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Like as a father pitieth
his children, so the Lord
pitieth them that fear
Him. Ps. 103 : 13.

S. S. CONVENTION

THE event of the past week has been the International S. S. Convention, which assembled in the Pavilion (Horticultural Gardens), on Wednesday, and continued its sessions at stated hours until Friday evening. A deep interest was manifested in the meetings, the large building being crowded and thousands turned away. A number of prominent S. S. workers from all parts of the United States were present, and the addresses were, of course, pointed and practical. Hon. Edward Blake, Hon. G. W. Allan, and His Worship the Mayor, W. B. McMurrich, Esq., delivered the addresses of welcome. That the members of the Convention appreciate the value of a good practical man as President was evidenced in the fact that Hon. S. H. Blake was unanimously chosen for that office.

On the whole we believe the Convention will prove of much value, not only to the delegates personally, but that through them a stimulus will be imparted to other workers in their respective fields of labor.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

We desire to acknowledge our indebtedness to Mr. S. R. Briggs of the Willard Tract Depository in this city for the

loan of the Wood Cuts illustrating the articles "Sailing orders," "You, Me or anybody else," and "the Man on top of the Ark," which have recently appeared in our Bulletin. Mr. Briggs has published the tracts referred to, in a cheap form for distribution and Association readers would do well to secure a quantity.

SUNDAY EVENING GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE.

THE number attending this service has so increased as to render it necessary to once more take possession of our large hall. While we are pleased to note this increased attendance, we are not satisfied unless we see many souls led to Christ. For this we are praying, and hoping, and believing. Brethren join your prayers with ours. Let us be agreed in asking. God is willing to grant.

THE WEATHER.

WHILE the weather continues cool, yet those ladies who have attended the convention have not objected to accept of the fans freely distributed by the Committee of arrangements. The fans served a two-fold purpose. They furnished a programme of the Convention Meetings, and they advertised the Association meetings. The thoughtfulness of the Committee in making this provision was duly appreciated.

CUR MAP.

A very useful guide was published by our Association in the form of a Pocket Map of the city, on the back of which appeared the Association Directory. A cab tariff, Railway and Steamboat time tables and Street Railway guide. This has proved of value to the delegates and their friends.

NIAGARA CAMP.

The Y. M. C. A. tent at Niagara has proved of much service to the volunteers, and has been highly appreciated by both officers and men. Hundreds of letters have been written, and the reading matter and meetings have without doubt, done much towards keeping the young men from visiting the canteens or the liquor saloons. If nothing else had been accomplished, this would be a cause for gratitude; but we have reason to believe that at the Evangelistic meetings, conducted by Bros. Crombie and Fatt, seed has been sown which shall bring forth much fruit. The camp broke up on Friday last. We are yet open for contributions towards defraying the expense incurred during the work.

THE KING'S PENKNIFE.

WHEN Baruch, the amanuensis of Jeremiah, read in the ears of the princes the prophecies which God had given, they told the words to the king of Judah. "So the king sent Jehudi to fetch the roll: and he took it out of Elishama the scribe's chamber. And Jehudi read it in the ears of the king, and in the ears of all the princes which stood beside the king. Now the king sat in the winter-house, in the ninth month: and there was a fire on the hearth burning before Him. And it came to pass, that when Jehudi had read three or four leaves, he cut it with the penknife, and cast it into the fire that was on the hearth, until all the roll was consumed in the fire that was on the hearth." (Jer. xxxvi. 21-23).

Jehoiakim seemed to imagine that the Word of God was of little account, that it might be read, refused, or burned according to his pleasure; and though some that stood by made intercession to the king that he would not burn the roll, he refused to hear them. But when the sacrilegious act was done, "The word of the Lord came to Jeremiah, after that the king had burned the roll, and the words which Baruch wrote at the mouth of Jeremiah, saying, Take thee again another roll, and write in it *all the former words* that were in the *first roll*, which Jehoiakim king of Judah hath burned. And thou shalt say to Jehoiakim king of Judah,

Thus saith the Lord: Thou hast burned this roll, saying, Why hast thou written therein, saying, The king of Babylon shall certainly come and destroy this land, and shall cause to cease from thence man and beast? Then took Jeremiah another roll, and gave it to Baruch the scribe, the son of Neriah; who wrote therein from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the book which Jehoiakim king of Judah had burned in the fire, and there *were added besides unto them many like words*" (Jer. xxxvi. 27-32).

No man has liberty to cast God's Word behind his back, and the man who thinks to escape punishment by cutting out portions of the Word of God and burning the book that contains the threatenings of God's law, makes a terrible mistake. He Who gave the Word is pledged to see it accomplished, and those who destroy the words that He has spoken find that other words more dreadful still are added. Those who fear God need fear nothing else; while those who will not fear the Lord will find at last their souls oppressed by fears which shall yet be more fearful, and from which they have no way to escape. Beware of the king's penknife. Explaining away threatenings, or burning up prophecies, will never save us from impending wrath. "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: and if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book" (Rev. xxii. 18, 19.)

FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH.

THE engineer of a train near Montreal saw a large dog on the track. He was barking furiously. The engineer blew the whistle at him, but he did not stir, and crouching low, he was struck by the locomotive and killed. There was a bit of white muslin on the locomotive, and it attracted the attention of the engineer, who stopped the train and went back. There lay the dead dog

and a dead child, which had wandered upon the track and had gone to sleep. The dog had given his signal to stop the train, and had died at his post.

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MONDAY	June. 27	..12.00 M.	THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE MEETING. Alf. Sandham.
		8.00 P.M.	WORKERS' MEETING FOR PRAYER.
TUESDAY.....	" 28	....12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Enrollment in God's service. Num. i. 1-3, 17-31; xiv. 6-9. W. P. Crombie.
WEDNESDAY. . .	" 29	....12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Care for Earthly, neg- lect of Heavenly riches. Luke xii. 15- 21. W. H. Howland.
THURSDAY.....	" 30	....12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. God dwelling in man. Isa. lvii. 15; John xiv. 23. Rev. R. Cade.
		8.00 P.M.	YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS. Conducted by the Gen. Sec. Subject. "Regenera- tion.
FRIDAY.	July 1	....12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Encouragement to the backslider. Hos. xiv.; 1 John i. 9. Rev. J. Salmon.
		8.00 P.M.	BOYS' MEETING. Charles Edwards.
SATURDAY.....	" 2	....12.00 M.	NOONDAY PRAYER. Bondage. Exod. i. 1-14 W. E. Burford.
		4.50 P.M.	TEACHERS' BIBLE CLASS. Hon.S.H.Blake
		8.00 P.M.	YOUNG MEN'S MEETING. One more opportunity. Luke xiii. 6-10. J. O. Anderson.
SUNDAY.....	" 3	....9.30 A.M.	WORKER'S MEETING FOR PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY.
		3.00 P.M.	EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS.
		8.30 P.M.	GOSPEL & SONG SERVICE. D. C. Forbes.

Requests for prayer may be addressed to the Secretary.

RAILROAD MEETINGS.

SUNDAY, July 3, 3.00 P.M.—At Union Station.—Mr. Jos. Greene and Rev. H. Melville.

At Nipissing Station.—Bible Reading by the R. Secretary.

NOON PRAYER MEETING—Toronto, Grey and Bruce R. R. Workshops every WEDNESDAY at 12.30.

COTTAGE MEETING, THURSDAY 8 P.M.—11 High Street.

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