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Convention at Priceville.

The third annual Sabbath School convention of the township of Artemesia, met at Priceville on Wednesday, 17th inst., at 2 p. m., with the President, Rev. J. S. I. Wilson, B. D., in the chair. Devotional exercises were led by Rev. Matthewson of Priceville, followed by President's address. Rev. J. Buchanan of Dundalk was urged to remain for the evening service and take charge of the question drawer, which he consented to do.

"The Teacher's Responsibility" was the subject of an address by Rev. A. Cook, the key note of which was the spiritual life of the teacher. Our responsibility is, 1st, To our charge--a little wrong at the beginning will make a fearful difference at the end ;—2nd, to bring before him the great truths of the gospel ;—3rd, Have, a gift for teaching—different natures require different treatment ;—4th, Have power, brought forth through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Among some of the forces which tend to make us forget our responsibility the speaker placed the following : We look upon our work as routine, or we become indifferent to our own spiritual life. He gave as the remedy, a deeper spiritual life, and said the most successful teacher is the one who lives nearest the Godhead.

The subject of the address given by Rev. J. Hunter of Markdale was, " How to Conserve the Results of Sabbath School Teaching." We give give four points which were ably enlarged by the speaker. By not losing sieght of the children after leaving school; do it by personal work; bring them to the point of deciding for Christ, and by not forgetting them in after life.

The children of the public school marched in in a body and took their places in the front pews of the church. They were to have been addressed by Rev. W. N. Chantler of Markdale, but in his absence Rev. J. Buchanan endeavored to combine his "Normal Class" with the scholars' meeting and succeeded most happily. We feel assured that all who listened will understand and remember the first five books of Moses better than ever before. A nominating committee was appointed to elect officers for the ensuing year and the convention adjourned to the basement where the ladies of Priceville had prepared a sumptuous tea for all who had attended the session, including the boys and girls.

The evening session was opened by Rev. F. W. Varley after which the nominating committee brought in their report as follows :—Pres., Rev. A Cooke, Flesherton; Vice Pres., Rev. J. A. Matheson, Priceville; Sec., Rev. T. R. White, Eugenia ; Treas., W. H. Bunt, Flesherton. Executive committee, Mr. Jerry Thompson, Mrs. W. H. Thurston, Mr. Peter Muir.

After the election of officers the president elect, Rev. A. Cooke, took the chair. He gave a short address.

Discussion was opened by Rev. T. R. White on "The Church's Responsibility" to the Sabbath school in regard to the provision that the church should make for the Sabbath school along the line of proper buildings, ventilation, heating, lighting, and their temporal needs. He also referred to the church's responsibility in providing necessary rooms for classes. Rev. F. W. Varley followed by taking up the church's responsibility as the parent of the Sabbath school. The Sabbath school was the progeny of the church and as such it should be given the spiritual teaching and training given by a parent to a child. The church is responsible to a great extent for the spiritual life of the sabbath school. Rev. Jas. Buchanan also joined in the discussion and referred to the Bible. The Word of God being one thing that makes men and women strong and therefore we should get the boys and girls to love the Bible and if they do so they are not likely to go far astray. He also touched on the first Sabbath school in the old testament times, that spoken of in Neh 8. Here we have the teachers giving the people the word the Law or the word of God. The Sabbath school was one of the places where men and women could study the word of God and he urged that the church should form part of the Sabbath school.

Rev. J. S. I. Wilson took the subject, "The Sunday School and the Temperance Problem." The important thought in this discourse was that of the boys and girls taking the place of those men and women who fall in the ranks of the throng of drunkards. "The men in positions of trust, in the office, in the store, on the farm, in the pulpit, and in the shop will soon die, and who will take their places?" "Us boys," comes the answer. " The saloonkeeper, the hotelkeeper, the drunkard, the brewer, the poor wretches tramping all over the country with their bleared faces and wretched rags, and the criminal will soon die and who will take their places?" "Us boys," comes the prompt reply. Every time a drunkard drops out of the ranks to his doom a boy steps up to fill the gap and we must save the boys. The Sunday school is the most efficient worker in this and we must rouse ourselves to our responsibility. The only efficient way is to wipe the iniquitous curse clean out, no half measures will do.

The collection and questions were then taken up and Rev. James Buchanan of Dundalk was called on to answer the questions. Mr. Buchanan is a man of wide experience and is thoroughly capable of handling the question drawer. He had some very difficult questions along sound experimental lines and all were answered practically and to the point. The meeting was then brought to a close by the doxology and benediction.

Mr. J. H. Meir of Owen Sound claims to have the oldest copy of the Bible in Canada. It was printed in 1594, and is therefore 308 years old. It is what is known as the "Breeches" Bible. In addition to the well known Genesis III: 7, as "Breeches" instead of "Aprons," there are numerous other equally curious variations between this and subsequent editions, a few of which may be mentioned. In Luke II:16, the word "catch" is substituted for "manger." Another peculiarity is the employment of the old title "dame" for "mistress" in Genesis XVI:8. The note to 2 Chronicles XV:16 is " Herein he shewed that he lacked zeal, for she ought to have died," or in other words the mother of King Asa ought to have been murdered. There are other peculiaities too numerous to mention. The copy in Mr. Meir's possession is perfect, except that a small piece is torn from two leaves in Proverbs, and one minor title is wanting. Mr. Meir intends putting it on exhibition at the fair this week, where it will no doubt prove an object of special interest to those desirous of delving into Biblical lore.—Sun.

An exchange remarks:—The drawback to the work of a good many country correspondents is that they cannot resist the temptation to get off jokes at the expense of other people. The joke is usually wrapped up in such a way that only those with local knowledge can see the point. Nevertheless the point is often so sharp that it hurts Everybody enjoys harmless fun, but the private doings, the little ambitions, the love making, the little slips and petty misfortunes should be let severely alone To never write about a neighbor anything that you would not like written about yourself, is a golden rule.

A few nights ago a Winnipeg policeman arrested a sleep walker who had wandered far away from his home in his night clothes. On arousing him from his slumbers, the prisoner enquired : Surely you are not going to lock me up. I can't be responsible for the condition you found me in, I am a somnambulist." " I can't help what church you belong to," replied the cop ; "if you belong to every church in the city, you can't walk the streets of Winnipeg in your shirt tail."

The little chap who wrote the following composition on "Heads" goes to the public school in a neighboring town : "There is a lot of heds, red heds, bawled heds and so 4th. Pa he's got one—it's bawled. Ma she's longheded and Pa he's bullheded and I am red heded and level to. The smart end of a boy is his hed except when he's spanked. Pa says if a feller got a hed he can get a hed in the world, but I don't want a hed like he gets when he gets out with the boys."

A school teacher named Miss Emma Emerson, living near Orangeville, has entered suit at Osgoode Hall against the School Board of Melancthon Township, Dufferin County, for unstated damages for alleged injury to her health, due, she says, to the unsanitary condition of the school.

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