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SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The convention for Eastern Ontario, under the direction of the Sunday School Association for the province, will begin its sessions on Wednesday morning. These sessions will continue for three days. They will be attended by about three hundred and fifty persons, and led by some of the most devoted men and women that the church can afford. They will include Mrs. H. M. Ledy, of Chicago, the president of the Chicago Graded Union, and J. L. Alexander, of the same city, the Superintendent of the Secondary Division, (teen age), of the International Sunday School Association. The Sunday school is one of the older institutions of the church for the education of the young. It came into existence through the discernment of a layman who realized two things: (1) The necessity of religious, (or Biblical), training, and (2) the need of having this done outside of the home. How many parents concern themselves with the education of their children in religion and morals? How many of them concern themselves about the education in religion and morals that is given by others? The heart-break and the heart-ache of the Sunday school workers is that the fathers and the mothers know nothing, and care nothing about the Sunday school. They show no interest in it. They manifest no regard for its welfare. They decline every pressing invitation to see what it is doing. The convention which meets on Wednesday will be a success if it inspires the delegates with new ambitions and plans, but it will be a failure if it does not arouse the parents to a sense of their duty and responsibility.

Fancy the Kaiser and the Sultan of Turkey engaged in a holy war. Oh, horrors!

A SCARCITY OF CASH.

The advice to "economize, economize," has been heard by some people, and with the desired results. They are feeling the pinch of the hard times, but not so very severely, because they are prepared for it. Preparation is half the battle, and the war is not confined to the men at the front and in the trenches. There is war on every phase of extravagance and waste, and this war must be more intense as the months go on.

Thirteen of the United States railways are in the hands of receivers. The general railway conditions are bad enough, and the darkest side has been pictured by the officials and directors who have been opposing the advance of the men's wages. According to them the outlook is very bad, and they do not seem to be talking for effect. Over five hundred million dollars in bonds defaulted! The Interstate Commission will investigate. It will determine the bona fide of these claims.

A general shrinkage in stocks in America is alleged, and the financial papers have a list of securities that have involved many people in serious loss, if not of ruin. The man who was loaded up with any security when the war broke out was surely unfortunate. The total loss to stockholders is calculated at \$26,200,000.

The loss in England is not known, but it must be terrible. A letter to a friend described the condition of some English families as very pitiable. They were considered well-off. They lived on investments in railways, and their earning power immediately went down. Eventually, when the tangle is straightened out, the investors may be saved from utter ruin. But in the meantime they do not know where they are.

In Germany bankruptcy faces the empire. All the money the government has been able to borrow has

been flung into the war, and \$2,000,000,000 more, which is represented by national paper that will never be paid. To realize that Canada, nationally and financially, is running behind, is not at all remarkable. It must depend more than it has upon its own people and other resources. The foreign market for loans is closed. The money of the future, for the next year at least, must be our own, and we had better be very careful.

War taxes have apparently affected the Italian cabinet in this war. Where the money is to come from has not affected the Turks and Germans.

THE DOLLAR THAT COUNTS.

The Whig quoted from a New York paper, a few days ago, certain statements respecting the adjustment of accounts between the United States and Britain. The United States will owe England, at the end of the year, about \$500,000,000. A large sum, and one that cannot be paid in gold or its equivalent. Hence the visit of Sir George Paish and Basil B. Blackett to the United States, and their conference with the bankers and members of the government at Washington.

What these men said in conference was confidential. No official statement has been given to the press, but two men, connected with Commerce and Finance, and New York Market World and Chronicle, have argued the case in a most concise and intelligent way and made the issue clear. Ordinarily the fact that the United States is indebted to England for half a billion dollars is not disturbing. Some of it may be paid in gold or cash, when the circumstances demand it, but the bulk of this debt is paid in kind, in the surplus resources and products of the country, and representing cash and as good as cash.

At present this trading, or paying of debts in kind, will not work. The cotton of the United States, and worth many millions of dollars, is not marketable in Europe, through England, and the United States' attempt to force it in Britain, in payment of a debt, only to be stored and unserviceable in a war, will not do. The men who counsel calmness are the wiser ones. They say, what is true, that England could not be paid her half a billion dollars in cash without dislocating and ruining the financial machinery of the United States. She can be paid part in cash and part in kind, and it is intimated that the visit of the English financiers was for the purpose of seeing how far the accounts can be reconciled.

The average man is unconscious of the great things that press upon the financiers of a nation during a war. He reads what Lloyd-George says about the empire for which he speaks—that it will have the money to meet war expenses when the other belligerent powers are in bankruptcy. It is the dollar, more than the blood of the individual, that will count in the last analysis; and Britain, the world's money lender, is, in a crisis, looking after her own.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Rockefeller's millions, and to the extent of a million a month, will go for the relief of the Belgians. Good. The money could not be spent in a better cause.

Provincial officials are being moved about, or exchanged, after the manner of bank clerks. Will this add to the efficiency of the service? Will it add to the prestige of the patronage committee?

A letter, addressed to the late Lord Tweedmouth, has been found, in which the Kaiser tried to mislead the British on the navy question. Oh, he's a gay deceiver, the Kaiser, and is coming to his own.

It's good that John D. Rockefeller lives out of Europe at present. All the rich fellows over there are being held as hostages, for the debts and indemnities, of the nations. John D. makes a better host than hostage.

Ontario is retrenching. It must in view of the receding revenues. The deficit of this year will be very large. Agricultural society grants will be cut in half. Couldn't something else be found a cut of this size to better advantage?

Steps will be taken to repeal the act of the imperial parliament which disestablishes the Welsh church. Repeal can only be had, however, when a parliament is secured which will vote for it. That is not an immediate or remote contingency.

The warden of Sing Sing prison has been removed because he took the distinguished convicts, a certain banker in particular out for auto rides. Fancy the warden of the Kingston penitentiary diverting himself in this way, with some of his most eminent recruits.

The new postmaster-general, Mr. Aggrain, has been given great praise, for his attainments, by the conservative and independent press. But the minister of inland revenue, Mr. Hon. C. M. L. MacDonald, gets scant notice. In some papers he has not even been named. He will hardly accept this as a compliment.

Mr. Roosevelt, in the Outlook, for which he still writes, discussed the

war in a way that was designed to be impartial. But the Frankfurter Zeitung has no hesitation in pronouncing him "an enemy of Germany." It would have paid the colonel to be more outspoken.

What are termed the off-year elections are taking place in the United States to-day. Upon the result will depend the lining up of the parties for the greater battle two years hence. Hope our friend Frank M. Hugo will be elected Secretary of State in New York.

Public Opinion

Value Of Peace Treaties. Los Angeles Times.

We shall soon have as many peace treaties as Belgium. And look at her.

Very Sad. Toronto Globe.

Sobering thought. The coming Christmas is the last in which there will be Turkey-in-Europe.

Sex Defined. Braithford Courier.

The use of the word "she" in connection with the Emlen indicates that her destructive actions are of the militant suffragette order.

Why She Holds. London Advertiser.

We hope that phrase "Yip-hurrah" is pronounced "Yip-hurrah" because the allies simply won't let go of one that sounds like a British cheer.

Hard To Say. Winnipeg Record.

Since war began egg production has fallen off. It is not clear whether this is due to the hens favoring neutrality or just plain cussedness.

We'll Try It. Peterboro Examiner.

Couldn't Edison invent something like a dirigible rocket, with a self-contained propelling force sufficient to drive it skyward into the vitals of a Zeppelin and put it out of business?

A Great Spectacle. Syracuse Post-Standard.

The spectacle of a great Christian ruler, who claims to be under special inspiration of God, in alliance with the Chief of Islam, in a war upon Christian nations is unusual. But then this war is a series of unusual spectacles.

Kingston Events

Twenty-Five Years Ago

The City Council passed a resolution strongly favoring the world's fair being held in Chicago, in preference to New York.

Theological department of Queen's university opened to-day.

The collections at the evangelistic services held in Sydenham Street Methodist church by Crossley & Hunter amounted to over \$1,500. After the necessary expenses were met, Crossley & Hunter were given the net receipts amounting to \$1,334.38.

URGES RECRUIT CAMPAIGN

Arthur Hawkes Declares More Canadians Should Enlist.

Ottawa, Nov. 3.—Arthur Hawkes, Toronto, at a public meeting here said that a propaganda should be started in Canada similar to that in England to urge Canadians to enlist for the war. Cabinet ministers and leaders of the opposition, he said, should go upon the same platform leaving all party strife behind, and impress upon the people the seriousness of the struggle and the fact that it was Canada's war just as much as England's.

The majority of the men of the first contingent were not Canadian born, and even in two Ontario battalions held raised for the second contingent, out of 220 names examined, only thirty-eight were Canadian born.

Canada should not feel satisfied with having made gifts of flour and other supplies. The greatest need was for men. There would be one hundred or perhaps two hundred thousand required from Canada, and an active propaganda should at once be begun.

Mr. Hawkes thought that steps should be taken to ensure that the foreigners of many different races in this country should be made to feel that they belonged to Canada and had a part in this war as well as the Canadian born. They should not be allowed to feel that they stood apart. The war should be a means of welding them into the Canadian nationality.

Cobourg Offers 100.

Cobourg, Nov. 3.—Major J. W. Odell, O.C., in compliance with an inquiry from Major Roy, now in command of the citadel at Quebec, has sent an offer of from 90 to 100 men and two officers, himself and Lieut. Peterson. It appears that a depot of 150 men is to be established at Quebec in order to keep up the strength of the artillery. Recruiting has been going on in Cobourg since its return from Vancouver, and it is stated that if the full strength of 118 is required they can be raised.

Ought To Make 'Em Get In Line.

He had just returned from Lake Manitou, and, of course, was telling his friends of his success at fishing. "Are there many fish up there?" asked one friend.

"Thousands of them," replied the angler.

"Will they bite easily?" asked another friend.

"Oh, it's the part of the cow we eat before she grows up."—Sacred Heart Review.

Nought.

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WISE AND OTHERWISE

A little brief authority or a few dried apples will puff a small man up to the limit.

If you would be regarded as wiser, all you have to do is hand people the advice they want.

Don't try to convince a mule that he is stubborn. He knows it.

Different. Madge—"Hain't he ever asked for a kiss since the first one?" Majorie—"Why, no, dear. He just takes them now."—Judge.

Seasonable Worry. "Hello, Jones! Why so gloomy this morning?" I am worried about the overhead charges. Just got my wife's hat bill. —Judge.

A Reservation. "Tell me, dearest—would you marry a spendthrift?" "Surely—if he had the thrift." —Judge.

The Wrong Parent. Johnny, the next time you are late bring an excuse from your father.

Who? Pa? Why he ain't good on excuses. Ma finds him out every time.

Jump. It was a gloomy Gus, slack. Who stood upon a railroad track, and said, "As sure as ever can be The next train will run over me."

It was a cheerful wight who said, While walking on the railroad bed: "That is a train that's drawing near.

But when it comes I won't be here."

It was a business man who sighed, "A train of circumstances wide Will shortly give poor me a bump I wish I knew enough to jump!"

Her Part. "She's fond of acting, isn't she?" "Yes, indeed. She plays the mischief with a fellow!"—Judge.

Needless. "Everybody has his faults." "Then why advertise them?"

His Preference. "Don't you object to paying this war tax?" "Well, I don't know. But I reckon I'd much rather have the tax than the war."

Not In Such A Hurry. "This machine can go sixty miles an hour."

"That so. Well that doesn't interest me. Whenever I've got sixty miles to go I'm willing to spend two or three hours doing it."

Why He Failed. He thirsted for success and yet When sages told him he could win And told the prizes he would get, He scoffed and never drank it in.

A Diplomat. Briggs—Does your wife ever let you have your own way in anything? Griggs—Yes, but she doesn't know it. You see, whenever I want to do anything I pretend I want to do the exact opposite.

Behind. "Don you know all the new dances?" "I'm afraid not. I've been ill for two or three days and haven't been able to keep up."

What He Said. "I hear you called Brown a liar." "I didn't. What I said was that any statement of his is apt to be as unreliable as a war report."

A pessimist is a man who's afraid to wear his new suit to-day because it may rain to-morrow.

Correct. Teacher (the subject being trees) "Now, who can name the pine that has the longest and sharpest needles?" "Bright Boy—"I can, miss; the porcupine."

Auntie Wants to Know. City Nephew (on vacation)—"I'm studying now for a doctor." Rural Aunt—"Do tell! Ain't the doctor able to do his own studying?"

Unglansant Amputation. De Carve—"I performed a very distasteful operation this morning." De Bolus—"Indeed! What was it?"

De Carve—"A wealthy patient made me cut something off his bill."

The Complete Butcher. "What's that, Benny?" "Oh, it's the part of the cow we eat before she grows up."—Sacred Heart Review.

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