

BABY INCUBATORS.

How Science in Paris Raises the Little Ones in Glass Cases.

The incubator baby is a distinguished find in medical circles now. The Maternity Hospital in Paris has a whole ward of incubators, and there's a baby in every incubator.

Of course, the duration of the treatment, if so it may be called, entirely depends on the condition of the new born child. Often a stay of one or two weeks in the incubator will transform a moribund mite into a healthy, kicking child, and occasionally a baby remains the temporary tenant of his glass mother from forty to fifty days. Fortunately it is comparatively easy to see when the baby has had enough of the incubator, for when that is the case, instead of placidly sleeping away the long hours, it turns fretful, cries, and makes vigorous attempts to stretch its limbs.

Before the introduction of the baby incubator 66 per cent of the children born at the Maternity weighing less than four pounds died within a few hours or days of their birth; now, thanks to the incubator, more than half that number are saved to become active French citizens.

The principle of the baby incubator differs very little from that so long and so successfully practiced in the incubators used for hatching chickens. Both consist of a case divided into two compartments, of which the lower one contains the boiling water, which, kept at an even temperature, warms the "little stranger" lying above.

When the baby begins to kick and show its tiny arms the doctor takes it out of its glass case and puts it in a cradle, and in a few days it goes home with its mother.

American doctors are getting so that they think no more of a glass case baby than they do of a case of everyday measles. Phillip Armour, the million-dollar baby of Chicago, lived in his incubator for a long time, and he's just about as healthy and lively a little fellow as if he had been born without a penny to his name.—American Woman's Home Journal.

A Bicycle Made for Two Thousand.

The bicycle built for two created a sensation not long ago. The bicycle built for two thousand is the latest novelty. It is to be the great attraction of the Paris exhibition of 1900, and will be the largest bicycle ever built.

This monster wheel will be two thousand times as large as an ordinary bike, and constructed after the manner of the Eiffel Tower. There are to be two large entrances—one at the bottom of each of its wheels—cut right through the tires. Winding stairways lead from the doors up the front and back of each wheel through the forward and rear standards to the backbone of the machine. Thence spiral steps ascend to the handle-bar and saddle.

The stairs are lighted throughout by numerous windows of quaint design, through which a great variety of views can be obtained as the sight-seer mounts to the top of the structure.

The backbone of the big bicycle will contain a large apartment to be used as a banqueting-hall. One long table will run down the centre through its entire length, at which six hundred persons may be seated comfortably.

A Brave Act.

An anecdote illustrative of the devoted gallantry of the native East Indian soldiers has been told by an English writer who was an eye-witness of the deed. In an expedition against a tribe of hill robbers, a little party of twenty-five soldiers got into a stockade and were surrounded by four times that number of the natives. They would have been shot down to a man if they had ventured on a sortie. Then it was that a young Gorkha stepped forward and said to the officer in command:

"Sir, I will jump on top of the parapet, and the enemy will fire at me; then we shall be able to rush on them before they can reload."

Before the officer could remonstrate, the Gorkha sprang upon the parapet and waved his sword. In an instant bullets by the score were whistling around him, but, strange to say, he was not hit. When every musket was emptied, he leaped from the parapet, crying:

"Now, sir, come on!" and, his comrades following, the enemy was driven in a headlong rout.

A Menagerie Farm.

The thousand-acre menagerie farm in Merced county is putting the "glorious climate of California" to a new and interesting use, says the San Francisco Argonaut. On it will be tried an experiment in the breeding of elephants, hippopotami, lions, tigers, llamas, nilgaws, kangaroos and other tropical and exotic animals such as are in common demand for purposes of exhibition. The design is to obtain the conditions suited to every sort of animal used for exhibition, and the proprietor thinks that he can come nearer to realizing these conditions in California than anywhere else. Natives of the various countries from which the animals come, who are accustomed to their ways, will be employed to look after them.

A Peculiar Business Deal.

Warren E. Burton has sold the Burgo House, Hutley, Wis., for \$30,000, of which \$7,000 was paid in cash and the balance in postage stamps, the number being 8,000,000. This is probably one of the most remarkable business transactions ever recorded in the West, and will call renewed attention to the widespread interest in philately.—New York Tribune.

The Twenty-Eighth Annual Convention of the Columbia County Sabbath School Association.

On Thursday morning the first session of the Twenty-Eighth Annual Convention of the Sabbath School Association was called to order at 10:30 o'clock by the President Myron I. Low. The weather was all that could be desired and the audience room at the Christian church at Benton, in which the convention was held, was filled with an expectant audience. The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. H. L. Maltman, of Benton. His topic was "The Holy Spirit." He hoped that the delegates had not come to the convention expecting to receive the Holy Spirit but that they had brought him with them and that he would dwell in their hearts and endow them all with rich blessings. President Low in a few appropriate remarks welcomed the delegates and urged upon them the necessity of having the presence of the Holy Spirit. He said, "Let us believe that he will be with us. Let us look to Jesus for his help. Larger liberty in the Lord Jesus Christ is what we need to be able to work more effectively in his cause." Secretary Spear in his report gave an encouraging account of the schools throughout the county. He reported 144 schools in the county with a membership of 15,599 officers, teachers and scholars. This shows an increase over the previous year. Following this Mr. S. D. Neyhard gave an excellent report of the State Convention held at Carlisle in Oct. 1896. He stated that the reports presented showed that great advancement had been made during the year. The counties in the State entitled to rank as banner counties are Columbia, Union, Snyder and Sullivan.

The subject of Temperance was then taken up and discussed by Prof. C. H. Albert, of Bloomsburg, Miss Eva Rupert, of Bloomsburg, and Rev. Albert Smith, of Berwick. Prof. Albert made a plea for temperance along the line of reading as well as the use of intoxicants. He said we must be careful about bringing into the home books that are hurtful and literature that will do young people more harm than we can ever conceive of. Also the matter of placing temptation in the way of any one. He gave an instance of a young girl who was a confirmed drunkard at the age of eighteen. She said she had received her first glass of wine at her father's table, and now this father would give all he was worth, about a million and a half dollars, to see her cured of the awful appetite that had been fostered in his own home.

Miss Rupert spoke of temperance in its narrow sense. She said, "If all the money expended for drink last year were coined into silver dollars and they were laid side by side it would make a line that would reach from New York to St. Louis. What a world of good might have been done with this money. It is very urgent upon us that we do all we can to put down this curse of intemperance. If we are perfectly willing to have the Spirit use us he will do it. God is the one unit in this universe. Everyone else is a cipher. Place the cipher to the left, or wrong side of the unit and you still have the unit. Place a cipher on the right side of the unit and the value of the unit is ten times as great as when standing alone. Keep on placing ciphers to the right of the unit and you multiply by ten every time. Thus when we are on the right side of God our efforts are blessed every time."

Rev. Albert Smith claimed that up on the officers and teachers of the Sunday School and upon the parents rested the responsibility of influencing our young people along the lines just mentioned, temperance in the use of intoxicants, temperance in reading, and attending places where we should not be found. Following his talk the meeting closed with the benediction.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

At the conclusion of a short song service devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Albert Smith assisted by Rev. James Martyn. The Work of the Holy Spirit being the topic. Mr. Smith stated that his work was to give evidence that Christ was on his throne in Heaven; to speak in the churches; to show unto us the things of Christ; to administer the affairs of the church; and to appoint Christians for service.

The following committees were then appointed by the President:

On Nominations, Prof. R. Kocher, Mrs. C. E. Yorks, W. H. Gables, J. H. Henrie, R. F. Whitmoyer and W. C. Thomas.

On Resolutions, J. Frank Kline, Mrs. W. D. Beckley, E. M. Creveling, On Place, C. W. Yeager, S. D. Neyhard, Mrs. Kelchner.

On Audit, W. R. Kocher, Mrs. Noetling, L. P. Kline.

Prof. Albert then talked on "The Use of the Bible." (a) In the preparation of the lesson; (b) In the Sunday School. He used the lesson of the coming Sabbath to illustrate how he would use the Bible, first in preparing the lesson, and then by having the pupils look up the refer-

ence connected with it. He said every pupil should have a Bible and in these times when one could be secured so easily there was no excuse for being without. He also stated that more Bibles had been sold in the last two years than in the previous ten years.

Mr. H. R. Bower, County Fieldsman, followed with an account of the work done in the county. The number of visits made to schools were 159, the institute sessions held were 129 and the number of miles traveled to do this work were 5344. He urged upon the teachers the necessity of teaching the books of the Bible, the authors of the different books, the number of chapters in each book and all such supplementary work as will make the pupils familiar with the book of all books. This report was accepted by a rising vote.

Rev. Mr. Womer then opened the parliament on some "Hows" in Sunday School work. Some of them were: How can I increase the attendance in my class? Be sure to notice every boy and girl in the community and give them a personal invitation to come into the Sunday School. A personal invitation will do more to accomplish this end than anything else you can do.

How to interest boys and girls after you get them in? The living word of God coming from a heart of love that has been touched by the Holy Spirit will interest and hold the scholars better than all the entertaining stories and treats in the world.

How can I lead my boys and girls early in life to commit their way unto the Lord? Go to them personally. Pray for and with them. Give them your hand and urge upon them the necessity of making this step. Many of the delegates gave instances of what personal work and prayer will do in the service of the Master.

THURSDAY EVENING.

After the usual song service, devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Harry Minsker. The Personality of the Holy Spirit was brought out and emphasized by means of a number of Bible references.

Mrs. J. W. Barnes was then introduced and gave a talk on "Right Beginnings." Her illustration of her first lesson in sewing was very apt. In beginning she had forgotten to tie the knot firmly and when her work was tested it would not hold because of a wrong beginning. One of the beginning points in Sunday School work lies outside the Sunday School and this is home co-operation and must be secured. It can be done by visitation, holding Mother's Social, by having a Home Department, and by sending reports home to the parents. Another beginning point is teaching missions. Teach the child to give freely. There is a lesson in the way the heathen mother teaches her child to give. When the child is very small the mother takes it in her arms and placing a piece of money in its hand goes before the idol and teaches it to drop the money before it. Over and over again this is done until the child drops it willingly.

An address on the Sunday School in relation to Good Citizenship was delivered by Rev. McLinn, of Bloomsburg. He said "The Sunday School is for the training and salvation of the children." The church will never suffer by teaching a true and holy citizenship. It takes a genuine Christian to be the best citizen. Take the history of the Jewish people. Just in proportion as they failed to obey God's law did they fail in their government. The source of government is God. Law and Government are as natural in Heaven as it is for us to breathe. We just consecrate our all to God, even down to our citizenship. Let us teach the children in the Sunday School the dignity of office. An office bearer is just as much a minister as one who preaches the Gospel. You say "mix up religion and politics." Yes, we want them mixed. Teach the boys the sacredness of the ballot and that they dare not be recreant to the high trust God has put upon them.

At the conclusion the audience was dismissed with the benediction.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Oliver Albertson, of Benton. Topic "The Emblems of the Holy Spirit." He dwelled particularly on the dove as being emblematic of the peace that we should have in our hearts through the presence of the Holy Spirit. District President's Hour was taken up and the roll of president's called. Reports were received from all but one. The majority reported in person, but those who were not able to be present sent reports. The reports were very encouraging.

The nominating committee report accepted and adopted as follows:

President—Myron I. Low, Lime Ridge.

Vice-Presidents—C. H. Albert, Bloomsburg; Rev. H. L. Maltman, Benton; J. B. Nuss, Mainville.

Recording Secretaries—Miss Eva Rupert, Bloomsburg; Miss Martha Powell, Bloomsburg.

Statistical Secretary—A. W. Spear,

Cabin Run.

Treasurer—Mrs. Anna McHenry, Stillwater.

Fieldsmen—H. R. Bower, Berwick; Home Department Secretary; S. D. Neyhard, Bloomsburg.

Delegates to State Convention—Rev. Albert Smith, Prof. R. Kocher, Howard Hess, R. F. Whitmoyer, W. C. Thomas, J. L. Wolverton, J. P. Kline, D. A. Shultz, Cyrus White, H. M. Yocum.

An open parliament on the strong and weak points in your Sunday School was conducted by Rev. B. C. Conner, of Bloomsburg. Some of the strong points mentioned were: Faithful teachers, blackboard work, prompt and regular attendance of Superintendent, good music, a Home Department class.

Some of the weak points were: No teacher's meeting, unfaithful teachers, not enough Bibles in the Sunday School, a failure on the part of the school to hold the boys beyond a certain age, a seeming indifference on the part of teachers for the salvation of souls.

Cordial greetings from Hon. John Wanamaker and Dr. C. J. Kephart were read in the convention and the audience was then dismissed with prayer.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

An excellent song service was followed by devotional exercises on "The Gift of the Holy Spirit" conducted by Rev. G. H. Hemmingway, of Bloomsburg. He said, "to accomplish anything in service for the Master we must have the Holy Spirit. He will be given to us. The only way to have his help is to prepare for his reception. The preparation necessary is a patient waiting before God in prayer and we shall have this gift from the Father."

The roll call of schools followed and 102 schools reported by contributions and 97 by delegates. There were 21 pastors present and 17 superintendents.

The study of child nature was then discussed by Mrs. Barnes. She said we must fit our teaching to the nature of the child and in order to do this the child must be studied. Character is the stamp set upon life by its acts and as the early years contain the germ of life childhood is the right time to teach right ideas. A child is in unconscious relation to God, and it is our duty to bring him into consciousness of this relation. We can only reach a child through his individual life. Teaching a child consists in training a child to think, feel and work. To teach a child to think and feel without teaching him to work is not real teaching. We must also keep in mind the limitations of a child. (1) A child is limited as to his power of attention. Never try to keep his attention on one thing long. (2) A child's power to reason is limited. Teach by means of objects. (3) His power of imagination is limited by his experience. Use illustrations that are familiar. Above all in your teaching, love the child so much that your life will be a mirror of the divine life, so that in your contact with him the divine life may shine through you."

The report of the committee on resolutions was accepted as follows:


WHEREAS, another year's work of the Columbia County Sabbath School Association has passed, and God, our Heavenly Father, has showered blessings upon us and permitted us to assemble in an other County Convention be it

Resolved: that it is with a profound sense of our duties that we come before His presence with humble and grateful hearts to pay homage to Him who created and preserves the world, and that we implore His divine guidance as we go forth to begin another year's work in His name.

"That we recognize the importance of the work done by our executive committee and the district presidents. (3) That we urge upon our Sunday School Workers the adoption of a Home Department in each Sunday School and the use of the Bibles as a text book in the Sunday School. (4) That we pledge ourselves anew to the overthrow of intemperance in its many forms. (5) That we extend our hearty thanks to the people of Benton for their kind hospitality and to all who have contributed in any way to make this convention a success. (6) That we endeavor in the coming year to live nearer to Christ and to do more personal work to bring children under their saving power.

In a few closing words the president urged all delegates, teachers and workers to keep close to Jesus and by His help to go on in the work, assured of success by his presence. Prayers for more entire consecration to the work closed the session, and the audience was dismissed at the close of one of the most practical and helpful conventions Columbia County has ever known. An earnest prayer and desire for the presence of the Holy Spirit was characteristic of the entire convention. The music conducted by Dr. Carey, of Benton, and Mr. F. B. Hartman added much to the success of the meetings. The Male Quartette, of Benton, furnished

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How to Massage the Scalp and Prevent Falling Hair.

Not infrequently the scalp becomes tight on the head. This prevents circulation, the follicles of the hair becomes anemic, and as a result the hair falls out. The only remedy is to give the head a course of massage, which is easily and simply done. Place a hand on each side of the upper part of the face, with the thumbs pressed on the head behind the ears and the little fingers just above where the eyebrows begin. Then spread out the other fingers over the head and for ten minutes gently work the scalp backward and forward. Finally with the thumb and forefinger pinch the scalp all over, continuing until the head begins to tingle. This loosens the scalp from the bone and starts the circulation. Keep up this treatment night and morning until the hair ceases to fall.

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How to Breathe Properly.

The best way to learn is to walk at a moderate pace for a certain distance every day, inflate your lungs with pure air and hold your breath for 5 paces, increasing it gradually to 10, 15 or as many as permissible without straining the organs and keeping your mouth closed at all times.

Breathe through your nose. That's what it's made for. If you keep this exercise up for a short time and supplement it with a few long breaths upon getting up in the morning and going to bed at night, it will not be long before you breathe deeply and naturally, sleep the sleep of the just and bid defiance to drafts and sudden changes in the weather. It will strengthen your breathing apparatus, expand your chest and by increasing the circulation of the blood will make you feel like a new man or woman, as the case may be. It strikes at the root of many evils and in nine cases out of ten eradicates all of them. Try it. It cost me \$5 a day during the grip epidemic of two years ago to accomplish the same result by having the air pumped into my lungs, but if you take time by the forelock it won't cost you a cent and may save you many dollars and perhaps your life.

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