted to you. You were the first to greet us on our arrival. When we came to Woodstock first we saw the bright faces of the pages. You took us to our homes. I think you thoroughly enjoyed your work. I think you were in good company, and we gladly received your kindly guidance to our homes. I am here to speak on behalf of this Convention. There are 56,000 teachers and scholars in this Association. If they were all here they would fill all the streets of Woodstock. So you have been serving all these. There was once a Greek general. He had one little boy and he was playing with him one day when some high court official came to see him and talk to him about a neighboring state. And they bowed their heads to Themistocles, and they complimented him upon being the ruler of Greece. "I may be the ruler of Greece," he said, "but my wife rules me, and that little boy rules my wife, and that makes him ruler of all Greece." We feel greatly indebted to you for your faithfulness in attending your duties. No man could have done it any better. And as one of the International workers taking part in the New Brunswick Convention, I thank you on behalf of the great organization. I represent ten millions

and more of Sunday School scholars. You have our sincere and heartiest thanks. Every boy ought to do three things:

First—He ought to carry out this commandment: "Honor thy father and thy mother." You know what Paul said, "Children, obey your parents in the Lord." Never forget that.

Second—He ought to heed the Bible when it says, "Little children love one another." The spirit of gentleness is the spirit of gentlimanness. A gentle man, a gentle boy is gentle in his conduct. Be kind to boys that are poorer and duller than yourselves. Never look down upon a duller or a poorer boy or a boy of little strength. Never ruin your health with cigarettes or strong drink. Take care of your health. Be kind to brutes. Have a respect for life of any kind. Never inflict injury upon cows or horses or dogs. Never inflict injury upon anything if you can help it.

Third—It is a crowning thing to remember your Creator in youth. First honor your father and mother and then see that you love God and pray to Him. I trust that you will love Jesus Christ. Sometimes I think that if I could have seen the Lord Jesus Christ as a boy what I could have learned from Him! He was subject to his father and mother. He grew in stature before God and man. I thank you again and hope you will have a long life. Do you not want to be delegates to the Convention next year? Some of you pages may yet be President of this Convention.

President Trites, Field Secretary Lucas and Prof. Hamill then shook hands with the boys on behalf of the Association. Then Rev. A. Lucas

prayed for a blessing on the pages. They then retired.

#### GREETINGS.

Rev. A. Marshall moved that Prof. Hamill convey to the Conventions of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island the greetings of this Convention. This was seconded by Rev. J. C. Berrie and carried.

#### PARTING WITH PROF. HAMILL.

Rev. Geo. O. Gates said that the highest honor had been conferred upon him in asking me to express thanks to Prof. Hamill. "You," he said, addressing the Professor, "were a stranger to most of us. We had seen your name frequently. We have been delighted with the addresses that you have given. We pledge ourselves afresh to this great work. We have nothing that we can send you, but we can follow you with our prayers and in the days to come we shall know each other better. I hope that in the good Providence we shall meet again. We pray God's blessing to go with you and to make you a blessing to our brethren and to return you to your own home in peace. And our prayer will be that in the afterward we may be received into glory.

Convention then sang, "God be with you till we meet again." Prof. Hamill retired to take the cars.

Offerings were taken up.

Convention then sang, "Always abounding."

#### NORMAL WORK.

E. R. Machum then presented the following report. He explained that it was read for information:

Report of Sub-committee of Executive Committee appointed to consider the advisability of forming a Provincial Normal Department.

Your Committee on Normal Department beg leave to report as follows:

That in their opinion the time has come when a Normal Department in connection with our Provincial Sunday School Association should be formed, and they recommend:

1st. That a Superintendent of Normal Work for the Province be appointed who shall serve for one year, unless the Executive deem it better to make a change. In such cases the Executive shall appoint a successor. It shall be the duty of the Normal Superintendent to organize Normal Classes wherever possible throughout the Province, and to use his best endeavors by correspondence or otherwise to extend interest in Normal Work. He shall appoint, subject to approval of Executive, a committee of seven persons to prepare questions and examine and mark answers, each examiner to prepare questions and examine answers on one of the sub-divisions of Hurlbut's Manual of Normal Lessons. The Superintendent to be ex-officio chairman of this committee

2nd. That the examinations be held between the 1st and 15th September in 1897, and in June in following years, and that graduation exercises for those who successfully pass the Examinations be made a part of the programme at each annual Convention of the N. B. S. S. Association.

3rd. That the method to be followed in Examinations be as follows: The Normal Class in connection with any church or churches will notify the Normal Superintendent for Province on or before the 1st August, 1897, and on or before the 1st May in following years, of the number of persons who wish to take the Examination, and also forward the name of some

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competent and reliable person who shall act as residing examiner and take charge of the question papers and candidates' answers. The Normal Superintendent will forward to this presiding examiner, in a sealed envelope, as many sets of questions as there are applicants for Examination. Each set of questions to be numbered and have a Coupon attached, as per sample appended. The candidate will number the paper on which answers are written to correspond with the number on Examination paper and Coupon, and in no case must the name of the candidate appear on the answer papers. The Coupons must be filled out, detached from Examination paper, and handed to presiding examiner, who will forward them in sealed envelopes to the Normal Superintendent. The question on each division to be answered on a separate sheet, or sheets, of paper. All answers to be forwarded in sealed envelope to the Normal Superintendent, who will forward to each examiner all papers on the section or division for which he acts as Examiner. The Examiner, when he has completed his work, will return all papers to the Normal Superintendent marked according to merit. Normal Superintendent will then inform candidates of the results of the Examinations. And any other regulations as to time and circumstances of the Examinations to be arranged by the

Superintendent, subject to approval of Executive Committee.

The above rules to apply when individual students not in connection with a Class apply for Examination.

4th. That the standard of Examination be 100 per cent, and that 70 per cent. of questions must be answered correctly to entitle a candidate to pass and receive a diploma, and that a candidate making 90 per cent. or over be granted a diploma with honor seal. There shall be fifty questions in all.

5th. That a committee be appointed to design a diploma for New Brunswick, and that the design decided upon be submitted to the Executive for approval.

(Signed) E. R. MACHUM,  
T. F. FOTHERINGHAM,  
T. S. SIMMS.

Coupon referred to in Section 2 of report:

HISTORICAL. No. 116. JUNIOR.

Name of Candidate.....  
(Give Christian name, or names in full.)  
P. O. Address of Candidate.....  
(Give street and number if a city.)  
Name of Sabbath School.....  
Name of Congregation.....  
Denomination .....

President Trites said, Go to work with God's blessing resting upon you. Session closed with prayer by S. J. Parsons.

## CLOSING SESSION.

This began at 7.30. There was a very large gathering. All the choirs united in singing. Devotional exercises were led by Rev. Geo. A. Gates. Prayer was offered by Mr. Gates. Then Convention sang, "Showers of blessings," and "Cast thy bread upon the waters." After this the Rev. A. M. Hubly and Mr. Trites led in prayer. Then Convention sang, "Battling for the Lord," and "Marching on." Prayer was offered by Revs. A. Lucas and J. M. Austin. Then Convention sang, "What will you do with the King called Jesus?" After this Mr. Gates asked, "What are you going to do with Him and for Him? I will read the Chapter of Love: The I. Corinthians, the 13th. It is fitting to read this. The subject is love; and it is love in its relation to man. The place of the chapter is very beautiful. We are impressed with the wisdom of the Holy Spirit in putting it where it is. So in the Psalms—after the 22nd—the same of the Cross—comes the 23rd, the heavenly pastoral. This chapter is like unto the 45th Psalm. I read the Revised Edition. Now those Corinthians coveted the gift of tongues. They were longing for this rather than the graces. The apostle told them that they had better have graces than gifts. Then Mr. Gates read the chapter. "Now we know in part." But then "We shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as he is." Mr. Gates said: Brethren, this love for souls—for those entrusted to us as Sunday School workers—this love that will continue twelve months in the year—through the

primary; into the intermediate departments—let us seek it—that Christ-like, God-like love! Convention then sang, "Wonderful love of Jesus."

Prayer was offered by William S. Robinson and J. G. Holyoke. Then Convention sang, "Trust and obey." Rev. Geo. Steele then prayed. Convention then sang, "Always abounding."

President Trites took the chair at 8. Mr. Robert Reid read the minutes of the morning and the afternoon sessions, which were adopted.

Rev. Geo. O. Gates had a few words to say about the money question. Was not going to take up any time. This work was worth a great deal more than we were putting into it. It is a good investment. It is bringing a good return to your own souls. Now, I commend this to your loving and prayerful attention. I ask you to take a card and put your name on it and an amount that you can give. It may be paid any time during the year. It is your duty. I presume that you will regard it as a duty. But you will get your pay out of it. You have gotten more than money out of it. You have gotten love for the Master and the work. Let us make this meeting a successful one from a financial standpoint. I would like that the collection plates should be loaded down with promises.

### LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

Rev. A. M. Hubly moved and Rev. A. Lucas seconded:  
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long and widely recognized as a grievous evil, and an enemy to all righteousness, law and order; and

Whereas, This fact has been so publicly shown by recent newspaper accounts of criminal court proceedings in various parts of our Province, that even the most thoughtless cannot be ignorant of it; and

Whereas, It is no longer a secret that men engaged in the illegal sale of strong drink use means to abuse, assault, intimidate, and to hinder officers of the law in the discharge of their duty.

Be it resolved, That this Association support in every way possible the maintenance of law and order, and stand firm in protest against any system of barter and sale in alcoholic drinks, and will pray and labor for the suppression of evil in every form.

Carried.

#### SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Rev. A. M. Hubly moved and Rev. Geo. O. Gates seconded:

Whereas, In the opinion of this Convention, the observance of the Sabbath is a matter of national concern; and that it is one of the bulwarks of national health and integrity; and

Whereas, As there is a grave tendency in our beloved land to Sabbath desecration, we recognize that the need for positive and constant teaching of the duty of Sabbath observance is ever with us; therefore

Be it resolved, That this Association present an unbroken front in opposition to everything that would tend to weaken, in the mind of mankind, a sense of reverence and of the need of a worshipping attitude toward God, upon this His holy day.

Carried.

#### CHOIRS.

Rev. Geo. O. Gates said: Mr. President, whatever may have been the special excellence of any other Convention, there is one excellence belonging to this and that is the assistance that the choirs have given to our Sessions. The singing has been earnest and harmonious. And I would be very direct in duty if I did not give the Convention an opportunity of expressing its gratitude for this. The music has been new. But it has been rendered so well. When we leave we are going to talk about this. I move that the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the Organist and Choir for the help that they have given the Convention by their music. This was passed by a rising vote and presented in a few suitable words by the President.

#### ARMENIAN ATROCITIES.

Rev. Geo. M. Young, in moving the resolution below, said: For so many months the eyes of the Christian world have been turned to Armenia, where 100,000 murders of the most cruel and atrocious nature have been committed with the knowledge of the ruling powers of Turkey. And it is in reference to the distressed Christians that I have the privilege of presenting this resolution tonight.

Rev. J. M. Austin seconded it. In doing so he spoke of being in the North West shortly after the rebellion. When a person saw the ruined houses and the dead bodies he saw what a fearful thing the rebellion had been. But the North West rebellion was nothing to what is taking place in Turkey. He spoke of a young woman who was reared here, but was now in Constantinople, writing letters giving a description of the bloody deeds done in

Turkey. Those Turks are armed to the teeth; while the Armenians are defenceless. We believe that we can move the hand that moves the world. Let us ask for continued prayers for the distressed Armenians.

Whereas, The United Societies of Christian Endeavor throughout the world have decided to observe the second week in November as a week of special prayer for the relief of the persecuted Christians in Armenia; and

Whereas, We believe in the power of earnest prayer; therefore

Resolved, That we, the N. B. S. S. Association, in Convention assembled, request the 1,020 S. S. in N. B. to join with the Young People's Societies in asking that God would grant to his distressed people a speedy deliverance from the hand of the "Great Assassin," and that the Armenian question may soon find a righteous solution.

Carried.

#### TEMPERANCE.

Mr. J. Willard Smith moved and Rev. A. M. Hubly seconded the following:

Whereas, The Church should not fall below the State in providing moral instruction for the young; and

Whereas, All States of the Union save three, provide in their public schools regular instruction on the evils of intemperance; therefore

Resolved, That the Church, through its Sunday School, should make faithful and efficient use of the Quarterly Temperance Lesson.

Resolved, also, That this Association is in hearty sympathy with the movement to secure the observance of a World's Temperance Sunday on the first Sunday in November.

Mr. Smith, in moving the above, said that it had been adopted by the Presbyterians, Methodists and Congre-

gational churches of the United States.  
—Carried.

#### THANKS TO EX-PRESIDENT SMITH.

Rev. A. M. Hubly moved and Rev. A. Lucas seconded the following, which was carried by a rising vote:

Resolved, That a hearty vote of thanks be extended to Bro. J. Willard Smith for the very kindly and generous manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office as President during the year past.

#### THANKS TO REV. GEO. O. GATES.

Rev. A. M. Hubly moved and Rev. Geo., Steele seconded the following which was carried:

That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to Rev. G. O. Gates for his earnest and devoted attention to the devotional exercises of the different sessions.

#### THANKS TO WOODSTOCK PEOPLE.

Mr. Andrew Malcolm said: A most pleasant duty has been laid upon me. I gladly accept the responsibility of moving this:

That the thanks of this Convention be unanimously accorded to the citizens of the Town of Woodstock for their generous hospitality, and for the very blessed ministrations of heart and home to the visiting delegates, to the Local Entertainment Committee for their very satisfactory and well effected arrangements for our comfort.

Rev. Geo. O. Gates seconded it, since he had the best place in Woodstock for his home. But several delegates claimed that such has fallen to them. It was passed by waving of handkerchiefs.

President Trites presented the thanks to the Woodstock people.

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Mr. Jas. Watts accepted the same. We met you, he said, with kindest words of welcome. We have been repaid by the blessings that have come to us from this Convention. We are indebted to the delegates for coming amongst us.

**THANKS TO TRUSTEES AND PRESS.**

Rev. A. M. Hubly moved and Rev. A. Lucas seconded:

To the trustees and officers of the Woodstock Methodist Church, for the use of the building, its decorations and conveniences. Also the trustees of Advent Church for placing their Church building at our disposal.

To the daily Press of our Province for kind notices of our work and other favors in their line; especially to the Daily and Weekly Sun of St. John for placing at our disposal one of its valuable columns.

**CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.**

Mr. E. R. Machum presented this as below:

Your Credential Committee beg leave to report as follows:

Delegates present .....	285
Pastors .....	20
Superintendents .....	37
Teachers .....	126
Officers of Schools .....	13
County Officers .....	8
Scholars .....	20
From International Association..	1
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E. R. MACHUM,  
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ROBERT REID.

Offerings and slips were collected.

Then Convention sang "Leading Souls to Jesus," and "In the Morning."

An announcement was made that the hymn books used in the Convention could be obtained for four cents from Miss Agnes Lucas, Sussex.

**NEXT YEAR TO ST. JOHN.**

Mr. J. Willard Smith said that the Saint John delegates had commissioned him to say that they had decided to extend an invitation to the Convention to meet in what is to be the Liverpool of America. He hoped that they would decide to come there in '97.

On motion invitation was accepted.

**ADDRESS BY REV. W. C. MATTHEWS.**

Mr. Matthews said:

M. Chairman, and dear fellow laborers in the Sunday School field: When our valued Field Secretary, the Rev. Mr. Lucas, communicated with me informing me that my name had been placed upon the programme of this Convention, he intimated that my duty would be to attend all the sessions of the Convention, to keep my eyes and ears open, to make a note, mental or otherwise, of anything, and when the time came to reproduce and re-emphasize these helpful lessons.

Now, Mr. Chairman, I apprehend that that would be a very difficult thing to do. I would have to reproduce the entire programme, and I am of the opinion, if even Prof. Hamill would "try that on" in one session your patience would become exhausted.

The Convention has been a grand one. I must express my gratitude to Almighty God for allowing me to come up here to Woodstock. It has indeed been a season of deep spiritual bless-

ing to me personally. A year ago I was permitted to attend my first Provincial Convention at Chatham, where I enjoyed one of the most helpful seasons of my life. And then, as I sat in the beautiful Tremont Temple along with the other delegates from New Brunswick, new light on S. S. work dawned upon me. But, brethren, let me affirm what I feel—not at Chatham, not even at Boston did I feel an equal uplift with that which I have enjoyed while here at Woodstock.

I must congratulate the Executive Committee upon one thing, and that is its wisdom in putting the devotional meetings in the hands of one man, and that the one man selected was Bro. Gates. Some of us were not previously acquainted with his qualifications along this line, but we will know after this that he is a workman "that needeth not to be ashamed." How inspiring to sit and sing, to kneel and pray, to listen to the sacred words from the grand Old Book, which is ever new. Say, brother, did not fresh resolutions form with you as you sat or stood day by day and sang, "Ever abounding in the work of the Lord."

"Abounding"—I like that word. It is a good New Testament word, and it indicates a New Testament experience. God does not intend for his children, a quarter-full experience, or a half-full experience, or a three-quarter full experience, but an experience which is abounding, full and overflowing. The same thing is true of Christian service—we have an abounding experience that we may render an abounding service.

A well known classification of literature is into works which impart information and those which furnish power or inspiration. As an example

of the former you might take the Encyclopaedia Britannica, or the Standard Dictionary, or Macaulay's History of England. Of the latter take, for instance, the book mentioned by Dr. Chapman the other evening—Arthur's Tongue of Fire, which, although not imparting very much information which is new, yet inspires the reader to a higher and nobler life.

Both these classes of influence have been imparted during this Convention. Information in plenty has been given. We have learned a good deal about the Normal Department and about House to House Visitation and the Home Department—a great deal about improved methods of work, and I am sure if we go back to our schools determined to crystallize in action the knowledge we have acquired, much good will be done.

But, in my opinion, the greatest good accomplished is due to the inspiration received, the power acquired, the new spring given. This inspiration has come to us in various ways. I have already referred to the singing and the devotional exercises generally. But we have had a good crowd here—and there is contagion in a crowd. One and one is more than two if the two come together, and when you have three hundred delegates, with their friends, and the friends of the cause, assembled in one building, the result is not the same as an equal number of isolated individuals. But it is that plus something, plus enthusiasm which has been generated. One looks into his neighbor's face, and catches the glow of interest, and then passes it on, and so on it goes, the tide rising meanwhile, until now in these closing hours of our Convention our hearts are full and it

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Let me speak of one thought which is always with me in these S. S. Conventions and in all my work for the young—a thought which impresses me more and more profoundly as I grow older and obtain greater experience in religious work. It is that work for children pays—pays better dividends than any other form of Christian work which can be undertaken. "Well," you say, "that is evident; that is acknowledged by everybody; that is a commonplace." But is it so very self-evident? Not so. I thank God that never in the history of the world was it nearer universal acceptance than now. But even yet, the Church, the Protestant Church especially, is slow to awaken to its magnificent opportunity along this line.

It was said by the Great Teacher that the children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of light. We are continually receiving confirmation of the soundness of His judgment in this particular. In secular business, men who have made a success of their work have studied where to apply their labor to the best advantage. When Napoleon or Wellington, Caesar or Alexander undertook one of those magnificent campaigns which have made the world wonder, they laid their plans deliberately and with extreme care, and after the most intense thought. They did not waste their ammunition or their men. They pounded away upon the points where pounding would tell. They studied strategy. And we must be Christian strategists. We must not only work, but work where the application will pay best—where our hard pounding will tell. Now, brethren, the strategic

ground of infinite importance to the success of our heavenly campaign is the land of childhood. Here every effort tells. Work for children yields golden harvests.

It pays numerically. That is to say, given certain definite conditions of time and energy, employed on the one hand in specific work for children, and on the other, in work among adults, the former will yield immensely larger results in point of numbers. Let us say double the number of individuals will be converted to God. I do not say that is the limit. I believe that is far within the mark—but for the sake of concreteness, in order to be definite, let us say double. But that is not all. Each boy or girl brought to consecrate his life to Christ's service in early youth will have many more years in which to labor,—let us say again, on the average double. So that instead of looking for double the results from our efforts when directed thitherward—we are justified in using a much higher multiplier.

But we must not stop here in our calculations. Not only will a greater number of individuals be influenced, and these have many more years to serve, but the quality of service rendered will be much higher. Am I wrong in asserting that workers converted early and brought up in an atmosphere of Christian life and activity and trained in Christian work will render double as valuable service as those who endeavor to bend the matured trunk of settled habits into new and irksome forms. And now, adhering to our mathematical working basis, the final conclusion of our calculations is that at least eight times as much results may legitimately be expected

from work done for children as for adults.

Do you smile at my mathematical deductions? Well, I am not ignorant of the peril of attempting to bring religious experience within the formal bounds of an exact science. God does not administer grace according to the Rule of Three, nor can Christian work be measured by the multiplication table. So, if you please, we will drop the mathematics. But they have served their purpose. They have made plain, I trust, the prolific nature of work done in this chosen field.

While I am on this topic, I want to say just a word or two to the teachers of "the least of all." How many Primary Teachers are there here tonight? Will you kindly rise and stand for a moment? (A number responded.) I want to congratulate you upon being engaged in the cleanest, and noblest and most blessed of any work in the world—with one exception. May be you think I am going to say that the exception is the Christian Ministry in which I am placed, thank God! but I do not refer to the ministry. The exception is the work of the Mother, which is the most nearly divine of any. My dear Primary Teachers realize your privileges and opportunity. Let your hearts swell with gratitude that He has counted you worthy, putting you in this ministry. Landor has said: "Children are what their mothers are." And it is true, too, though, of course, in an inferior degree, "they are what their teachers are."

The spiritual side of the teachers' work has been strongly emphasized throughout this entire Convention. Not any too much stress has been laid upon it, however. That is the one thing essential. Without that your

work is like "sounding brass or a clanging cymbal."

Dear teachers, it is your delightful privilege to be co-workers with God. It is a source of inspiration to some of us as pastors, to feel that we are prophets of the Most High. And you, too, may be prophets, must be prophets. Not foretellers, but forthtellers, interpreters of the mind of Christ to your scholars, translators of the mysteries of grace into a language which the least advanced in your class may understand. But in order to be a prophet, you must be a seer; you must have the uplifted look, the clarified vision, the seeing eye. In order to teach you must first become a scholar—a learner in the School of Christ. And the conditions of success here, are not brightness and quickness of intellect, although these are not unimportant, but consists in a preparation of heart and soul expressed in such passages as these from the Sacred Text Book: "Take my yoke upon you and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart;" "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God;" "They that do My will shall know of the doctrine."

Allow me to add another conception of your work, which may be helpful. Professor Hamill insisted upon the idea of personal service as essential to a true estimation of the teachers' work. You are servants, dear teachers; servants of Christ, servants of the church, servants of the children. In this regard we have Christ as our example. This was the central principal of this life. This was the pivot upon which it revolved; it was like a scarlet thread running through it from beginning to end. "I am among you as he which serveth." "For even the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but

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to minister," He said, and thus expressed His own conception of the purpose of His life. Think of that example of supreme humanity, when He girded himself with a towel and actually stooped to the menial task of washing His disciples' feet? What an object lesson! You have often pondered on the divine power of the Lord Jesus Christ. You have stood at the grave of Lazarus and looked and listened as, at the word of the Divine Man, he who had been four days dead, came forth to mingle with his friends and walk the streets once more. Or you have been present in imagination on that storm-tossed vessel on the Sea of Galilee, when the voice of the Lord of the tempest commanded, "Peace, be still," and there was a great calm. As we followed Him day by day in His earthly career, our souls are filled with words, and we say, "Surely this man was the Son of God." But this is the point. You will look in vain for a single instance where he employed His miraculous power for His own convenience, or pleasure, or to minister to His own necessities. The world was His for He made it, and yet He said, "The foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has not where to lay His head." Why this prodigality of power for others and this parsimony in regard to Himself, but to emphasize the lesson that He was in the world, in no sense to minister to self, but to minister to others. Was this battle not fought out in the desert of Judea at the very threshold of His public life? He was hungry from His long fast. The Devil came to Him and in his insinuating tones said: "You are hungry, here are these little round stones, command them that they become bread."

But Jesus spurned the suggestion—it was opposed to the central purpose of His life. He cast it behind Him and went on His way to His life of self-denying service.

And now, dear teachers, the application of all this is plain. You are Christians; you call yourselves by that holy name. If that means anything at all it means that you are followers of Christ, imitators, not of the outward expression, but of the spirit. Now, this self-denying service was the centre of Christ's life,—it must occupy a similar position in yours. Your centre must be outside self entirely, so that when you grasp your scholars' hand, when you look into their faces, when you tell "the old, old story of Jesus and His love," they may see the Christ light in your eyes, and feel the Christ love in the pressure of your fingers. Nothing can be substituted for this. "You may speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and if you have not charity (love) you are like sounding brass or a clanging symbol." Let us covet earnestly the best gifts.

#### APPOINTMENT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF HOME CLASS DEPARTMENT.

Mr. Lawson announced that Mr. E. R. Machum had been appointed superintendent of the Home Class and House to House Visitation Department. SUPERINTENDENT of NORMAL

#### CLASS DEPARTMENT.

Rev. Geo. M. Young had been appointed superintendent of the Normal Class Department.

#### THE SUN AND THE SUNDAY SCHOOL COLUMN.

Mr. Simms announced that the Daily Sun had given them the use of a column a week in the interests of the Sunday

School. This was edited by Mr. E. R. Machum.

Rev. Geo. Steele moved and Mr. J. Willard Smith seconded that the rest of the time be taken up in a consecration service, conducted by Rev. Geo. O. Gates.—Carried.

#### CONSECRATION SERVICE.

Mr. Gates then took charge. Convention sang, "Up and Onward" (No. 70). Prayer was offered by Rev. J. C. Berrie.

Wm. Fancy said: Bless the Lord O my soul and forget not all His benefits.

A Sister said: I am deeply grateful to God for the good that has been coming to me during this Convention.

Rev. A. Lucas said: A great deal of prayer accumulated before this Convention began. And God has been answering these prayers all through this Convention. Let us have greater faith in God.

A young man said: While praying to God for a blessing on this Convention I have received all that I expected—a fullness of blessing.

Rev. A. M. Hubly said: I have spoken unto you that your joy might be full.

Miss Agnes Lucas said: I have been greatly blessed.

A Sister said: I have been helped.

Another said: I have been wonderfully blessed.

Rev. Geo. Steele said: I shall go away better prepared "to work and speak and think for Him." The sessions had been very blessed.

President Trites said he had been blessed. He has heard prayer.

Convention then sang, "I Shall be Satisfied."

W. S. Robinson said: I had been praying that I might get a spiritual

blessing. My prayers have been answered. I have gained strength.

A Sister said: I have been blessed in coming to this Convention. All glory to God.

Rev. J. C. Berrie said that he was grateful. Twenty-five years ago he and several others had arrived in this country to engage in the work of the ministry. Today four of them, the Revs. T. Marshall, Geo. W. Fisher, A. Lucas and himself, had met together and they were all members of this Convention.

A Sister said: It has been nothing short of a benediction to my soul.

Mrs. J. J. Colter said: I bless God for being in company with praying men and praying women that I have met at this Convention. There ought to be a better recognition of female help.

Mr. J. Willard Smith said: I shall return with greater determination to serve my Master. I want to be ever abounding in the work of the Lord.

Convention then sang, "More about Jesus."

Mr. Gates said the Superintendents present have a very responsible position. We need special help this year to take hold of important duties. And they feel that they ought to be more consecrated to God.

Mr. Gates asked all Superintendents to rise, which they did. While standing he addressed them: We thank God that He has put you into this important work. I am going to leave with you a passage of scripture. It is the 119th Psalm and the 117th verse: "Hold thou me up and I shall be safe." Put that in your heart. Let it be your prayer. And God—the God of grace—will answer it.

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Rev. A. Lucas prayed for the Superintendents.

Mr. Gates said: I want the officers, the treasurers, librarians and secretaries to rise, which they did. You sometimes feel that you have a great deal of drudgery in your work. You almost envy the teachers in their work. You get a little discouraged sometimes. I give you a text, "This one thing I do." Mr. Gates prayed for them.

Mr. Gates then called up the teachers. He said: There is not an angel in glory but what would gladly take your place. But an angel throughout eternity will never know the bliss that you know. You are permitted to mould a lad into the shape that the Lord Jesus Christ requires. Make the truth plain to the scholars. I will give you a word. It is the word of the blessed Master. It is in the last chapter of the Book of Matthew, "Teach them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." You will have to learn wise things before you command them. And

then you have the promise, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Think of it in your discouraged moments—"Even unto the end of the world." May God help you to realize this passage!

Rev. Dr. Chapman prayed for the teachers.

Then Mr. Gates said: Let us bow our hearts before God in silent prayer.

After this he led in prayer.

This was a very impressive part of the session. It was a season of great profit.

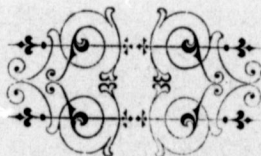
Then Mr. Robert Reid read the minutes of this session, which were confirmed.

Mr. Gates announced that the cards and collection of this evening amounted to about \$200.

Convention then sang, "Blessed be the Tie that Binds."

Dr. Chapman pronounced the benediction.

The hand-shaking afterward took up a good deal of time and seemed to be participated in by all.



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## LIST OF DELEGATES.

NAME.	DENOMINATION.	OFFICE.	P. O. ADDRESS.
Alterton, Miss Lillie.....	Methodist.	Teacher.	Bloomfield, Carleton Co.
Anderson, Mrs. P.....	Union.	Supt.	Perth Centre.
Atherton, W. C.....	Baptist.	Scholar.	Nashwaaksis.
Asker, Miss Hattie.....	Presbyterian.	Secretary.	Campbellton.
Austin, Rev. J. M.....	Congregational.	Pastor.	Sheffield Academy.
Akerly, Mrs. M. A. ....	Methodist.	Teacher.	Fredericton.
Ackerson, Miss Bessie...	Ref. Baptist.	.....	Lower Brighton.
Armour, Samuel.....	Union.	Supt.	Maple View.
Boyer, D. V.....	Union.	Teacher.	Beechwood.
Brewer, Clara.....	"	Scholar.	Perth Centre.
Barker, Lydia.....	"	"	Maplehurst.
Barker, Mrs. Stephen....	"	Supt.	Bath.
Berrie, John C.....	Methodist.	Pastor.	St. Andrews.
Brewer, Mrs. M.....	Presbyterian.	Teacher.	Woodstock.
Brewer, M.....	"	"	Woodstock.
Briggs, Ralph.....	Union.	Supt.	Sissin Ridge.
Briggs, Ellen.....	"	.....	Sissin Ridge.
Blackie, Mrs. Andrew. . .	Presbyterian.	Teacher.	Benton.
Blackie, Andrew.....	"	Scholar.	Benton.
Boyer, G. H.....	Union.	Supt.	Bristol.
Baird, W. T.....	F. C. E.	Teacher.	Grafton.
Brackett, Miss .....	Union.	.....	Grafton.
Benn, J. W.....	Methodist.	.....	Debec.
Burt, Mrs. Geo .....	Ref. Baptist.	Teacher.	Hartland.
Briggs, Mrs. E. J.....	.....	.....	Belleville.
Boyer, Miss Alice.....	Ref. Baptist.	.....	Woodstock.
Bloodsworth, F. C .....	F. C. B.	Supt.	Kilburn.
Bloodsworth, Mrs. F. C..	"	Teacher.	Kilburn.
Bentley, Mrs. H. P.....	"	"	Keswick.
Colpitts, R.....	Methodist.	Scholar.	Pleasant Vale.
Connolly, W. A.....	Baptist.	Supt.	Jacksontown.
Currie, Robt.....	Union.	Teacher.	Eel River Crossing.
Christie, Mrs. W. G.....	Methodist.	"	St. Stephen.
Chase, Miss Annie.....	"	"	St. Andrews.
Craig, Miss Annie.....	"	Recorder.	St. John.
Caverhill, Mrs. C. L.....	"	Supt.	Upper Caverhill.
Corey, G. L.....	.....	County Pres	Gladstone, Victoria Co.
Clindining, Harris.....	Union.	Par. Pres.	St. Stephen.
Currie, Mrs. Richard.....	"	Scholar.	Bath.
Corbett, Thomas.....	Presbsterian.	Pastor.	Kirkland.
Clark, H. N.....	Union.	Supt.	Nackawick.
Clark, Miss Ella.....	Baptist.	Teacher.	Fredericton.
Curry, Mrs. D.....	"	"	Forest Glen, Tobique.

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Coults, Mrs. W.....	Baptist.	Teacher.	Forest Glen, Tobique.
Car, John T. G.....	Union.	"	Hartland.
Colter, Miss Ella.....	Methodist.	"	Keswick.
Colter, Mrs. J. J.....	"	Scholar.	Lower Brighton.
Clark, Mrs. C.....	Pef. Baptist.	.....	Woodstock.
Clan, Chas.....	Methodist.	.....	Woodstock.
Clark, W. G.....	Baptist.	.....	Fredericton.
Comben, Miss.....	Methodist.	.....	Woodstock.
Clowes, Miss.....	"	Teacher.	Northampton.
Cox, Miss Bessie.....	Union.	"	Middle Simonds.
Davis, W. J.....	F. C. B.	Supt.	Waterville.
Dickinson, C. W.....	.....	"	Debec Junction.
Dobson, Miss Lulu.....	Presbyterian.	Teacher.	Sussex.
Dennison, Herbert.....	Baptist.	Librarian.	Woodstock.
Dumphy, Mrs. H. F.....	F. C. B.	Teacher.	Keswick.
Drysdale, Jas.....	Ref. Baptist.	.....	Woodstock.
Dickinson, C. D.....	Advent.	.....	Woodstock.
Dickinson, Mrs. J. D.....	"	.....	Woodstock.
Dickinson, Miss Alice.....	"	.....	Woodstock.
Day, Miss Lizzie.....	Methodist.	.....	Woodstock.
Edgar, Miss Mary.....	Presbyterian.	Supt.	Three Brooks.
Edwards, Bessie.....	.....	Teacher.	Benton Ridge.
Estey, Miss Ethel.....	Union.	"	Waterville.
Everett, Miss Alice.....	Methodist.	"	Andover.
Estey, C. M.....	"	.....	Upper Keswick.
Estabrooks, Miss.....	Baptist.	Scholar.	St. John.
Estey, Miss.....	"	Teacher.	St. John.
Everett, Fannie.....	"	Par. Sec.	Keswick.
Farquhar, Jas.....	Presbyterian.	Supt.	Upper Kintore, Victoria Co
Frost, Geo. F.....	Congregational.	Teacher.	Milltown.
Frost, Mrs. Geo. F.....	"	"	Milltown.
Fancy, W. A.....	Presbyterian.	"	St. Stephen.
Forrest, Jas. H.....	"	Supt.	McKenzie Corner.
Fiske, Mrs. D.....	"	Scholar.	Florenceville.
Fisber, Geo. W.....	Methodist.	Pastor.	Fairville.
Fitzsimons, Alice.....	Union.	Teacher.	Upper Woodstock.
Fitzgerald, Miss Carrie..	Baptist.	.....	Centreville.
Godin, Mrs. J.....	Baptist.	Teacher.	Benton.
Granville, Miss Lillie ...	"	"	St. John.
Grant, H. W.....	Union.	Secretary.	Greenbush.
Gardiner, Idella.....	Methodist.	Teacher.	Woodstock.
Gates, G. O.....	Baptist.	Pastor.	St. John.
Gillespie, Mrs. H. P.....	Methodist.	Teacher.	Florenceville.
Gibson, Mrs. Jas. ....	"	"	Marysville.
Goodspeed, Alice N.....	Union.	"	Penniac.
Genth, W. B.....	Presbyterian.	.....	Richmond Corner.
Getchil, Mrs. H. G.....	"	.....	Centreville.
Geddes, John.....	Episcopal.	.....	Centreville.
Gerow, Miss Areta.....	F. C. B.	Scholar.	Fredericton.

Griffith, M

Hamill, P

Hall, S. S

Hubly, A.

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Griffith, Miss Clara.....	Methodist.	Teacher.	Kilburn.
Hamill, Prof. H. W.....	.....	Internation'l	Illinois.
Hall, S. S.....	Methodist.	Supt.	Richmond Corner.
Hubly, A. M.....	Ref. Episcopal.	Pastor.	Sussex.
Hipwell, Miss Annie.....	Union.	Teacher.	Upper Woodstock.
Hawkins, Miss Lillie.....	F. C. B.	"	Douglas.
Hopper, L. A.....	Baptist.	"	St. John.
Heersey, Ira G.....	Methodist.	"	Houlton.
Hamsin, Mrs. L. A.....	"	"	St. John.
Holyoke, G. L.....	Presbyterian.	"	Woodstock.
Hale, Mrs. F. H.....	Ref. Baptist.	.....	Woodstock.
Hall, S. P.....	"	Supt.	Richmond.
Hall, Cook.....	F. C. B.	.....	Woodstock.
Hay, Mrs.....	Presbyterian.	.....	Woodstock.
Hay, Miss Kate.....	"	Teacher.	McKenzie Corner.
Innis, Mrs. D.....	Presbyterian.	Teacher.	Tobique River.
Innis, H W.....	Union.	.....	Bloomfield Station.
Jordan, Miss Maggie.....	Methodist.	Teacher.	Simonds.
Jewett, Blanche.....	Ref. Baptist.	Scholar.	Woodstock.
Johnston, B.....	.....	.....	Woodstock.
Jewett, Miss Grace.....	Ref. Baptist.	.....	Woodstock.
Johnston, Miss Mary.....	Methodist.	.....	Florenceville.
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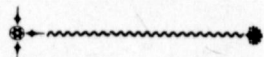
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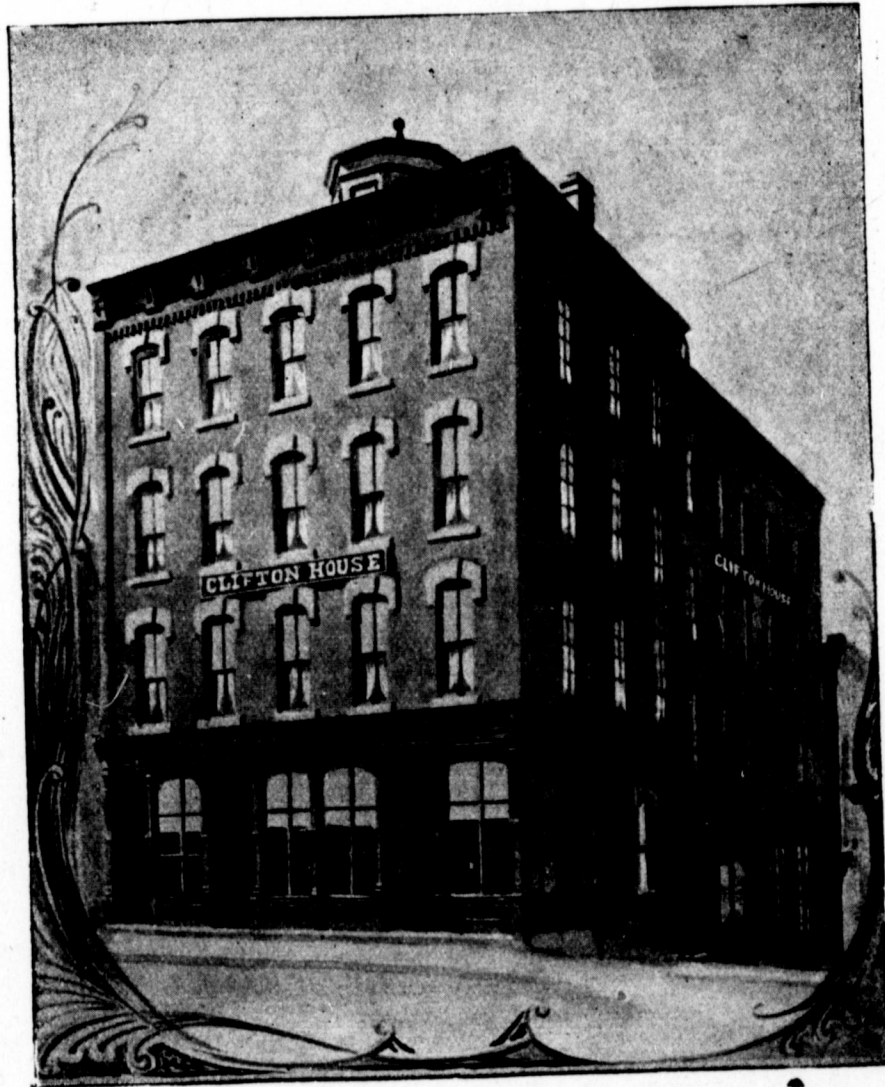


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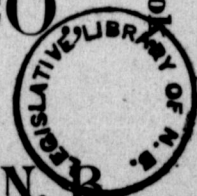
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