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The committee desire that every superintendent will see that his school is represented by himself and one other. Read this CALL to your open school, and at an early date elect your delegates. Elect such as will promise to come and who will bring back helpfulness to your school.

This is sent to all pastors of evangelical churches, to all superintendents whose address we have. For some counties we shall have to rely on an old list, not being able at present to get a revised list.

Superintendents, — Will you or your secretary please send in the names of those elected by your school to Mr. W. C. Whittaker, secretary of local committee. The St. John association have appointed an efficient local committee, who will arrange for all delegates or substitutes of delegates. But we must make it imperative that the names be sent at least one week before the 18th. We cannot ensure a home to those who neglect. Please note this and act promptly.

Will pastors bear in mind that they are members of this convention. We hope to see a large number present to meet the Rev. Dr. Hurlbut, whose labors have been a great blessing to pastors in many assemblies. Will pastors call attention to this convention from their pulpits, in their schools and at every opportunity, asking

special aid on its behalf, that a true Sunday school revival may result. Make your ordinary appointments bend that you may get to this convention. Forward your name to local committee so that a home may be provided for you during the convention.

With the October HELPER sufficient copies of programmes will be sent. Look out for it by Oct. 1st. Give one to each delegate. The October HELPER will also contain full instructions as to reduced fares on Railways, and all information necessary to those who are coming. The Convention Sessions will be open to everybody, and although the local committee cannot engage to find homes for more than delegates whose names are sent to them, yet we hope that many others will avail themselves of this opportunity of hearing Miss Harlow and Dr. Hulbert.

A SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOM.

As the Secretary left the Presbyterian Hall in Bathurst Village he was heard to express his delight in it for its purpose. Its tinted walls, adorned with more maps, charts, etc., than are found in many more places of protestant wealth, seated with chairs, furnished with good organ, — it might be worth while looking at it when you are building for school or for country church and school. You can add curtains or other partitions for your primary class.

A parish vice-president, recently reporting one county school in Restigouche, said, "This school, after opening, curtains each class off for its class work." O that some superintendents reading this would call to their aid some such plan helpful to the work. We have read that Hon. John Wanamaker, United States Postmaster General, does this in the great school of which he is superintendent. Perhaps some may like to follow so advanced a leader.

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Sunday School Helper.

ST. JOHN, N. B., SEPTEMBER, 1892.

CARLETON COUNTY CONVENTION

Was opened in the Baptist church at Jacksontown on the morning of August 16th. Opening service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. B. H. Thomas, President Scott in the chair. The usual committees were appointed. The secretary, J. T. Fletcher, read his report. Our space forbids extracts therefrom, but it was worthy of being read thoughtfully and pondered and its suggestion carried out. Copies of it were sent to other county officers. This was given to a committee, whose report brought it up for careful consideration by the whole convention.

Afternoon session was given much to the work of teaching. A primary class was conducted through the previous Sunday lesson by Mrs. Watson, and in the same session the convention formed a class, while Rev. D. Fiske taught the lesson for next Sunday. Questions were answered by Messrs. Parsons and Lucas.

The evening session was opened with a praise service. The Field Secretary spoke on the work of organization for Sunday school purposes. Rev. B. H. Thomas gave an address on The Qualified Teacher.

On the morning of the 17th, opening service conducted by Rev. G. Seller, a conference of county and parish officers was conducted by Mr. Jas. Watts, and much careful insight into the work of the entire county was manifest. This conversation showed that though so much has been done, yet "there remaineth land to be possessed."

The fifth session was devoted to Sunday school management in the different departments of general exercises, lesson, offerings, review, &c. Nominating committee reported and the new officers were installed. R. Alexander, president; J. T. Fletcher re-elected as secretary. The list of others has not reached us.

Evening session was opened by Rev. G. Swim. Mr. Lucas was called to speak. He spoke for a few minutes, but having been so much before the convention he deemed it an intrusion to stand in the way of those who were to follow. Most excellent addresses were given by Rev. C. T. Phillips on The Book we study, and by Rev. C. Comben on The best Methods of Bible Study. In the supplemental report by the secretary he showed that

thirteen pastors had been present, fairly representing the evangelical work of the county. After votes of thanks, this large and helpful convention adjourned to meet at Benton a year hence.

KING'S COUNTY CONVENTION

Opened at Norton in the F. C. B. Church on the evening of August 11th. H. A. White, president, in the chair. Mr. S. J. Parsons had been invited and was present and greatly aided them by addresses full of suggestions.

Friday morning session was opened with a Bible reading by Mr. Lucas, who had come from Northumberland Co. by the night train. Regrets were expressed that the Rev. A. M. Hubly, the active county secretary, was unable through sickness to be present. Much time was spent on the reports from vice-presidents and from schools. There were many indications of true progress. New schools had been opened; a greater number had been kept open through the winter than before. Thanksgiving to God was expressed for His blessing on the effort of men and women who loved this work. Reports had not come from the unorganized parishes. Mr. Lucas hoped that the year might have witnessed the organization of these parishes, five in number. This is the second year at least in which Greenwich, Kars, Kingston, and Westfield have not been represented in the county convention. It should be a grief to us that these are reaping no benefit from this good work of which we have been talking. He reported his visit to Kars in winter, when not a Sunday school was in operation. He felt that while in the coming year we must aim at leading on these organized parishes in the way of more definite instruction by Normal lessons on some of the many phases of Bible study and teaching. The executive ought to reach these other parishes and organize them for more Bible work. The mind of the convention was strongly in favor of giving the whole county to feel the good of such work as had just been reported. Mr. Parsons gave a talk to superintendents, which must have been very helpful to their work.

In the afternoon session Mr. Lucas led the audience for little over a half hour in the lesson for next Sabbath. He endeavored to make this teaching suggestive to teachers. Mr. Parsons spoke emphatically of the importance of parish associations. Rev. J. S. Sutherland gave an excellent address on lesson preparation. He emphasized the preparation by head, heart, and hand, or what was to be taught, an enthusiastic love for and prayerful consideration of the truth, and a placing in order that which we intend to teach. This was followed by a general interesting discussion in which many took part.

The evening session was opened by the Rev. J. DeWare. Rev. T. F. Fotheringham, of St. John, had kindly come to help and spoke on model Sunday school officers. His long and wide experience enabled him to benefit many. Rev. Jas. Crisp led a Bible reading on the subject of God's promise to His workers. Rev. D. Long gave an address on the interest which parents should bear in Sunday school work. Mr. Parsons thoroughly announced the Provincial Convention in St. John on Oct. 18-20 next. He spoke of the desire of the association that this should be of great benefit to all the province. Mrs. Lucas, Messrs. Tritos, Myers, Weyman, and Heine were elected as delegates from this convention. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Rev. A. M. Hubly; secretary, H. A. White; recording sec., W. Heine; vice-presidents for parishes, J. E. McCready for Norton, Miss Duke for Hampton, A. Upham for Upham, Thos. Kelly for , Mr. Toole for Kars, Wm. Kierstead for Studholm, J. S. Trites for Sussex, G. McLeod for Cardwell, J. A. Northrup for Springfield, Wm. Elliot for Havelock, J. A. Moore for Waterford, Miss H. Thompson for Rothesay. Other parishes were left for executive to find suitable persons. An earnest spirit pervaded all the convention. After votes of thanks, Mr. Lucas uttered a few parting words on the important question, After the Convention, What? The closing thought before the Hymn "God be with you," was, How much and how well can we work for the Master in the year about to begin?

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY CONVENTION

Was opened at Chatham on August 11th. It was opened in St. Andrews Presbyterian Hall, Mr. Henderson, president, in the chair. A number of things seemed to combine to keep a large number of superintendents away. Alas that so many will pass another year without that uplift in their work which these conventions, with God's blessing, are designed to give. But as usual the young people full of promise were there. Several whose names were on the programme not being there, the subjects had to be transferred to others. Rev. N. McKay spoke on The Church and Sabbath School: Their relation and co-operation. This was followed by discussion. An excellent paper on the subject of House to House Visitation was given by Mr. Harris. Seldom do we find this important subject so well dealt with as in that paper and the discussion which followed. Mr. Lucas was asked to speak on Parish Organization. This was strongly emphasized as the means of sustaining the work through this county. Instances of its need was shown, and illustrations of its benefits in other counties.

The afternoon session was opened with a Bible reading appropriate to the teachers' work. All were asked to use their Bibles. Earnest suggestions were made

on the better use of the Bible in all services of worship.

Rev. N. McKay gave a profitable address on Better County Sunday School Work. Several joined heartily in discussion. D. P. McLachlan, the active county secretary, read his report. It showed improvement over last year, but he had not been able to get all the parishes to make reports of their work.

Reports of committees were given. The nominating committee report being accepted, Mr. Henderson was re-elected as president and D. P. McLachlan as secretary with a staff of vice-presidents and executive committee, which it is hoped will greatly bless the work of the county through the year.

The evening session was held in the Methodist Church. In the absence of the pastor and of the president, the superintendent, Mr. Ford, presided. Excellent papers were read bearing on the important features of Sunday School work and the Field Secretary spoke on the association work through the province, especially their own county.

GLOUCESTER COUNTY CONVENTION

Was held on August 5th. It opened at 10.30 in the Presbyterian Hall at Bathurst Village. In the absence of both president and secretary, the Field Secretary was asked to preside, and Miss McMurchy, of Toronto, kindly acted as secretary for the convention. If measured by numbers in attendance, this would not, to a stranger, compare well with more favored protestant counties. But to those who measure it by the work done and the interest manifested, there was an advance on last year. Mr. Lucas expressed regret at the absence of several, unavoidably away, but was glad to welcome Principal McMurchy, of Toronto, Rev. Mr. Nelson, now supplying the Presbyterian Church in pastor's absence, and Rev. J. Seller, as a new Methodist pastor in their midst.

The first subject on the programme was Parish Organization: What is the best substitute in Gloucester Co. This was led by Mr. Lucas, whose visits to that field enabled him to suggest the formation of their protestant congregations into three districts for more aggressive work. He gave illustration in the condition of some places which might have been helped during the year by such methods. Several friends joined with interest in the discussion of this subject. After appointment of committees, a twenty minutes' prayer service was held in behalf of county and parish officers, and for the extension of gospel in neglected districts.

In the afternoon session Principal McMurchy gave a thoughtful talk to workers on "Being fitted for the work they were called to do." This was discussed by Mrs. Ferguson and others. Mr. Lucas put a few of the salient points of that address on the blackboard, that they might continue to impress. After singing, he introduced to the convention Dr. W. B. Geikie, from Toronto, who in an animated address gave some practical "Hints to Sunday School Teachers." We wish our

space permitted some of the suggestive profitable points in these addresses.

Mrs. Ferguson presented the report of the nominating committee which was adopted. The following are the new officers: Rev. A. F. Thompson, president; Mitchell Grant, sec.-treas.; Miss Armstrong, rec. sec; vice presidents—Mrs. Ferguson and Amos Eddy for Bathurst district, Mr. Hickson for New Bandon district, Mr. J. W. Young for Caraquette, Miscou and Tracadie, Rev. J. Seller and Mrs. McLean as the additional members of executive committee.

Mr. Lucas read the statistical report of their county which showed 14 schools, 9 of which were open all the year, 12 of which use the International lessons, but only 2 hold teachers' meetings. There are fifty officers and teachers, with an enrollment of 412 scholars, of which 55 have been received into church membership during the year. These schools collected \$29.72 for missions and \$8.40 for Provincial Sunday School Association. Attention was called to the sad fact that three schools have ceased through the year and a fourth had, until re-opened on the visit of the Field Secretary last Saturday. Some of these could probably have been saved by the work which this association aims to do by its system of vice presidents and occasional parish or small district conventions. One new school had been opened in the year.

Before the afternoon session closed, the chairman expressed the thanks of the convention to their visitors from Toronto. Personally he felt that through them the two provinces had a link of connection in Sunday school work. While they in many respects were more highly favored in their protestant city he hoped they would carry back with them a prayerful interest in this county and our association work through this province.

The evening meeting was held in the Methodist church, Bathurst town. Mr. Amos Eddy presided. Rev. J. Seller gave a Bible reading on God's promises to His workers, and the Field Secretary gave an address on the Association work throughout the province.

The Secretary's Field Notes, in which he tells of the work in Restigouche, Gloucester and Northumberland counties, have been crowded out of this issue. Our space being so limited, we are unable to get in all the interesting matter that offers.

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1. After the death of Stephen and first dispersion of the Jerusalem church, Phillip began preaching the gospel to the Samaritans.

2. The next year Paul, the future great apostle to the Gentiles, was converted and began his ministry.

3. Two years later, the Roman Pagan Cornelius and his household were received directly into the Christian Church.

4. Between 43 and 48 A. D., while the mother Church at Jerusalem was being persecuted by Herod, a Gentile church was formed at Antioch and the Gospel for the first time preached to heathens.

BLACKBOARD OUTLINE.

Phillip's Preaching.
Paul's Conversion.
Samaritans Admitted.
Preaching to Heathens.

2D DRILL, SEPT. 11TH—CHIEF PERSONS.

Eight persons are prominent in the period:

Philip, the first preacher to those not Jews.

Simon Magus, the pretender of Samaria.

The Eunuch, the African proselyte.

Paul, the young pharisee and convert.

Cornelius, the pagan.

Herod (Agrippa I.), the second great persecutor.

Peter and James, the victims of Herod, the first a prisoner, the second a martyr.

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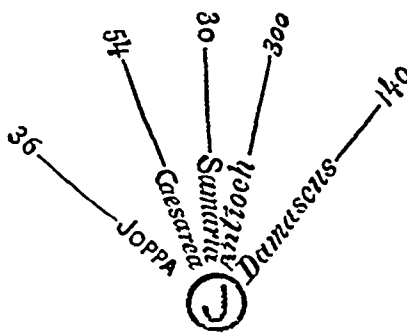
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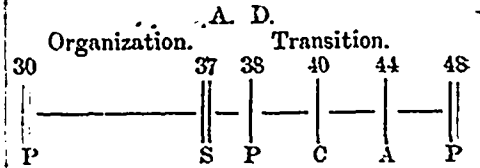
4TH DRILL, SEPTEMBER 25TH.—CHRON-
OLOGY.

This period includes about eleven years, from the death of Stephen, A. D. 37, to Paul's first missionary tour, A. D. 48.

Five dates are prominent, some of which are in doubt:

1. Stephen's death, A. D. 37.
2. Paul's conversion, A. D. 38.
3. Cornelius' conversion, A. D. 40.
4. Antioch Church organized and Herod's persecution of the Jerusalem Church—about 44 or 45 A. D.
5. Paul's first missionary tour, A. D. 48.

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