

CONVENTION TALKS

By Bishop Bell and Rev. Robert Johnson

AT LOUISVILLE, JUNE 23

Addresses Made Before Many Hearers at the International Sunday School Convention Was Heard With Much Interest.

LOUISVILLE, June 23.—The four principal speakers at the International Sunday School Convention today were Rev. J. A. McKay, C. R. Blackall, Robert Johnson and Bishop Bell. The Rev. Robert Johnson, D. D., the pastor of the American Presbyterian Church of Montreal, spoke as follows:

What has the Sabbath School to do with a theme commonly regarded as appropriate to national congresses and to councils of mature minds? Much for the conception of the Sabbath School as the nursery of the Church only, has passed, and to-day it is recognized as one of the mightiest educational forces in the religious world. Not even to the pulpit will it acknowledge inferiority as a force moulding the nation's conception of life and its purpose. Add to this fact, also recognized, that the Sabbath School has for its field of operation life at its most impressionable period, and at a period when impressions are most permanent, and it will not be denied that the opportunity here afforded for the cultivation of true conception of life in its social and corporate relationships is surpassed.

An appeal to history will show that not a few of the world's worthiest reformers received in early youth those convictions that afterwards became the battle cry of great causes which they championed. Today in the wave of temperance sentiment, sweeping victoriously over our continent, we have the climax, the cumulative force, of quiet and unostentatious instruction in temperance truth, imparted for a generation to a constituency of fifteen millions who have to-day become the voters in our lands.

High ideals of life for the nation as for the individual are not to be regarded as beyond either the comprehension or the interest of our Sabbath School constituency.

What is more profoundly affecting our life as a people today than the athletic craze which has gripped the young manhood of our age? And what could be more profoundly important, and at the same time of greater interest to the youth of any community, than right thinking concerning the relation which athleticism holds to life. In how many schools is Saturday's baseball match the theme of conversation as the class gathers on the following afternoon! Can we teach these boys that true greatness is spiritual and not physical? Can we hold up a spiritual ideal that will prove a conquering counter-attraction? To do this is truly to serve our age. To-day, too often the hero is the man who excels on the cinderpath or the diamond.

"The honors most sought after," a Chicago professor assures us, "have passed from the class-room to the campus," and yet the age of the world that cherished such ideals as these, the age whose heroes were men of muscle, in which the physical was worshipped and the spiritual slighted, was an age that, by the cherishing of such ideals, ripened itself for the judgement of the Flood. This is the great truth of anti-deluvian history. The age from which but eight souls were saved alive, was an age whose standards of greatness were physical, and for which the heroic was the massive and the muscular. To save the youth of our land from such ideals of greatness is to serve the nation and to serve our age.

What shall the Sabbath School teach with regard to the war spirit of today? For ages the conception of national greatness has been that which rests on the might of armies, and upon success as a conquering power. We are learning at last that it is as true for the nation as for the individual, that he who would be greatest must be servant of all. The throne is no longer the place to which one is raised for adulation and honor, it is now the vantage point from which he may stoop to serve. "Ich Dien" is the motto not alone of Britain's heir-apparent, but of every ruler of men worth the name. Britain and America are great today among nations, their rulers are great in the councils of kings, not because of conquest achieved, but because of service rendered. The liberties they have won they have passed on to others; their strength they have used not for selfish aggrandizement but for the uplifting of the oppressed, for the protection of the weak.

The Sabbath School rightly ap-

preciated is the mightiest Peace Congress ever convened. Silently but surely it is building the one true Temple of Peace in which the nations shall yet gather to hang upon its walls the war trumpet and the sword. So to build in teaching that true greatness for a nation, as for an individual, is in service not in conquest, in service of the strong for the weak, of the free for the oppressed, is the high privilege of the Sabbath School today and how better, and where better, can the cause of Him who is the Prince of Peace be served? How more truly can be advanced that Kingdom whose sceptre is love, and whose throne is sacrifice?

THE BIBLE SCHOOL AND THE PASTOR.

By Bishop Wm. M. Bell, D. D., LL. D. Bishop of the United Brethren Church, Berkeley, Calif. President of the California (N.) State S. S. Association.

At the International S. S. Convention, Louisville, Ky., Tuesday afternoon, June 23, 1908.

Touching redemption, salvation, and all righteousness, the Bible is the one dependable, satisfying, infallible guide. In its complete message to the soul of man it is the very sacrament of God. For centuries it has been the preacher's great text book. There has been a high utility in such a use of the Book but it is the duty and function of the Bible School to rescue the Book from the results that have followed its being chiefly used as a text book for sermons. That is the finest type of preaching which leads the people into the Book itself. The International, and kindred Bible School Associations, stand for an unalterable purpose to make the Bible not only the text book of the preacher, but the text book of the preacher's audience. In other words, the Bible in its matchless content must not only be supreme on the pastor's desk, but it must become the constant and popular reading and reference book of all the people.

II. The Greatest Book.

There are two imminent possibilities in the future religious development of the race. Either Biblical and Evangelical Protestantism, or modernized Romanism. Anything like a general atheism is not a possibility in the present state of development. The awakening of a commanding interest in, and use of, the Bible, is a matter of strategic importance in this generation. Effort at this point is a direct contribution to the speedy evangelization of the world. As to mortality and character, every life must begin at the beginning. Our essential need is redemption. In the last analysis the authority of Christ is the authority of complete human salvation. Christ is the only solution of sin, character, and destiny. It is eminently fitting that the whole Christian world unite in the movement for placing this Book of the great message on the brain and heart of the present and coming generation.

II. The Greatest Book in its School.

The growing use of the Bible School as a method of Christian work and worship is beyond all question under the authority, inspiration, providence of Almighty God. We are but half awake to the possibilities of the Bible School. There are certain requisites of a higher efficiency in the Bible School that are most apparent.

1. General and Individual Inspiration.

The Imperative Demand for Deep and Genuine Christian Experience.

3. The Personal Use of the Bible.

4. Training in Stewardship and Proportionate Giving.

5. Thorough information as to Home and Foreign Missions.

6. The Temper of Conquest and the Passion of Achievement.

7. A Passion for Soul Winning.

8. Training for Participation in the Remedial Movements for Social and Civic Righteousness.

9. In Protest against the Menace of the Nation through the Lust of Unscrupulous Commercialism.

10. For the Creation and Enforcement of Christian Definitions and Government.

III. The Pastor with the Greatest Book in Its Great School.

The pastor of the Church is the pastor of the Bible School and it is his most fruitful and responsive parish. The duties of the pastor to the Bible School are:

1. That he give it Complete Pastoral Care and Service.

Teachers and Officers for Prayer and Conference just before Each Session of the School.

3. That He hold himself Responsible for Teacher Training Classes.

4. That He work Constantly and Suitably in the Sunday Sessions.

5. That He Fit Himself for Leadership in this Work at any Cost.

6. That He Promote the Organi-

MEN DON'T DRINK

Not Moral Scruples, But Business Reasons, Is Why

IS ANSWER OF STATISTICS

Men Are Now Starting to Learn That "Booze" and Business Will Not Mix, and That it Does Not Pay.

NEW YORK, June 23.—Economic conditions or, in common parlance, it does not pay," is the great underlying factor in the anti-drink movement in the United States, according to the forthcoming number of Appleton's magazine, which has taken up an exhaustive study of reasons for the suppression of the liquor traffic in states and smaller communities all over the country. According to the results disclosed by this investigation, the movement is neither moral nor religious but finds its impetus in the discovery of an increasing number of men that they can succeed better if they "cut out" drink and in the action of employers similar to that recently taken by the H. C. Frick Co., in Pittsburg, in issuing orders against drinking among their workmen, purely from consideration of labor efficiency.

Elaborate statistics gathered by Appleton's from government sources, the inside records of life insurance companies and from investigations conducted among various professions and lines of business, show that the consumption of alcohol is being reduced in this country particularly among the higher and more intelligent classes not because of any greater moral scruples against drink, but because men are coming to the opinion that they can accomplish more work, can make more money, if they drink alcohol sparingly or not at all. As an illustration of this is cited the decrease in the per capita two and one-half gallons in 1840 to less than one gallon at present, while the consumption of malt liquors, containing relatively little alcohol, has increased to the astonishing amount of twenty-one gallons a year for each person. In other words, hard drinking is being given up by more and more men, not because it is drinking but because it is a matter of dollars and cents to them.

The result of an actuarial inquiry in Great Britain are given to show that the elimination of the excessive consumption of alcohol in that country would increase its labor output by more than \$2,000,000,000 a year, while a similar study of statistics in the United States indicates an increased productivity for the abstaining man as compared with the user of large quantities of alcoholic stimulants of nearly 50 per cent. That is, other things being equal, the man who "cuts out" the alcohol may reasonably expect when he dies to be worth twice as much as the heavy drinker. Another inquiry among more than 6,000 employers showed that thirty-one out of thirty-two classified sets of replies gave reasons for forbidding or discouraging the use of alcohol among their employes on economic grounds—a better quality of work, fewer accidents, and so on.

As a result of these figures the conclusion is drawn that the reason for the present anti-drink movement, as contrasted to former prohibition waves or temperance crusades, depends upon the answer to the great American question, "Does it pay?"

GENERAL WRIGHTS PLANS

MEMPHIS, Tenn., June 23.—Gen Luke E. Wright will leave Thursday for Washington. General Wright had little to say regarding his plans after his assumption of the secretaryship but said that existing arrangements in the war departments would be disturbed little. He said:

"I am only going in for a few months until March 4."

Don't you expect then to be retained in Mr. Taft's cabinet if he should be elected?" he was asked.

"I don't anticipate anything," was the reply with a smile.

TRAIN FLOATED

Flood Catches Coaches, And Carries Them Almost A Mile From Track.

CHICAGO, June 23.—A despatch to the Tribune, from Fennimore, Wis. says:

Caught into the surging sea waters which inundated Southwestern Wisconsin Sunday night, two coaches or a train on the narrow gauge line between Fennimore and Woodman were floated a full quarter of a mile from the tracks while 18 within bailed frantically to save their lives. The engine had been uncoupled when the storm broke and run a few hundred yards ahead Six feet of water was then encountered and the engineer and fireman were forced to the roof of the cab where they spent the night. The baggage car remained with the coaches until the latter swung against a telegraph pole and came to rest. The baggage car then tipped over. The three men inside escaped by opening the door and swimming out. They clambered onto the side of the car and perched there through the night.

FOREST FIRE

Sweeps Through Colorado Total Loss About \$75,000.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., June 23.—Fire, supposed to have originated from embers left by a camping party swept over the skeleton ranch, twenty miles west of Colorado Springs yesterday, destroying \$25,000 worth of property and timber in the Pikes Peak forest reserve estimated in value at twice that amount, making the total loss \$75,000. This is the third disastrous forest fire in the Pikes Peak Reserve within the last three weeks.

AN UGLY RUMOR

That the Sultan of Morocco Has Been Assassinated

PARIS, June 23.—It is persistently rumored in the parliamentary lobby that Abd El Aziz, Sultan of Morocco, has been assassinated at Rabat.

There is no confirmation of the rumor at the foreign office and the ministry of the interior regards the report as absolutely untrue. Inquire which have been made by government officials have failed to elicit anything to justify the rumor.

EXCESS RATES REDUCED.

On The Southern Pacific Will Be Cut Down One Half

SAN FRANCISCO, June 23.—Rates on excess baggage on the Southern Pacific will be cut down one half July 1. This announcement has been made by company officials. At present the rule is to charge the traveler one cent for every 100 pounds of excess baggage. But with July first the charge will be one-sixth of the passenger fare for the trip, one-half of one cent a mile for each 100 pounds of excess baggage.

BALLPLAYER DIES

Everet Mills One Of The Crack Old Time First Basemen.

NEWARK, N. J. June 23.—Everet Mills, in his day one of the best ball players, died yesterday at his home here. For many years since his retirement from the national game, he had been sergeant at arms of the quarter session court in Newark. Mills made his baseball reputation as first baseman with the Eureka and Red Stockings in the 70's when those teams with the Mutuals of New York and the Atlantics of Brooklyn, were the crack team of the country.

THE COURSING SPORT

SALT LAKE CITY, June 23.—Coursing will become a sport that the most tender hearted can approve if the plans of a Salt Lake Syndicate are carried out. A substitute for the live rabbits used in contests of this character has been perfected. It is a stuffed bunny which runs the length of the field on an underground trolley finally to disappear through a hole like the ordinary escape. The slot used is so narrow that it will not embarrass the running grey hound and the speed of the rabbit can be regulated at will.

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FOREST SERVICE NOTES

WASHINGTON, June 23.—The Forest Service has just announced the following appointments on National Forests:

Colorado: John Story has been appointed a Forest Guard on the White River National Forest; Joseph W. Palmer has been appointed a Forest Guard on the Pikes Peak National Forest, and C. T. Burroughs has been appointed a Forest Guard on the San Juan National Forest.

Montana: Harry A. Murphy has been appointed a Forest Guard on the Snowy Mountains National Forest; Benjamin F. Hale, Wilhelm Toepel and Charles Toepel have been appointed Forest Guards on the Lewis & Clark (S) National Forest, and Clarget Sanders has been appointed an Assistant Forest Ranger on the Bitter Root National Forest.

California: Oliver J. Stewart has been appointed a Forest Guard on the Tahoe National Forest and M. A. Benedict has been appointed a Forest Guard on the Plumas National Forest.

Washington: Sherman B. Stilwell has been appointed a Forest Guard on the Washington (Wenatchee) National Forest.

Oregon: Oscar Houser has been appointed a Forest Guard on the Cascade (Umpqua) National Forest.

MRS. CARTER BEING SUED

NEW YORK, June 23.—Mrs. Leslie Carter Payne, who has had many and various troubles of late, is being sued by a contractor named Hodlung for payment on court alterations made by him in the Seventeenth St. house recently occupied by the actress. Among the alterations was the installation of a special bath tub for Mrs. Carter-Payne's pet dog.

The suit which is based on a mechanic's lien is against not only Mrs. Carter-Payne, but also against the owner of the house and Ezra Prentice, who was appointed receiver when the actress went into bankruptcy.

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