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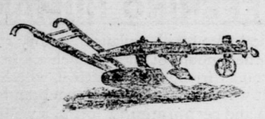

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SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION.

Report of the Sixth Annual Convention of the Butler County S. S. Association, Auxiliary to the Penn'a State S. S. Association, held at North Washington, September 6th and 7th, 1883.

First session, Thursday.—Meeting called to order by Chairman Rev. J. R. Coulter; devotional exercises led by W. M. Graham; address of welcome by Hon. Wm Graham; response by Rev. J. R. Coulter; notice being given of the absence of Rev. Taylor, Rev. Marshall was chosen to open topic assigned Rev. Taylor. "What benefits may be expected from holding Sunday School Conventions," opened by Rev. C. L. Streamer, co-operation, the pleasures of social intercourse, mutual instruction and edification, the promotion of the interests of a common cause, particularly the devising of best methods of instruction in the Sunday School, also means for conversion of children, making it fruitful to the soul, great need of turning souls to Christ that they may be fitted for places in the church and even in the world; followed by Rev. Stratton, thinks it will intensify and increase our interest in the work, our love will also increase, get new ideas and enlarges our ideas and views of the work. W. M. Graham said stirring up ideas is good. Rev. J. R. Coulter spoke of good results of agricultural conventions so of others and especially Sunday School Conventions. "Failures of Sunday School teachers," opened by Rev. J. H. Marshall, want of interest, want of preparation, thinks it a mistake for teachers to mention last before a class, teachers should examine commentaries and helps and prepare in order to teach with success, says some are too profound, should not try to explain difficult parts of the bible, want of application, should be made so as to make it lasting. Rev. R. C. Dodds, many fail by spending all the hour lecturing before their class, thinks question method better and then select different members to answer, also seek out those who have the natural ability to teach. Rev. J. L. Stratton says no person can teach successfully without preparation, the teacher should get deeper than the surface to teach successfully, must prepare by prayer, teacher should have a definite object in view. C. Daubenspeck said pastors should oversee and know what is taught and whether teacher is a failure. Rev. G. W. Bean, we cannot prescribe a rule for teachers to go by as to questioning or lecturing a class, want of responsibility has as much to do with failures as living inconsistently, and too many try to teach what does not belong to the lesson. Rev. Streamer thinks teachers should be methodical should follow lesson helps, fails by want of interest, also in making the application. Rev. Coulter said teacher became a failure by example of living before a class.

"The necessary qualifications for S. S. teaching," opened by J. W. Orr, faith, next a belief in God, virtue, daring to live righteously not caring for the world, to hunger and thirst after knowledge, labor to acquaint themselves with Bible, to be without hypocrisy, teach and practice temperance, also add patience, godliness and brotherly kindness, charity for all, necessary to make the salvation of the soul paramount. Rev. Bean, teacher should be interested in the work and undertake it with a zeal, get hold of the class enthusiastically and find something for each one to do, thinks the time will soon come when Sunday school teachers will be chosen by *fitness* as other teachers are; Rev. Marshall thought Christian experience a necessary qualification.

Adjournment—benediction by Rev. Stratton.

Evening service.—Devotional exercise led by Rev. Bean. "How may the children of the Sunday school be trained in the grace of giving," opened by Rev. Stratton, instill in their minds objects to promote a good cause, learn them to give from pure motives, a duty to give to the cause of Christ, impress on them the good results that follow; Rev. Streamer said yield to God his own by the grace of giving, a time to give, let the children know what the benefits are that arise from giving, let them earn fairly and honorably for themselves that they may give to him that needeth; Robert McBride referred to individuals being called as co-workers with God by giving to his cause; Rev. Marshall, have them give their contributions for some benevolent or missionary purpose by actual giving; J. W. Orr, let the children know what a grand thing it is to be able to give to the honor of Christ; Rev. Bean said, let them bear their part by giving a part of God's gift back.

"The importance of temperance in our Sunday schools as it relates to intoxicating drinks," opened by Rev. Dodds saying, it should be of the deepest interest to the Sunday school teachers, the Sunday school a training school, *prevention* better than cure as but few ever reform, impress it as a vital principle on which his future depends, a sin against God, the welfare of the church and the community depends on the training of the youth with respect to temperance; Rev. Stratton, insist on saving the young, instilling proper principles into their minds, teach them total abstinence and to prohibit the manufacture and sale of all intoxicants, except for medicinal and mechanical or scientific purposes; R. McBride thought mothers should teach more temperance; Rev. H. J. Smith said, the axe ought to be laid at the root of the matter as it was the vital question of the Sunday school, the children are here trained for good or bad as it relates to intemperance; Rev. Bean, our examples should be right, principles should be taught, great weight of responsibility resting on the young women of a community; Rev. Marshall, Sunday schools should exert and exercise its power also make good use of and advance to a higher stage.

Adjournment—Benediction by Rev. J. W. Alspach.

Morning session, opened with singing and prayer. "What inducements are proper to be used to secure attendance at the Sunday schools. Rev. Streamer thinks best not to make the exercises too long; J. W. Orr talks to them and insists on their attendance. Rev. Bean, proper help should be got for the children, furnish books, &c.; Rev. Alspach, teachers should labor to induce them to attend and children should be missionaries; R. McBride thought some one should visit Sunday schools and show how to run them to the best advantage, make them interesting and secure a better attendance.

"The duties of parents to the Sunday schools, opened by Rev. H. J. Smith, set a Godly example, parents should dedicate their children to God, also should be in the Sunday school with them; J. W. Orr thought parents too often given to fault-finding.

"The importance of encouraging children to memorize the scriptures," opened by Mr. Thompson, said it was good as it is always with us, rivets it to our minds. Mr. McBride thought it good to strengthen the mind. Rev. Marshall thinks it makes them more prompt and ready to answer. Mr. McCracken gave his experience how he early memorized the scriptures and and now, when blind, it was such a great comfort to be able to think over what he had memorized when young, exhorted young people to commit to memory the scriptures as, when they became old, they too might become blind. Mr. Cubbison spoke of how it becomes a fort and when there how you have the ammunition ready to fight the great enemy. Rev. Bean said it strengthens us for Christian work and makes us strong against temptation. Rev. Stratton thinks it very important to have it as a fund, also for a foundation good to fortify us against infidelity. Mrs. Jas, Chambers, teach them to memorize and encourage them, as they will then have the sword of the Spirit. Rev. Streamer insist that from now on we get our boys and girls to commit at least the memory verses of the lesson. On motion,

Resolved, By the Butler County Sunday School Convention, that we heartily recommend to all the teachers of the county that they have their scholars commit to memory the scripture lessons of each Sunday, and that they report to this convention at its next annual session, the name of each scholar who has committed all the lessons of the year.

Resolved, That the names of all such scholars shall constitute a roll of honor, also that these resolutions with the proceedings of this convention be sent the county papers for publication.

Constitution being read———. Proceeded to get names of all wishing to connect themselves with the Butler County Sunday School Association. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Rev. H. J. Smith, Butler, Pa; Secretary, H. S. Daubenspeck, Bruin, Pa.; Assistant Secretary, P. W. Conway; Treasurer, J. W. Orr, Bruin, Pa.; Executive Committee, Rev. R. C. Dodds, North Hope, Pa., Rev. J. W. Alspach, Isaiah Meals, Wm. Graham and R. A. Mifflin.

The time for next annual convention was placed between June 1st and 15th, 1884 Place left for decision of Executive Committee, after corresponding with persons over the county and ascertaining where it is desirable to meet. Adjourned.

Afternoon session.—Devotional exercises led by Rev. H. J. Smith. On motion moved that all expenses of the association be paid by treasurer. "How shall we give all the exercises of the Sunday School a more devotional character," opened by Rev. C. L. Streamer, thinks best to avoid extremes. Rev. Stratton said prayers are to long and singing sometimes too trifling. Rev. Coulter says we should not forget that we are worshipping God and dealing with sacred things. "Children's meeting," addressed by Rev. J. D. Decker, refered them first to the lesson of Naomi and Ruth. Rev. Bean told them how Ruth was blest by following God's people, insists on children learning about Jesus. Rev. Stratton told them they should be very careful about choosing associates. Rev. Streamer spoke to them about the old people laying their armor by and wished children to get the idea that they are getting older, try every day to grow better, insists on obedience to parents.

Closing address by Rev. Coulter, he first addresses the children refers to how parents are attached to their children, asks the children to honor their parents, speaks of the pleasant meeting, expresses his thanks to the association for his long term, speaks of our need of increased enthusiasm, of the work to do after the adjournment of the Convention; impresses the duty of teachers making preparation and being present, next the duty of parents to have their children in Sunday school, get them helps and all they need; he next asks the young men and ladies to attend at Sunday school and teach, not to get too old to help in Sunday school—a call from God. Time is passing and the experience of all the country is that people are going to their graves. Remember the good things said at this meeting.

On motion, resolved, That the thanks of this Association and this Convention are due and are hereby heartily tendered to our President, Rev. J. R. Coulter for his presence at all our meetings of this Association, for the Christian kindness, courtesy and efficiency with which he has invariably presided over our deliberations.

A motion of thanks was tendered the citizens for their kindness in entertaining persons attending the Convention. Reports from Sunday schools were handed in and after a review of the work the Association has cause for renewed zeal, and not only members but all interested in the coming of Christ's Kingdom should labor to bring those out of the fold to Christ.

H. S. DAUBENSPECK, Sec'y.,
Bruin, Pa.

Letter From California.

NEWHALL, Sept., 1883.

I was at a Mexican celebration of the independence of Mexico (which took place in 1806 I believe) on the 16th day of December. It consisted of barrooms without and dancing within, kept up all the time from Saturday night till Monday morning without cessation. All the people are as black as Mulattoes. They had a barbacued hog and it was all free; we were invited to eat and did so, and enjoyed the meal very much. The large room had no ceiling but the rafters were decorated with different colored mosquito bars, giving it a rather pretty effect with a profusion of pretty mottoes and tensel ornaments and the pictures of prominent persons what took part in severing the Spanish yoke. From a high pole in the yard could be seen the Mexican colors red, white and green, a globe of wicker work covered with bleached muslin concealed four candles which were lit at night, for no other use that I could see but to keep the drunken Mexicans from straying too far from the festivities of the night. The distance we traveled to get to this places in a valley about a mile wide, was 13 miles, and that the farming is principally done by irrigation. On each side of this valley is a wall of mountains as rugged as the Alps and as wild as the Sierra Nevada's, where wild animals prowl and the deer is found. We visited what is called the Canunloes Ranch an old and quite a noted place where there is a wine and brandy distillery and a large vineyard of all kinds of grapes; those large, white California grapes are in abundance, also oranges, lemons, appricots, pome-granates, figs, the finest pears I ever beheld, peaches and apples, English walnuts and almonds. In the garden was a fountain falling into a pool filled with ash. And nearly almost hidden from view by the thick foliage was a small chapel for private use, in which I stepped and found it resembled a minature church within as all the people hereabouts are Catholics and no church within 20 or 30 miles, they think they must have something in the shape of a church. We stepped into a cellar in which were about a hundred of as old antequated, ill-shaped casks, as any one ever beheld with all kinds of wine and brandy, and several other kinds of liquors, and at almost any moderate age.

The house was quite large; it looked more like a fort being about 100 feet each way and a court yard in the middle, and no windows visible on the outside, and my recollection is they all faced into the court yard. This family is quite a noted family in that immediate vicinity and rather hold themselves a step superior to the Mexicans here, and are extremely kind to us and also charge us a pretty round sum for all we get. As as in a general way, California is a very expensive place to move about in. Railroad fares are high; also hotels, in fact, everything but fruit

I was down at Lost Angeles, about a week ago, and found it a most lovely city. The Tropical Foliage and the Blue Mountains in the distance, contrasted with the level valley, makes a very romantic and picturesque scene. The Eucalyptus tree is one of the principal shade trees, and has a wonderful fast growth, but the pepper tree is the most beautiful shade tree I ever saw. It resembles fine green lace and its branches spread like the weeping willow of which many can be seen, along the irrigating ditches.

The streets are broad and thronged with vehicles, and everything bears a Metropolitan aspect. The business and other buildings are gotten up in a rich and most substantial style, and the gardens of some of the private residences are most superbly grand, surrounded by cedar hedges 10 feet high and 4 feet through, solid clear through, and as delicate as moss on the outside.

The other day I saw a flock of Cashmere goats, which are clipped like sheep, in one of the valleys of these mountains. They were very pretty.

JOHN.

Railroad Wrecking.

According to the report of Captain Breck, Master in the case of certain stockholders of the Pittsburgh, New Castle & Lake Erie Railroad against the Pittsburgh & Western Railroad Company, the sale of the franchises of the first named company, under judgment and execution, was fraudulent. In other words, it was an attempt at railroad wrecking on a small scale. The Master finds that the financial condition of the Pittsburgh, New Castle & Lake Erie, at the date of sale, was not such as to require or justify that proceeding; That the sale was made in pursuance of an agreement between certain gentlemen who wished to purchase the franchises and property and organize a new corporation, which was done; and that to facilitate their scheme they circulated a statement to the effect that the sale was intended to get rid of a lot of bogus stock.

On the finding, those stockholders who have brought suit are entitled to recover against certain of the defendants, on the grounds that the sale was in fraud of their rights. The value of each share is fixed at $127, making an aggregate of $155,751. To this is added $40,010 interest since the date of sale.

The defendants are all well known citizens and business men, and the case has excited a good deal of interest. Some of the gentlemen are entirely exonerated from any responsibility whatever, legal or otherwise, but others have not been so unfortunate. Exceptions were filed before the Master, and will be renewed in Court unless there is an amicable settlement in the meantime—*Pittsburgh Commercial Gazette, Oct. 13.*

A Strange Companionship.

PHILADELPHIA, October 16.—Wm. Brinkerhoff, of this city, is the owner of an aquarium. At one time it was well stocked with gold fish, which, however, through the neglect of a careless servant became reduced to a single survivor. This one has been the object of the most jealous care on the part of Mr. Brinkerhoff, who objected strenuously to the introduction into his household in July last of a large Maltese cat, the pet of his youngest daughter. The child, however, overruled her father's objections and secured a berth for her pet, promising to guard the gold fish from its attentions.

That she had not kept this engagement was to-day proved to her father as he entered the little parlor of his residence and found the cat its sole occupant save the gold fish in the globe, for which grimalkin was evidently preparing to make a fishing excursion. For this purpose, apparently, it leaped upon a chair at the side of the glass. The fish showed signs of consciousness of the cat's approach but no fear. On the country, it rubbed its nose against the glass and splashed its tail in the water as if to attract the cat's attention. The gold fish came to the surface blowing in a manner which Mr. Brinkerhoff characterizes as impatient. Upon this the cat, raising itself on the edge of the bowl, reached over a paw. The gold fish swam gently directly under it, when the cat softly stroked its back, purring meanwhile with great contentment.

The fish, however, seemed still unsatisfied, and darting away from its strange companion, swam rapidly about the bowl, and then sought bottom. The cat remained in its position as if puzzled. Shortly afterward the fish came to the surface again and snapped at a fly which was crossing the water and rested after having done so on the edge of the bowl. The cat, seeming to appreciate the situation, with a single swift movement caught the fly and dropped it into the mouth of its finny friend The latter then submitted contentedly to the back-scratching endearment which it had before received. Mr. Brinkerhoff ascertained from his little girl that the strange companionship had existed for some weeks, but she had feared to tell of it, as her negligence had allowed its formation.

Score One for Greene.

A Greene county turkey shooter gives this account of his paralizing a lot of professional sportsmen, who went out to show the bush rangers how to shoot: 'Take one of them turkeys and tie her 1,000 feet off.' And after they did I took six bullets and asked them to mark 'em. 'Now,' says I, 'here's a piece of paper on which is writ where you'll find them marked bullets when I git through shootin', and with that I handed the paper, folded, to one o' the men and commenced to fire.' When I was done they looked at the paper and it read, 'Stomach,' and sure enough, in the turkey's stomach they found the six bullets How was it done? Why, jest by my takin' advantage of my knowledge of nature. I knowed turkeys would pick up anything, so I loaded light and struck the turkey's bill every time, so that the bullet stuck there. The bird would put its head down, scratch off the bullet, look at it a minnit and then swallow it, and so it did the whole six.'

—The youthful "rake" is not as useful as a fine-tooth comb.

—It takes only a grape skin to make the dude lose his balance.

—A tongue-tied man should beware of the matrimonial knot.

—Every dog that has a bark should be launched—"into eternity."

—That man grows gross, sir, who waxes fat by not paying his grocer.

—Many a fellow has tried "to fight the tiger" with chips—and failed.

—"No time like the present," remarked the boy with the new gift watch.

—The girls are gathering and pressing autumn leaves, and the boys—well they would prefer to press the girls.

—A man is known by the company he keeps, but a woman is known by the company her neighbor entertains.

—A young man in town was too full for utterance last Saturday night. He had been visiting several beer saloons during the evening.

—Michigan boasts of a man ninety years old who was never known to say an ill word of a fellow man. Then he is not a musician.

—It is rather surprising, but we do no hear of many homicides who are proved to be so insane that they wish to be hanged for murder.

—Winter is drawing near and while oysters are the natural successors of strawberries, hot coffee is easily spliced on cold lemonade, and roast beef on ice cream.

—A Brooklyn young lady, who prosecuted a faithless lover for breach of promise, testified that they had, "by actual count," exchanged 30,000 kisses by mail.

—When a man has nothing higher to worship than his own impudence it is natural for him to spell God with a small g and begin his own name with a capital letter.

—Sin is very much like the ordinary North American mule. It may be very tame and docile at the front, but in the rear there is always a sly kick hidden away, and you'd better be on your guard.

—It must have been a terrible state of affairs, that caused the Psalmist to ask: "Who can stand before his cold?" In his day the remedies were few and doubtful; how much happier should this generation be, that has a household remedy, Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup; so wonderful has been its cures that millions rise up and call it "blessed."

THE MAN IN THE MOON.

Oh, the man in the Moon has a crick in his back;
Whee!
Whimm!
Ain't you sorry for him?
And a mole on his nose that is purple and black;
And his eyes are so weak that they water and run
If he dares to dream even that he looks at the sun;
So he just dreams of the stars as the doctors advise.
My!
Eyes!
But isn't he wise—
To dream of the stars, as the doctors advise?

And the man in the Moon has a boil on his ear;
Whee!
Whing!
What a singular thing!
I knew! but these facts are authentic my dear—
There's a boil on his ear and a corn on his chin—
He calls it a dimple—but dimples stick in—
Yet it might be a dimple, turned over you know·
Whang!
Ho!
Why certainly so!—
Might be a dimple turned over, you know!

And the man in the Moon has a rheumatic knee—
Gee!
Whizz!
What a pity this is!
And his toes have worked round where his heels ought to be.
So whenever he wants to go north he goes south,
And comes back with porridge crumbs all round his mouth,
And he brushes them off with a Japanese fan.
Whing!
Whang!
What a marvelous man!
What a very remarkable, marvelous man!

J. W. R.

—A good sculptor ought to make a model husband.

—A tender place—between the locomotive and car.

—How would you enjoy being treated like an oyster—made to shell out.

—The world's estimate of a man is drawn from the shine on his coat and nose.

—Kissing babies and making church donations are obsolete political practices.

—In Africa salt is a delicacy. A man might make a fortune selling pretzels.

—Enterprising Pittsburgers continue to "chin" about building another Exposition.

—When a man becomes so conceited that he can't be taught he and a fool wear the same cap.

—A profession of honesty by some people makes us think of a blacksmith with a white silk apron on.

—Coffee-tinted lace is the latest. The ladies wear it to the theater; it matches their escorts breath.

—When you get in a towering passion you sit astride a horse that is likely to run away with you.

—It is a very popular saying that we should put off to-day what we ought to have done yesterday.

—At the White Mountains the girls all comb their hair back from the forehead. That is why it is called a bang up place.

—Before handing your last spring's over-coat to your wife for repairs, it is a wise plan to go through the pockets carefully.

—Connecticut is the land of steady habits. It is also the place where the Chinese can buy their idols at manufacturer's prices.

—When a man kicks a can of nitroglycerine he gets a large amount of information, but so suddenly that it does him no good.

—Mr. D. P. Crosby, Pottstown, Pa., says: "I used Brown's Iron Bitters for indigestion and debility and am much improved.

—The man who runs for office also runs the risk of a divorce from his wife. No man knows how wicked he is until his political enemies write his life.

—It is said to be a good plan to burn a little sulphur in the cellar occasionally. The fumes sweeten the air and kills the germs which taint the butter and meat, and they will do no harm in a sanitary way.

—"Let us play we are married," said little Edith, "and I will bring my dolly and say: 'See, baby, papa.'" "Yes," replied Johnny, "and I will say: 'Don't bother me now; I want to look through the paper.'"

—It's a poor philosophy that makes a fortune in crooked ways and tries to smooth matters over by giving a moiety of the interest thereof in charity. The old English proverb puts it strong enough when it says, "There be those who steal a goose and give the giblets in alms."

—A New York Judge who was trying a man charged with robbing a woman of her gold watch as she was stepping on a horse-car, did a neat piece of cross-examination. The man claimed that the watch was his, and the woman mistaken in identifying it as hers. Suddenly the Judge asked, "Where's the key?" The prisoner fumbled in his pocket and said he must have left it home. The Judge asked him if he wound it very frequently with the key, and he said yes. Then a key was procured, watch and key were handed to the prisoner, and he was told to wind the watch. He opened the case but could not find any place to use the key, because the watch was a stem winder. The sentence was five years and six months, and the thief had not a word to say.

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