

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

THE APPROACHING INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION AT ST. LOUIS.

The World's Workers to Meet in Exposition Hall—America Contains More Than Half the Sunday School Scholars of the World, and Great Britain Stands Next.

Twenty-one million Sunday school teachers and scholars will be represented in St. Louis in late August and early September in the great assemblage. First is the seventh international Sunday school convention, which meets on Aug. 31 and adjourns on Sept. 2. Im-



B. F. JACOBS.

mediately after it the second world's Sunday school convention will meet and sit till Sept. 6, and about the same time an informal convention will be held of the international field workers in the Sunday school line. Of these three the first is the historic and important one, and among its promoters are many of the most noted religious educators in the world.

The numbers given above are but a round estimate from the known growth of the Sunday schools, but in exact figures the last report showed 2,051,079 teachers and 18,026,916 scholars, a grand total of 20,078,995, of whom but a few less than one-half, or 9,800,471, are in the United States. Add the 580,230 in Canada, and it will be seen that considerably more than half of all the Sunday school attendants of the world are in English speaking North America. In Great Britain and Ireland are 7,389,683 more, and every other country is so far behind that it is not in it for comparison.

In truth, the Sunday school was from the start and still is an English-American institution, and whether it be decided that the great liberality of thought and progressive energy of this great race, this two nationed race, so to speak, be the cause or the result of Sunday schools, or that each promotes the other, the fact is equally suggestive and instructive. Germany comes next, with 431,321, then Sweden with 238,082, Holland with 137,670 and Switzerland with 149,450, after which the numbers fall off with surprising suddenness. In all Austria there are but 4,831, in all Russia but 4,465 and in all Spain but 8,400. Yet it is a pleasant surprise to read that Mexico and Central America contain 168,000 Sunday school attendants and South America 158,000.

Wherever English is the language the Sunday school is established as soon as a colony has children enough to form a class, and next in line are the speakers of German, Dutch and the Scandinavian tongues. Even far off Australia, so recently a great country that old people still think of it as Botany Bay, the land of exile for criminals, has 457,729 teachers and scholars, while little New Zealand, but yesterday the home of the wild Maori, has 109,872. Hawaii-Nei (official name of the Sandwich Islands) has 17,233 and the English islands generally 10,800.

It should be noted that many sections are omitted. Very few Catholic churches are in any return, and a large part of the Episcopal schools are not included, as they are given a different name. So it is believed that the total of teachers and pupils in the world exceeds 23,000,000. Still more remarkable is the fact that of the 190,575 places of meeting reported the United States alone has 108,989, or nearly three-fifths of all in the world, come the country generally the church, hall and room are abundant, while the schools are often

It has been and pupils by the last ship Oregon these will consider the delightful guests and the guests of the city.

St. Louis has devised and maintains in great activity an original system of house to house visitation in connection with her Sunday school work. Her Sunday School union and the Missouri State association are making thorough preparations to receive and entertain the visit-



EXPOSITION HALL, ST. LOUIS.

ors. While there are many who will be honored, special mention should be made of three men who are credited with having done the chief work in organizing the present system of international lessons. This was done in 1873, and his friends claim for B. F. Jacobs of Chicago the honor of inventing it. His collaborators in perfecting it, however, were Dr. Edward Eggleston and Dr. (now Bishop) John Heyl Vincent, and it is probable that, like most devices of that nature, it was suggested by many persons.

Mr. Jacobs was the son of a Baptist Sunday school superintendent and was born at Paterson, N. J., in 1835. At the age of 19 he went to Chicago and soon after engaged in the wholesale fruit business. Later he became a dealer in real estate and has been very successful. From boyhood he was active in Sunday school work and is now noted among the workers of the world. During the war he was secretary for the northwest of the Christian commission and has held various positions since, being at present chairman of the executive committee of the international Sunday school convention and president of the Illinois State Central association.

Professor Hinds of Cumberland university says, "Dr. Vincent showed its practicality and adaptability, but it was B. F. Jacobs who conceived the idea of a uniform lesson for the whole country." When the completed scheme was presented in the convention of 1872 at Indianapolis, it was received with a unanimous and enthusiastic cheering, and before the vote could be announced the whole assemblage rose and by one mighty impulse joined in singing "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow."

John Heyl Vincent was born in Tuscaloosa, Ala., Feb. 23, 1833. His career has been distinctively American. He is spoken of as apostle of the democracy of thought and has done as much to popularize learning as any other man. He received his education in Pennsylvania and began to preach in the Methodist church at the age of 18. At 20 he became a member of the New Jersey conference and soon after was transferred to the Rock River conference. His life has since been a steady advance, and in 1888 he was elected a bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is usually considered the originator of the Chautauquan system of teaching and has a national reputation as chancellor of the Chautauquan circle.

The sessions of the convention will be held in Exposition hall morning, afternoon and evening, so the delegates will have but little time for amusement, but excursions will be arranged. The delegates from the United States will be equal to four times the representation in congress, as nearly as can be allotted, but there is no limit fixed to those from foreign lands, it being considered that distance will make a sufficient limit. All Sunday school unions or other associations in all foreign countries will name delegates as they may desire. And truly it will be an inspiring sight when all are gathered in the great hall and the thoughtful spectator runs over in his mind the wonderful growth since 1780.

It was in that year and on July 10 that Robert Raikes organized his first Sunday school in the house of Mrs. King in St. Catherine street, Gloucester, from which date and point it is usual to count the history of modern Sunday schools. It is, however, a fact that schools of some kind for Sunday reading and instruction have existed from the ear-



BISHOP JOHN H. VINCENT.

liest times. A Jewish tradition runs to the effect that Methuselah instructed his descendants in the Mishna (or record continuous from Adam) on set days for several hundred years; that Abraham also taught, and that Jacob was a good Sunday school attendant while Esau played truant. This may be tradition only, but Josephus records that from the time of Moses until this day the Jews assembled on the Sabbath for instruction in the law, and the prophets and Bible allusions confirm it.

It is certain that Bible schools for children existed among the early Christians, and Mosheim says that they established a school wherever they formed a church. Why these schools were discontinued it is not easy to explain, but it is certain that they were and that in time it came to be thought a violation of church law to teach children the creed in the vulgar tongue, so called—that is, the language of everyday speech. Latin had become a dead language, but all the formularies of the church were still written in it. When the missionaries first went among the Waldenses, they were amazed to learn that the children could report all the lessons of the church and recite long passages of Scripture in their everyday dialect, and it was reported as something very serious.

It is also certain that other dissenting sects taught their children in classes and in the common tongue, and Count Zinzendorf records that about 1727 there was a great revival of child teaching among the Moravian brethren. In 1693 a plan of teaching children was authorized in England, and in 1560 the Scottish kirk established regular Sunday schools. It also appears that Rev. Joseph Alleine had a school at Bath in 1685 and that such schools existed at Roxbury, Mass., in 1674, in Norwich, Conn., in 1690, in Plymouth in 1680 and in various other places.

Nevertheless the credit is justly due Mr. Raikes and his collaborators, and it is an interesting fact that he gives the whole credit to Hannah Ball, a young Wesleyan who established a school at High Wycombe in 1780. Robert Raikes was born at Gloucester in 1735 and died there in 1811. He was editor and publisher of the Gloucester Journal, and his first plan for Sunday schools was to employ poor women as teachers, to whom he paid a shilling per day. So many volunteers offered that the pay system was soon discontinued, and the rest of the history is too well known to need recital here.

J. H. BEADLE.

Miss Rosalie Gill, who has attained such success as an artist, is a Baltimore girl, the daughter of the late Owen Gill, the first importer of tea in this country. Miss Gill studied with Chase and since her residence in London during the past 10 years has been a favorite pupil of Whistler.

The emperor of Russia possesses 44 uniforms, one of which he has never worn—viz. that of a Russian field marshal. Although he is commander in chief of the army, his majesty has vowed never to wear the insignia of a field marshal until this grade shall have been conferred upon him by his brother field marshals after a victorious war.

One of the most interesting features in the horticultural exhibit of the World's fair grounds is a century plant in bloom. Among the articles exhibited by the French government at the World's fair is a parasol once carried by Martha Washington.

THE PEACE BELLS OF BROOKLINE.

Our hearts were waiting, bleeding, waiting,
With trembling, longing, hope and fear,
Our very breaths in silence bating,
And while we waited, God's hand he staid:
Let war be over, peace appear!
Through all the air, with cadence fine,
Came pealing bells from fair Brookline:
"Peace is signed at Appomattox!"
"Mattoxi! Mattoxi!"

From spire to spire the tidings spring
As sunbeams flash o'er peaks of snow,
While strong men weep or pray or sing,
And each man's mood to all seems good,
For in that happy, golden glow
To God all grateful hearts incline,
While about the bells of fair Brookline:
"Peace is signed at Appomattox!"
"Mattoxi! Mattoxi!"
"Peace is signed at Appomattox!"
"Mattoxi! Mattoxi!"

These children rang that glorious peal
In lightnings bells that was war's o'er,
As men and women now they feel
How best were they that happy day
To ring the bells which tidings bore
That brother brother fought no more
And still they'll thrill in life's decline
When sound the bells of fair Brookline,
For while in memory's dreams shall cease
That peal seraphic ringing: "Peace!"
"Peace is signed at Appomattox!"
"Mattoxi! Mattoxi!"
"Peace is signed at Appomattox!"
—Harper's Bazar.

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It is a common sarcasm among the young that their fathers and mothers enjoy jokes and are touched by sentiment which their children are quite too old to care for.

But may not the fin de siècle boys and girls be losing an element of strength when they forget how to weep and make merry.—Youth's Companion.

Effect of Faith in Times of Sickness.

The effect of belief or faith, the effect of mind over the matter of the body, is one of the mysterious things in all science. It is unquestionably a fact, demonstrated beyond all dispute by thousands of observed cases, a long-cherished fact was admitted or studied by scientific men it was commonly known, and that, too, among races of little mental development. Who shall say when the first enemy prayed his enemy to death among the natives of the South Sea islands? Who can tell when the first Old man "put cancer" on him who had defied him? The religious mysteries of vanished nations are full of recorded occurrences that may only be explained by this extraordinary power.—Cyrus Edson, M. D., in North American Review.

It is agreed by medical authorities that the virulence of an epidemic may be increased by the element of fear in the public mind.

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J. F. FORD, Evangelist.

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