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Sabbath Schools Teachers' Institute.

The Second Annual Convention—Opening Exercises.

MORNING SESSION.

The Allegheny County Sabbath School Teachers' Institute is now holding its second annual Convention in this city. The first session was held at Christ M. E. Church, Penn street, yesterday morning at ten o'clock. A large number of delegates were present, and the attendance of the friends of the Sunday School cause was even greater than expected.

Rev. E. B. Snyder, pastor of North avenue M. E. Church, and Chairman of the Institute, called the Convention to order, and opened the exercises by reading a scripture lesson, the fifth chapter of Matthew. The Convention then sung the hymn commencing:

"All hail the power of Jesus' name."

After which an eloquent and fervent prayer was offered, invoking Divine blessing on the proceedings of the Convention.

The Convention then joined in singing the Hymn commencing

"Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,"

which was followed with prayer by Rev. W. H. Locke.

Rev. E. B. Snyder then addressed the Convention at length, setting forth the advantages the child received from Sunday Schools, and urging the necessity of training up children in a could best be done through the Sunday School. He then welcomed the delegates to the Convention and said there was no work so glorious as the one in which they were engaged. He said there were about ten millions of children under the age of twelve years to be brought into the church, and they could only be reached through the Sabbath School. He urged upon teachers the necessity of going out through the city and gathering up children from the streets, and taking them into the Sunday School. After again welcoming the delegates, he closed by introducing Rev. A. B. Burrell, of Milwaukee, who addressed the Convention. His address consisted chiefly in the narration of his experience in Sunday Schools, with which he has been connected for a number of years. His remarks were of a very interesting character, were listened to with marked attention by the congregation, and were highly illustrative of the good which might be effected by individual effort on the part of Sunday School teachers and others who have the love of Christ in their hearts. He urged them to be persevering in their work. He said they could not get "too small" for Christ, and that they must take for example if they wished to be successful. He then offered up a fervent prayer for the children of Pittsburgh, and asked God to bless the work of the Sabbath School.

Rev. E. B. Snyder announced that the Young Men's Noon-day Prayer Meeting would be held in the First Methodist church, Fifth street, instead of in the room in which the Convention is sitting, as previously announced. He also announced the order of exercises for the afternoon session.

Mr. Moody said he had an announcement to make which he felt confident would be received with satisfaction. He had been informed that the young ladies had met in the Clearing House and organized a Woman's Christian Association, and that $2,40 had been subscribed towards carrying on the objects of the organization. He intended to use this fact as a lever when he returned home to Chicago to shame the ladies there into greater activity.

The Chairman announced that Rev. Alfred Taylor, Secretary of the State Association, and Rev. Mr. Bacon, of Steubenville, were both in the city, and would be present at the subsequent sessions of the Institute.

The doxology was then sung, and the benediction pronounced by Rev. Howard.

The Convention then adjourned to meet at two o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention met at two o'clock, and opened by singing two verses of the seventy-fifth hymn, which commences

"Oh happy day, that fixed my choice."

which was followed with prayer by Rev. Mr. Maguire.

At the close of the hymn, Rev. E. B. Snyder, Chairman of the Institute, announced that the hour for an erring upon the regular business had arrived, and that the first thing in order would be the election of a Secretary *pro tem.*

Rev. W. H. Locke, of the Liberty street M. E. Church, and the reporters of the press were elected Secretaries.

Rev. Alfred Taylor addressed the Convention on the subject of "spoiling" school exercises, and duties of Superintendents, etc." The exercises were then opened by singing the fifth hymn,

"Awake my soul to joyful lays."

After which the Convention was led in prayer by Rev. Taylor.

The fifteenth chapter of Luke, Matthew eighteenth, and twenty-third Psalm were then read in concert. A few of the leading ideas in the lesson just read were illustrated on the blackboard by Mr. Taylor, in a very able and satisfactory manner, which he accompanied with a lecture on the method of opening and conducting Sunday Schools, at the close of which the following resolutions were passed:

Resolved, That the Bible should be taught in Sabbath Schools.

Resolved, That the Shorter Catechism should be taught in Sabbath Schools.

Resolved, That the Bible should be taught in Sabbath Schools as a text book.

Resolved, That the Bible should be taught in Sabbath Schools as the Word of God.

Resolved, That the Bible should be taught in Sabbath Schools as the only infallible rule of faith and practice