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**Report of the Reformed Sunday School Convention.**

The Sixth annual Sunday school convention, of Somerset Classis, of the Reformed church in the United States, was held at Salisbury, June 14 and 15, 1898. Following we give a report of the same:

FIRST SESSION, TUESDAY, AT 2 P. M.  
Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Houser.

After the enrollment of delegates, the organization was effected by electing A. L. G. Hay, Esq., President, Miss Etta W. Hillegass, Secretary, and Mrs. D. H. Leader, Treasurer.  
The address of welcome was given by Dr. Speicher; the response by A. L. G. Hay, Esq.

In the absence of Valentine Hay, Esq., the topic—"The Aim of Sunday School Conventions"—was discussed by Rev. Hassler.

The report of the Treasurer, Mrs. D. H. Leader, was read and adopted.  
After prayer by Rev. Leader, the convention was adjourned to meet on Tuesday evening.

SECOND SESSION, TUESDAY, 7:45 P. M.  
Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. J. T. Balliet.

"The necessity of co-operation on the part of all the members of the school in every interest connected with it, and every enterprise undertaken by it,"—was opened by a paper by Miss Janet McKinley, followed by a discussion by Prof. A. B. Groff.

After the singing of a hymn, Hon. C. J. Otto spoke on the second topic for the evening—"Relation of parents to the Sunday schools."

The topics for the evening were further discussed by Dr. A. F. Speicher, Rev. Leader, Rev. Hassler and Rev. Balliet.  
The following committees were then appointed.

On Reports—Hon. C. J. Otto, Miss Mary Johnson and Miss Tayman.  
Resolutions—Rev. Houser, Edwin M. Glessner and Miss Baker.

To report proceedings—Rev. E. S. Hassler, Rev. E. P. Skyles, Janet McKinley and Prof. A. B. Groff.

Convention adjourned to meet Wednesday morning.

THIRD SESSION, WEDNESDAY, 9 A. M.  
Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. E. P. Skyles.

After roll call the minutes were read and approved. The topic—"How can we interest the grown-ups?"—was discussed by Dr. W. P. Shaw and Dr. A. M. Lichty.

General discussion by Rev. Dr. Truxal and Rev. Leader.

Reports of the schools were read.  
After prayer by Rev. Hassler, the convention adjourned.

FOURTH SESSION, WEDNESDAY, 2 P. M.  
Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. Hassler.

"The Aims of the Sunday school—How should they be devoted?"—In the absence of M. H. Kremer, Esq., and Harry Miller, the subject was opened by Dr. Truxal, followed by A. L. G. Hay, Rev. E. S. Hassler, Dr. Speicher, Rev. Balliet, Rev. Houser, Hon. C. J. Otto and Mr. Brant.

The report of committee on Sunday school reports and consideration of same was read as follows: Officers, 123; teachers, 207; male scholars, 1,046; female scholars, 1,031; total membership, 2,407; average attendance, 1,230; amt. contributed for benevolence, \$1,003.89; expenses, \$945.34; total, \$1,949.03.

Next in order was the selection of place for meeting the coming year. An invitation given by a representative of the Mt. Zion congregation was accepted.

Adjournment.

FIFTH SESSION, WEDNESDAY, 7:45 P. M.  
Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. Leader.

In the absence of Hon. J. C. Weller and Mr. W. C. Burrell, the subject—"How can teachers be made to feel the importance and responsibility of their positions?"—was discussed by Rev. E. P. Skyles, Dr. W. P. Shaw, Rev. Leader, Rev. Johnston and Hon. C. J. Otto.

Mrs. D. H. Leader kindly consented to favor the convention with a solo.

The report of committee on Resolutions was read and accepted.

The Convention then adjourned to meet in one year at the Mt. Zion church.

The sessions throughout were interesting and instructive, and THE STAR'S reporter, Miss Janet McKinley, offers the following very appropriate comment:

The Sunday school convention is a benefit physically and spiritually. Its aim is to advance the interests of the Sunday school. Here questions are discussed from which Sunday school workers may gather material for more efficient work.

The aim of the Sunday school should be to cultivate Christian fellowship and advance the Kingdom of Christ. To accomplish this, we realize the necessity of co-operation of all the members of the school. Much can be done where all work together, and much fails for want of this.

Through the influence of the members of the Sunday school let the parents be made to realize the importance of Sunday school work, so that they may be able to train their children spiritually and bring the wayward to Christ.

In a physical disease the cause must be found before a cure can be effected;

so with a lack of interest, which is a spiritual disease. This interest may be awakened by thorough preparation of lessons, by variation in the opening service, by music, or giving a work to perform in the management of the school.

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