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### COUNTY SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION ON SUNDAY LAST.

### MANILLA ENTERTAINS ROYALLY

Reports Show Progress Along Sunday School Lines.

The county Sunday school convention was held at Manilla on June 28 in the Methodist church which had invited the gathering one year ago. Promptly at 11:00 in the morning the pastor, Rev. Cable, led the devotional exercises, and there was good singing. The address of the session was made by Mr. Curtis, the secretary of the Y. C. A., at Council Bluffs. After complimenting this part of Iowa on its magnificent appearance from an agricultural point of view he gave an interesting talk relating some of his experiences in helping young men. He said that the original idea of his association was to rescue young men, but the best work was to save them before they were wicked and lost and in this the Sunday school was a leading factor. He urged greater endeavor to keep the boys and girls from getting in the ways of sin.

County Secretary Meyers who was present spoke briefly at this time explaining what was being done in many of the schools of the county. At 1:30 the church and school was re-joining over having two members who were about to enter the ministry making seven from this small school, a glorious record. At this time a committee on nomination of officers was named in Messrs Van Slyke, of Manilla and Hoffman, of Denison, also Mrs. Pierce of Denison.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1:30 Rev. Lacey, of the Presbyterian church was on hand to take his part on the program in leading the devotional exercises.

After this came reports. Among these Mrs. E. W. Pierce the Home Department secretary showed that there were in the 22 schools of the county, six with a Home department and these had twenty visitors; 180 members had studied 5000 lessons and contributed \$55. Supt. Van Slyke reported for his M. E. school at Manilla and then others spoke.

The county secretary reported at this time. He was able to state that the county had 22 schools using the international lessons, and these have 244 officers with 2372 scholars enrolled; making the total enrollment 2516. The average attendance of the combined schools was 1612. These figures showed a gain over last year of 551 in scholars enrolled, a gain of 554 in total enrollment and a gain of 219 in average attendance. The great showing was made that 750 Sunday school attendants had signed the temperance pledge. The report last year was 153. Township conventions of much interest had been held in the past year at Buck Grove, Dow City, Kiron and Manilla. The financial report showed that the state pledge of \$41 had been met, convention expenses paid and there was \$2.80 in the treasury.

Prof. Hoffman next conducted a round table in a thorough way. It was developed that the spirit of giving to worthy causes should be encouraged the year around. At Christmas the children would plan to help others having little or nothing; vital religion, doing good for the sake of Christ should be taught to be necessary, over simply being moral; teachers should be well prepared; boys can reach boys best; the presentation of flowers would sometimes open the way to the hearts of the indifferent and finally lead them into coming to the school.

E. W. Pierce next spoke of the Spiritual Mission of the school. He held that workers should look on the Sunday school as a convicting power and strive to get the Holy Spirit into each child's heart. This should be done in the sunrise of life. Teachers to do this must be what they preach. Other things there are to aim at in the school but the great one was the holding the children as a christian from the first or to convert them as soon as possible.

President Van Ness spoke strongly against Sunday base ball but insisted that the religious people must offer something else to do on Sunday equally as interesting.

Rev. DePree, of Denison, was now given the floor to talk to the children about liquor drinking. He came armed with bottles and pans ready to make a showing which would appeal to the sight and smell. He showed that alcohol will burn; that it would spoil milk and eggs, as a poison in the system it did not build up but tore down, and made such a showing that few children would want alcoholic liquor in their systems, Rev. DePree is thoroughly in earnest and is doing

a great work along temperance lines.

The convention adjourned until 7:20.

#### EVENING SESSION.

Mr. Van Slyke, superintendent of the M. E. school had charge of the opening exercises and the choir of this church gave excellent anthems and leadership.

The committee on nominations reported through the chairman, Mr. Van Slyke the following officers for the coming year:

President—W. C. Van Ness, Denison.  
Vice-Pres.—I. B. Alfred, Manilla.  
Sec'y.—Treas.—Chas. K. Meyers, Denison.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

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Primary—Mrs. C. L. Voss, Denison.

Temperance—Sears McHenry, Denison.

Missionary—Mrs. J. B. Lyons, of Denison.

The committee on resolutions reported as follows:

Resolved, That the proceedings of this convention have the more strongly impressed upon the members the helpfulness of the county association work, and we urge all pastors and superintendents to give it assistance.

Resolved, That our thanks are due to Secretary Curtis, of Council Bluffs, Rev. J. J. De Pree, of Denison, for their interesting and instructive addresses before this convention. We know that they made sacrifices of their home work to be with us.

Resolved, That we are pleased with the success of the association, the past year in gaining signers to the temperance pledge and hope the day will soon come when the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors and the crime breeding saloons may be banished from our land by the public opinion of the people.

Resolved, That our county officers are urged to make special effort in the coming year to establish "Home Departments" in every school in the county and to arrange for Missionary and Temperance programs in the schools at least twice each year.

Resolved, That the visit of State Secretary Fitch to our county in February was productive of new enthusiasm in Sunday school work; and that we are pleased with the intelligent manner in which he is handling Sunday school affairs in the state.

Resolved, That the visiting members of the convention have been much pleased with the welcome given them by the citizens of Manilla and extend thanks to the officers of the M. E. church for the use of the building for convention purposes.

**F. L. VAN SLYKE,**  
**I. B. ALFRED,**  
**CHAS. K. MEYERS,**  
Committee.

The great event of the day was the remarkable address of Rev. DePree on the necessity of making sure that the child in the home and in the school was soundly saved, and kept from falling into flagrant sins. He called to mind the fearful condemnation of Jesus on anyone who caused the little ones to go in bad ways. It was said it were better for that man if he were never born; if he comes to judgment with the blood of an innocent child on his hands. Parents in the home, teachers in the schools were urged, pleaded with, commanded to think the most important thing in life the saving of the child. Delivered in the speaker's forceful style, the effect was telling.

At 9:00 the convention adjourned, all declaring that they had been much benefitted. A collection sufficient to pay the expense of the convention was generously given by the people present.

One of the things which will account for the wonderful number of readers which the Review possesses, is that as the young people in the homes marry and set up for themselves they insist on having the old family paper in the new location. The weekly arrival of the Review and reading it becomes a part of the old home life, and there is a desire to add it, to the new. This has been brought to our attention many times, but again on last Saturday night when a young man came in who is running a farm for himself, north of town, and who paid a year ahead. On subscribing he said that he had been used to the paper at his father's house and had been lost without it this spring on leaving home.

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## Sunday School Column

Side Lights on Next Sunday's Lesson for Teachers and Pupils.

By CHAS. K. MEYERS.

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July 12 Saul Chosen King, I Sam. 10:17-27.

The lesson of this day brings to light a most interesting account of the steps leading up to the selection of Saul as the first king of Israel. It will be remembered that Jacob had twelve sons, the youngest of whom was Benjamin. When the Children of Israel conquered the Promised Land the territory was partitioned off like so many counties among the direct descendants of these twelve sons. In addition, the two sons of Joseph were given a share. To the tribe of Benjamin was given a small territory just north of the afterwards located city of Jerusalem. It was from this tribe, the smallest that the king was chosen. His name was Saul and the bible says in I Sam. 9:2, that he was a choice young man, and goodly and there was not among the Children of Israel a goodlier person than he, from his shoulders upward he was higher than any of the people.

Saul was sent one day by his father to find asses which were lost. Failing to secure them, he on the advice of his servant, went to consult Samuel the seer and prophet. Samuel was divinely directed to know that this young man was the one to be called as the king, so he detained his guest and gave to him honors due the chosen one of God. Saul was very modest and remonstrated against the idea that his small tribe and his unheard of family should have the kingship. Samuel would not be turned aside. He poured a vial of oil on Saul's head and told him of things to happen soon, which on occurring should show him that he was truly the chosen one of God, for king. The record says that soon after, God gave him another heart, and he did and said things which showed this to all observers.

In a few days all the representatives of the people came together at Mizpeh and there chose a king. Of course in the end the office fell on one Saul of the tribe of Benjamin. He was found in hiding but was brought forth and the people hailed him as their king and leader. He did not assume his office until later when certain enemies of his people came up to oppress them, when he called his men to arms, and utterly destroyed the invaders. We call attention to a few practical thoughts to be gained from this lesson.

First, Samuel having been told by God that the green country boy, who had never even heard of Samuel, the seer, was the chosen king, hesitated not in acting. He gave him kingly honors, anointed him with oil, acted as if there could be no question in the matter. This was faith, the very kind that you and I need today. God has told us very many vital things and when we understand them, we should shape our lives as if these were absolutely true.

Second, Abraham, Isaac, Joseph, Moses, Samuel, Saul, David and Daniel were all good boys, and good men when chosen for great things in the history of the Jewish people. Their lives were right, long before the particular things were given them to do, which made them distinguished. We thus see that a good life, faithfulness, leads to honors in this world from God.

Third, God gave Saul a new heart and added strength of mind and body when He called him to the new duties and responsibilities. So He will help us when we start out as His representative in the world.

Fourth, Although the Israelites were doing wrong in taking for a king, God did not cut them off from His care, but directed whom their king should be, and helped them. So although we are not perfect in obedience to Him, He does not withdraw love and care, but by this, would show us the path to do right.

Fifth, While God may choose a man for great things and give him opportunity to accomplish, He will not sustain him if he is not humble—but rather he become hard hearted, selfish, disobedient. It will be found later on that Saul became all these and was dethroned with dishonor.

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