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SUNDAY SCHOOL MEET

TENTH INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION TO BE HELD AT DENVER.

Delegates From All Over the World to Discuss Lessons Series—Important Changes May Be Made—Temperance Question an Issue.

For some time Denver has been preparing its holiday clothes to welcome the tenth international Sunday school convention, which meets in that city June 29-30. The convention will be international as well as international, and there will be quite as general participation in it by the churches of the world as there will be by the great Sunday schools.

While but from 1,200 to 1,500 delegates will attend the convention, the visitors will likely number several thousand. The reception will be upon what is known as the Harvard plan—that is, the delegates will be housed in the private homes of Denver. The meetings will tend to be more or less historic in the Sunday school world, inasmuch as it may be voted to take the next convention to the city of Jerusalem.

The international convention is a delegated body representing auxiliary associations and standing for the organized co-operation of Sunday school interests. The international lesson is the chief fruit of the associations, and, while the international convention meets but triennially, there are held under its auspices 10,000 or more annual local conventions. Through these the best and most practical methods are promoted, the standard of teaching is raised, and Sunday school extension is furthered. One of the functions of the international convention is the election of a lesson committee to prepare the international series for 1906-11.

This committee came into existence at Indianapolis in 1872 and is, first and last, only a committee of selection. It does not prepare expostions of the lessons. These are entirely the product



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of publishing houses and their writers. The committee has always asked advice and suggestion from outside, Biblical scholars and Sunday school workers being asked to co-operate in order that lessons which may best meet the needs of the entire constituency of the series will be selected. How large this constituency was is told at the Atlanta convention in 1899, when it was reported that 13,034,728 pupils in North America were studying these lessons from Sunday to Sunday.

The lessons committee is composed of fifteen American members and a British section of eight correspondents. The American members are selected from various denominations from different parts of this country and Canada. Of the British section six members reside in London, one in Calcutta, India, and one in Melbourne, Australia. Mr. B. F. Jacobs, Baptist, of Chicago has belonged to every lesson committee since the plan was adopted. Dr. Schaeffer, Presbyterian, of New York has been almost as long service, while Bishop Vincent of the Methodist church, now a resident of Europe, has always been active in the interest of the international series.

There are two live questions to come before the Denver meeting. One of them is whether the number of temperance lessons shall be decreased. Under the present arrangement four temperance lessons are interspersed each year into the otherwise consecutive and logical series. Pressure will be brought at Denver to have this number reduced to two.

The other question is the breaking of the uniformity of the lessons. This uniformity has already been broken in a slight measure by the adoption of the junior series. Now it is proposed to further break it by the adoption of a senior series. The opponents of this measure fear that if this is done the uniformity of the lessons will disappear forever, and with that uniformity will go much of the reason for the existence of such lessons and the selecting committee.

It is estimated that in North America 150,000 Sunday schools now use the international lessons series.

The convention is supported financially by the state organizations, and the \$12,000 or so which it annually spends is secured through pledges made by the auxiliaries at the triennial gatherings.

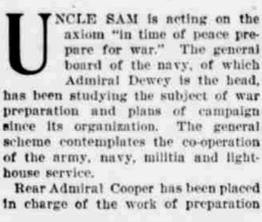
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Dazed Individual—The door, please, if you will be so kind. I've been hunting for two hours.—Ohio State Journal.

TUNING UP THE NAVY

Extensive Maneuvers Planned For This Summer and Next Winter

UNCLE SAM is acting on the axiom "in time of peace prepare for war." The general board of the navy, of which Admiral Dewey is the head, has been studying the subject of war preparation and plans of campaign since its organization. The general scheme contemplates the co-operation of the army, navy, militia and light-house service.

Rear Admiral Cooper has been placed in charge of the work of preparation



ADMIRAL DEWEY.

on the east coast of the country, while Rear Admiral Kempf has been assigned to similar duty on the Pacific. Another officer doubtless will be assigned to the gulf. These officers will inspect conditions in their districts and act under instructions from the general board. In conjunction with the scheme of defense plans for the grandest naval maneuvers ever undertaken by the United States government have been made. These include a naval drill and mimic battles by the north Atlantic squadron this summer and naval maneuvers in the West Indies next winter, in which almost the entire navy will take part.

First it is proposed to have maneuvers of the army and navy with the object of defending the Long Island sound approach to New York from a supposed hostile fleet. This will take place during the summer cruise of the north Atlantic squadron. This squadron will be increased to fifteen war vessels, and it is the intention to have 10,000 troops, regulars and militia, participate in the maneuvers.

On one side, as the plan has been outlined by the navy department, there will be the battleships Kearsarge, Massachusetts and Indiana and the gunboats Marietta, Machias, Cincinnati and Winslow. Opposed to these will be the battleships Illinois, Iowa and Alabama and the gunboats Dolphin, Eagle and one other. Rear Admiral Higginson, on the Olympia, will command one fleet, while Rear Admiral Coghlan, on the Brooklyn, will lead the other.

This sort of work President Roosevelt regards as of great benefit. He proposes to have the army and navy engage in maneuvers of this kind with a view of giving them more experience and training in warfare than they can get in any other way.

On a much more extensive scale will be the maneuvers in the Caribbean sea next winter, orders for which have been issued by the navy department. Of maintaining the lead the United States now holds over all other nations in naval gunnery.

At these drills many other problems besides accuracy of fire are worked out. As important as either rapidity or accuracy is the question of ammunition supply. For however fast a gun may fire or however straight it may shoot these advantages may be lost if the shells and powder cannot be transferred from the magazine to the gun fast enough to maintain it continuously in action.

One reason for our proficiency in gunnery is the method of training the men, by which individual excellence is produced, as opposed to the system in vogue in some foreign countries, which makes the man behind the gun but an insignificant part of a machine largely replacing his own thinking apparatus.

As practice makes perfect, our present high standard in target practice is largely due to the frequent drills and liberal expenditure of ammunition. The yearly allowance for each gun has lately been increased, that for the various calibers now being 10, 12 and 13 inch guns, 9 rounds; 7 and 8 inch guns, 13 rounds; 4, 4.7, 5 and 6 inch guns, 18 rounds; 3 inch (11 pounder) guns, 26 rounds; 6 pounder guns, 72 rounds.

This represents the number of rounds with full size projectiles allotted to each gun in the service, but it is no measure of the practice obtained.

A comprehensive scheme of what is known as sub-caliber practice has been arranged by which target shooting, closely simulating service conditions, may be carried on with big guns, but instead of firing away the large and expensive projectiles much smaller ones are used.

NEW PORTO RICAN LEADER.

Heads Movement For Complete Autonomy For the Island.

Rosendo Matienzo Cintron is the most prominent figure in Porto Rico politics at the present time. He is the recognized leader of the islanders in a new departure which has for its object the complete Americanization of the island.

They want the United States congress to so amend the Foraker law that Porto Rico shall have practically a territorial organization and be represented in the national congress by a dele-

gate. Further, they want the executive council, the upper house of the island legislature, made an elective body and its complete separation from administrative functions. In short, the new party wants complete autonomy.

This position appeals to the people. It has always been the favorite doctrine of the Federal party, and now that an esteemed leader of the Republicans has unfurled the banner of complete autonomy thousands of the islanders are rushing to his standard. So emphatic has been this expression of the people that the Republican organization of the island has signified its purpose to fall in with this popular demand and urge an amendment to the Foraker law to change the upper house to an elective body.

Rosendo Matienzo Cintron, the man who leads the new departure, is a member of the executive council and a gentleman of integrity, affability and eloquence. He has heretofore been a Republican, but now heads the opposition to the existing state of affairs and proposes an era of good feeling by obliterating party lines. He proposes that the people get together and labor for the welfare of Porto Rico by dealing directly for the people and not for any party. He is very prominent as a spiritualist, and that faith pervades the island pretty thoroughly. All of this faith are his strenuous supporters.

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