

Oregon State Sunday School Association

Twenty-fourth Annual Convention

Great Interdenominational Gathering of Sunday School and Religious Workers of All Denominations to be Held in First Congregational Church

Salem, Oregon, April 28-29-30, 1909

(By Rev. O. A. Stillman of Central Congregational Church.)

Twenty-five million people doing practically the same thing at as nearly as possible the same time. What a force! And when that force is organized and directed for the best of purposes, what a power for righteousness! That is what the organization of the Sunday schools of the country in the interdenominational work means. Twenty-five million men, women and children, all studying the same Bible lesson on the same day. Probably three million devoted men and women, not only teaching the verses of the Bible lesson, but by teaching of their life examples giving the inspiration of higher ideals of life to the vast number of boys and girls who are growing to manhood and womanhood under their influences. This is the great work of which the State Sunday School Convention that is to be held in Salem this next week is a part.

The organization consists of district, county, state, international and world's Sunday School Associations. Its work consists solely in the planning and teaching better and more effective methods of doing the work of the schools, and the inspiration and training of the workers for better service. These associations do not organize schools, or even, directly, add new members to the schools already organized. This work is left entirely to the different churches and denominations. Because of the help and inspiration gained through these meetings, however, great numbers have been added to the schools of the different denominations, and many new schools organized. Some of the best Sunday school experts of the country are in the ranks of the international field workers, and some of them are to be in Salem next week for this convention.

Our list of 60 speakers includes:

Prof. E. C. Knapp of Chicago, a noted Sunday school lecturer and specialist.

Mrs. Mary Foster Bryner, the elementary department superintendent of the International Association and the world's queen of Sunday school workers and platform speakers.

Rev. W. C. Merritt, international field secretary for the Pacific Northwest.

Bishop Wm. M. Bell of Berkeley, Cal., member of the international lesson committee and bishop of the United Brethren Church.

Rev. M. W. Miller of Tacoma, Wash., general secretary of the Western Washington Sunday School State Association.

Bishop Charles Smith of Portland, Oregon's resident M. E. bishop.

Governor Frank W. Benson, Oregon's new executive.

Mrs. Henrietta A. Brown of Albany, president of the state W. C. T. U.

Dean E. C. Sanderson, executive of the Eugene Divinity School.

Mr. Ernest C. Herlow of Portland, specialist with boys' and girls' clubs.

Rev. John M. Linden of Oregon City, pastor of the First Baptist church.

Hon. A. King Wilson of Portland, chairman of state executive committee.

Rev. Howard N. Smith, Portland.

Hon. Geo. F. Billings, Ashland.

Rev. John Perry Conder, Heppner.

Rev. J. V. Milligan, D. D., Portland.

Rev. J. T. Abbott, Portland.

Rev. Tracy B. Griswold, Portland.

Robert R. Steele, state president.

Mrs. J. E. Ferguson, Astoria.

Mr. W. R. Litzenberg, Portland.

Mrs. Stephen A. Lowell, Pendleton.

Mrs. Lucia F. Addison, Lents.

Miss Nelle Nelson, North Yamhill.

Mr. Leonard S. Hopfield, McMinnville.

A. A. Morse, and many others who have a message and are well worth hearing.

DELEGATES.

The convention is a mass convention, and all who are interested in Sunday school work will be entitled to vote and all privileges of the floor, but free entertainment on the Harvard plan (lodging and breakfast) will only be furnished to two delegates from each Sunday school in the state.

These delegates are requested to send their names to Rev. J. H. Merryman, 395 South Seventeenth street, Salem, Or., chairman of the entertainment committee, just as early as possible. Visitors and delegates in excess of two from each school will find good hotels in Salem, and a committee who will do all in their power to assist them in securing comfortable quarters.

The music will be of the very best. We have secured the noted evangelist singer, Rev. D. T. Thomas, formerly with Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman in Ohio, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Mr. Thomas is not only a "sweet singer" but an able and experienced convention leader. Dr. H. C. Epley of Salem and his large chorus choir will also render several selections.

OFFICERS STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.



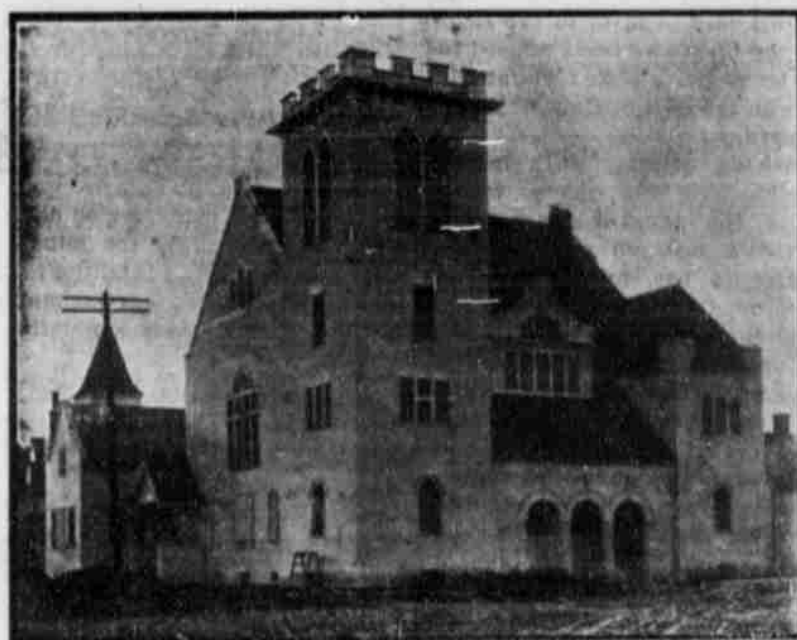
Dr. Fessler.



Pres. R. R. Steele.



Charles A. Phipps.



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, SALEM.
(Convention Church.)

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS OF NATIONAL REPUTATION.



Mrs. Mary Foster Bryner.



Prof. E. C. Knapp.

PROMINENT SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS OF OREGON.



Evangelist D. A. Thomas.



Mrs. S. A. Lowell.

IMPORTANT.

Arrangements are complete with all the lines of the Southern Pacific and the O. R. & N. in the state, also with the Oregon Electric for the usual convention rates of one and one-third fare on the certificate plan, viz., all delegates and visitors will pay full fare to Salem, taking receipt certificate for same, from the local agent selling the ticket, or from the conductor if cash fare is paid in the train. These certificates will be signed by the general secretary of the convention as soon as fifty are presented, and when so signed will entitle the holders to buy return tickets for one-third of the regular fare.

Tickets may be bought on this plan April 25-30, inclusive, to Salem, and returning, any convention date and as late as May 3.

Any further particulars may be ascertained by writing the general secretary, Rev. Charles A. Phipps, 520 Abington Bldg., Portland, Oregon.

SUGGESTIVE QUESTIONS ON THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON BY REV. DR. LINSOTT FOR THE INTERNATIONAL NEWSPAPER BIBLE STUDY CLUB.

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The Gospel in Antioch—Acts xi: 19-30; xii: 25.

Golden Text—The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch. Acts xi: 26.

Verses 19-20—Who were they that were "scattered abroad?"

Had these men any authority from the church to preach? (See Acts vii: 4.)

Is it the duty of every Christian to preach Christ, whether or not he has been appointed by the church to do so?

Is it possible to enjoy the fullness of God's love, and never say a word about it?

Are good people liable to be narrow in their views?

Are persecutions and all sorts of trouble always helpful to the children of God?

Some of these disciples seem to have been narrow, and preached to Jews only; others being broader, preached to the Greeks also, what made the difference in these men?

Which is the greatest power to broaden our views, and make us love everybody: our environment, or sinking deeper and rising higher in the love of God?

Verses 21—Whether a man is narrow or broad, if he only preaches Jesus, will God use him to extend his kingdom?

Are any efforts to extend the kingdom of God ever in vain?

Verses 22—Did the news that Antioch had received the word of God give the church at Jerusalem joy or sorrow?

What news is the most joyous either to an individual Christian, or to a church?

What was the purpose of sending

Barnabas?

Verses 23-24—What sort of a man was Barnabas?

Is it necessary, or not, to be filled with the Holy Ghost, in order to make converts, or to comfort the children of God, and are these results always attained in the ministry of a man filled with the Holy Ghost? (This question must be answered in writing by members of the club.)

Do we exhort one another as much as we should, to "cleave unto the Lord?"

Are half-hearted people well pleasing to God?

Verses 25-26—Why did Barnabas start off to Tarsus to seek Saul?

Does it frequently happen that two holy men can do much more together, than they could do working apart?

Where were the disciples of Jesus first called Christians?

What had Christ's followers been called previous to being called Christians?

Verses 27-28—Is the gift of prophecy, that is telling future events, given to any person today?

Verses 29-30—Should the church of Christ today be a practical brotherhood, caring for one another, and helping each other financially, and in every other way, as the need may be?

Should not the church be doing for its members the work now being done by fraternal societies?

Chapter xii: 25—Barnabas and Saul took the contributions from Antioch up to Jerusalem to relieve the need there, and then returned; was it just as noble work as if they had been up there preaching?

Lesson for Sunday, May 2, 1909, Paul's First Missionary Journey—Cyprus, Acts xiii: 1-12

CHURCH SERVICES

Congregational Association.

Corner 17th and Crumple streets. H. C. Baker, pastor. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Morning service at 11 a. m. Subject: "The Gospel of Christ." Evening service at 8 p. m. Subject: "Without Christ, Without Hope." Young People's Alliance at 7 p. m. A cordial invitation to all.

First Presbyterian.

Church street, near Chemeketh. Rev. Henry T. Babcock, pastor. Morning service at 11 a. m. Preaching by the pastor. Theme: "The Inspiration of the Beautiful." Quartet. "The Lord Is My Rock." Woodman. Solo, Mrs. Seeley, "Bow Down Thine Ear." Jenks. Evening service at 7:30 p. m. Mrs. Elinor F. Haworth, of Seattle, a returned missionary from Japan, will speak on Japan. Mrs. Haworth, with her husband, has spent 20 years in missionary work in Japan. Quartet, "Send Out Thy Light." Gounod. The church orchestra will play two selections. S. S. at 10 a. m. Jr. G. E. at 5 p. m. Sr. C. E. at 6:30 p. m. Public cordially invited to all these services.

First Congregational.

Corner of Center and North Liberty street. Rev. Phil E. Bauer, pastor. Bible school at 10 a. m. Worship services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sermon topics: "In the House of the Living God" and "The Ideal Woman."

Lutheran St. Johns.

Mission synod. Regular Sunday service at 10:15 a. m. in the German Lutheran St. John's church, corner Center and 14th streets. George H. Engle, pastor.

First Christian.

Corner of High and Center streets. D. Errett, minister. Bible school at 10 a. m. Christian Endeavor at 6:45 p. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Respective themes, "The Need of Men in the Church" and "Some Modern Young Men." Special music by the C. C. C. quartet morning and evening. Strangers and visitors welcome.

German Evangelical Lutheran.

Christ church, East State street. Sunday school at 9:40 a. m. Regular service at 10:30 a. m. C. Hopf, pastor.

United Evangelical.

Cottage street between Center and Marion. Divine service and worship at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. K. L. C. E. at 6:30 p. m. You are invited. G. L. Lovell, pastor.

W. C. T. U.

Rev. W. P. Elman, of Brownsville, Ore., will speak at the W. C. T. U. hall Sunday at 4 p. m. Special music. Everybody invited.

Central Congregational.

Rev. O. A. Stillman, pastor. Corner of Ferry and 19th streets. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. Evening preaching service at 7:30 p. m. Subject: "The Law and the Gospel." No morning preaching service.

First Methodist.

At 10:30 a. m. Rev. W. H. Solbeck will preach on "A Marvelous Magnet" and at 7:30 p. m. on "The Streets of the City," a plea for a clean town. Bible school at 1 p. m. Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. Prof. Mendenhall leads a chorus choir of 25 voices. Prof. Roberts, the blind master of the pipe organ, plays. Strangers are cordially invited.

The U. S. Government in its "Pure Food Law" does not "indorse" or "guarantee" any preparation, as

some manufacturers in their advertisements would make it appear. In the case of medicines the law provides that certain drugs shall be mentioned on the labels, if they are ingredients of the preparations. Ely's Cream Balm the well-known family remedy for cold in the head, hay fever and nasal catarrh, doesn't contain a single injurious drug, so the makers have simply to write the fact that it complies with all the requirements of the law.

There is more building going on at Salem this time of the year than ever before in the history of the town.

The self-fitting maternity skirt is having a big sale in Oregon.