THREE NATIONS AND SEA ISLES SEND DELEGATES

Pilgrims From All States of the Union, With Alaska, Mexico and Cuba Represented

Committee on Lessons Will Prepare Lists While on Mount Tamalpais

With th fervant exultation of the Hallelujah chorus from Handel's "The Messiah," sung by 1,000 voices and felt by 7,000 auditors last night at the Coliseum pavilion in Baker street, opposite the park hanhandle, the thirteenth triennial international Sunday school convention of North America was inaugurated in San Francisco. Properly speaking, the sessions of the convention do not begin until Wednesday, when there will be a mass meeting at the Coliseum in the evening. The conferences of the home mission workers, an important feature of the convention week, begin this morning at the same assembly hall, but the concert given last evening was characteristic of the convention—the esthetic opening of the convention.

All day yesterday trains came in from the north, east and south bearing the Sunday school pilgrims to their Christian Mecca. On the high wall of the Coliseum last evening was a banner with the paraphrase: "Westward the star of Bethlehem takes his way." The star had been followed by several thousand Sunday school workers who arrived in San Francisco from every state in the union, from Alaska, from all the Canadian provinces and from Mexico. Cuba and Porto Rico also will be represented at the convention, which, it is believed by the workers, will be the largest and most important gathering ever held by the international Sunday school association.

PRESIDENT CAN'T ATTEND

Great disappointment was felt yesterday when it became known that John Stites of Louisville, Ky., president of the International Sunday school association, could not be here. Stites is the head of a large trust company in Louisville, and pressing of business will prevent his attending the session. George W. Penniman, chairman of the publicity committee, received a telegram yesterday from Stites, in which it was definitely stated that the president of the association could not be in San Francisco.

In the absence of President Stites, the work of conducting the sessions will fall upon the vice presidents, of whom the following will be present: Rev. H. H. Bell of San Francisco, the first vice president; A. B. McCrillis, Providence, R. I.; E. H. Nichols, Chicago, Ill.; Bishop George W. Clinton, Charlotte, N. C.; W. N. Hartshorn, Boston, Mass., chairman of the executive committee of the association, will be a foremost figure during the convention.

ATTENDANCE PASSES 5,000

The convention which is about to assemble in San Francisco is the thirteenth held by the International Sunday school association. The last was held in Louisville, Ky., in 1908.

There have been 4,540 delegates and alternates assigned to the various states and territories of the United States, the provinces of Canada and to Mexico, Cuba and Porto Rico. California has 40 delegates. It is a rule of the convention that deficiencies in the delegation of any state may be filled by the appointment of alternates or proxies from this city or California, so the convention will be kept up to its full numerical strength. In addition to the delegates and alternates, there will be at the convention from 450 to 500 international and state officers of the association, 196 speakers and 40 ministers, and 250 specially invited speakers and guests, who will assist at special services. That will make in all a total of 5,290 persons in attendance at the convention.

Theer are 174,000 Sunday schools represented in the association and more than 16,000,000 members of Sunday schools. In checking the growth of the schools since the association met three years ago it will be found that the increase in membership will be 1,500,000. A remarkably interesting feature of this numerical developing is that approximately a third of the increase, or from 400,000 to 500,000 individuals, have been men who have taken up Sunday school work as students in the classes and workers in the various activities, such as boys' clubs, playground associations and other social services which have developed recently in the Sunday schools.

PREPARE LESSONS ON TAMALPAIS

The two most important committees which will work in conjunction with the convention are the executive committee, of which George W. Hartshorn is chairman and which controls and directs all Sunday school work on the North American continent, and the Sunday school lessons committee.

The latter committee will meet at Mount Tamalpais tavern, beginning today, and there will prepare the lessons, topics, texts and golden texts for the Sunday schools of the world to be used during the years 1913, 1914 and 1915. The members of this committee who will be present at the conference will be Prof. Ira N. Price of Chicago, Prof. F. C. Eiselen, Evanston, Ill.; Justice J. J. Maclaren, justice of the Ontario court of appeals and former president of the International Sunday school association; Principal Elson I. Rexford, Montreal; Rev. C. R. Hemphill, Louisville, Ky.; Prof. John R. Sampey, Louisville, Ky.; Prof. H. L. Calhoun, Louisville, Ky.; John R. Pepper, Memphis, Tenn.; Prof. M. Coover, Gettysburg, Pa.; Rev. Conrad Clever, Hagertown, Md.; and Bishop W. M. Bell, Los Angeles.

FOUR TOPICS FOR CONVENTION

The executive committee, which numbers 97 member, will meet at the St. Francis hotel at 8 o'clock this evening.

Four important topics of discussion have been outlined for the convention. They are the questions of the appointment of secretaries for the following lines of work: Temperance, intermediate Sunday school classes, for the work among the white people of the south and for work among the negroes of the south.

The concert given in the Coliseum last evening was splendidly attended. The 1,000 and more singers had been chosen from the church choirs of San Francisco and the bay and peninsula cities. The music committee was constituted by Robert Husband, chairman; Wallace A. Sabin, vice chairman; Irving H. Sanborn, secretary; J. J. Morris, Miss Mabel Jones and W. Fletcher Husband. The conductors of the concert were Robert Husband, J. J. Morris and Wallace A. Sabin.

The great hall, decorated with religious banners and the flags of the Christianity is known, was filled with an attentive audience that followed the noble music from the many voices with profound appreciation. The concert closed with the "Hallelujah" chorus.

Sunday School Workers of a Continent Open Session
A Great Army of Singers Storms Melody's Citadel

Scene at the Coliseum last evening when a chorus of 1,000 voices with an orchestra of 100 was heard in the concert opening the thirteenth session of the International Sunday school association. Robert Husband, director of the choral body, which was made up of trained singers from churches in the bay and peninsula cities, is shown in the foreground of the picture.

DURHAM OUTLINES VISITATION WORK

International Superintendent of Movement Addresses Ministers

J. Shreve Durham, international superintendent of visitation work of Sunday schools, who will be one of the prominent speakers at the Sunday school convention, spoke yesterday afternoon at the regular meeting of the Presbyterian ministerial association of the bay cities. The meeting was held at the Presbyterian mission, 920 Sacramento street, and was largely attended.

The plan of the visitation work is to reach every home in a city in a single afternoon, to invite every man, woman and child to visit on a designated day the church of their choice and to secure the record of the church preferences of every person for presentation to the pastor, priest or rabbi preferred.

Durham has been working in the interest of the international association in this state for three weeks and yesterday's public statement was the first he has made on the subject. He explained the method of enrollment as follows:

The territory of an entire city is divided by wards and precincts. Chairmen are placed in charge of the wards and supervisors are given the direction of the work in the precincts. Thousands of visitors are enlisted to report to the leaders, who assign them small sections to visit, and they are sent out two and two, of different denominations where possible. Durham stated that every detail of the plan for organization would be given at the home visitation conference to be held in the Wesley Methodist Episcopal church, Buchanan and Hayes streets, Wednesday forenoon and afternoon, June 21, and Tuesday forenoon, June 27. He also stated that the report of this department to the international convention, as well as several addresses upon the movement, would be made in the Coliseum Thursday afternoon, June 22, and he urged all interested in this work to attend these conferences.

Durham closed his address by referring briefly to the results secured from this work where it has been observed. Four states have observed statewide visitations—Kentucky, Colorado, Texas and Louisiana. As a result of this work there are a number of districts in Kentucky where every man, woman and child is enrolled in some Sunday school, its home department or cradle roll. As a result of this and other organized Sunday school work in Colorado one in five of the entire population of the state is in the Sunday school, while 10 years ago there was only one in twelve. Many of the leading and largest cities of the country have observed the work, including Chicago, Toronto, Denver, Cleveland, New Orleans, Minneapolis, Louisville, Syracuse, Fargo, Mobile, Wheeling, Oklahoma City, Dallas, Spokane and a number of others. He read a few written statements from leading pastors of Chicago giving the results of their Sunday schools and churches from this movement. There were more than 2,000,000 people visited in Chicago and its suburbs. The statements from leaders of Protestant, Jewish and Catholic churches were read.

WOMEN LEADERS DISCUSS DUTIES

Mrs. Mary Foster Bryner, who has the distinction of being the only woman superintendent of a department of the International Sunday School association, arrived here yesterday and began outlining work, receiving her fellow workers and giving interviews before she had fairly finished removing the dust of her travels.

Mrs. Bryner has been actively engaged in directing Sunday school work and traveling from one part of the country to another for the past 13 years. Peoria, Ill., is her birthplace and she calls it home still. When she was 16 she first taught Sunday school and now she is head of the elementary department of the organization, which is holding its thirteenth convention in San Francisco this week.

Mrs. Bryner is cheery, practical, wholesome, enthusiastic and her energy is boundless. She lectures, directs the heads of the 69 provinces or states of the association, and through these heads comes in contact with the Sunday schools throughout the land. Outlining courses, maintaining standards, giving talks, administering advice and all the other things necessary for Sunday school children "under their 'teens," as Mrs. Bryner describes them, keeps her busy—and traveling.

HEADQUARTERS IN CHICAGO

The northwest, the northeast, then the southeast, the central parts of the land and every now and then the great west, are visited in turn by Mrs. Bryner, although the head office, which she goes back to ever and anon, is in Chicago.

Mrs. Bryner's department is divided into four divisions, the "cradle roll," for babies, up to 3 years old, which means simply membership, of course, with reminders of that fact; the "beginners," who are 3, 4 and 5 years old and who have no school training; the primary, which embraces children from 5 to 9 years old, who can read but are not sufficiently advanced to use the bible as a text book; then the highest and last division of the elementary department, the juniors, from 9 to 12 years old.

Yesterday Mrs. Bryner had with her a book made by one of the primary children which was most attractive and unusual. A blank book of generous size, illustrated with texts, written or printed by the young pupil, and suitable pictures painted by the maker of the book, or else photographs of real merit.

WOMEN ARE SUPREME

The elementary section is the one in which women are supreme and they will be the speakers at those sessions devoted to their work. Reports will be heard, discussions will take place and there will be a number of addresses.

On Thursday evening a supper for the elementary workers will be held at the Y. M. C. A., most informal in nature, at which Mrs. Bryner will be the guest of honor.

Another visitor here of considerable note is Mrs. Antoinette. A Lamoreaux, also of Chicago, who is international chairman of the elementary council but who is to devote herself in the future more to the girls who have grown out of the elementary grades. Girls in business, in Sunday school, girls away from home, earning their living, girls in their amusements, in their troubles, under all conditions and in all phases, will be Mrs. Lamoreaux' chief interest hereafter and the subject of an address which she will deliver at a women's mass meeting on Friday evening at the Wesley Methodist church.

"The girl question has always been considered of less importance than the boy question," said Mrs. Lamoreaux, "and is practically untouched, but it is of vastly more moment in the world than the matter of the boys and I want to get at the root of the whole matter. Which is rather a large ambition, I am afraid," she concluded.

She confessed rather smilingly, that there is a Mr. Lamoreaux in Chicago, so she does not do very much traveling but she gives up three months of each year to lecturing for the Methodist church.

You wonder why you have more trouble than other people, and they wonder why you have less trouble than they do.

A shady past seldom has a silver lined future.

No, Alonzo, all fetching girls are not waitresses.

It's a good thing for a man to bump up against the proof of his own unimportance occasionally.

ONE THOUSAND VOICES BLEND MAJESTICALLY

Elasticity of Coliseum Tested by Vibrant Onslaughts of Tone

Many Masterpieces of Choral Composition Interpreted Devotionally

By WALTER ANTHONY

"If the last rehearsal is a good one, look out for the first performance." That is a singer's superstition, as though achieved facility in private just before the public comes to hear precludes proficiency at the testing time. Still the spurious belief is always at hand to provide comfort when choruses rush into a performance half trained, or stands a bogey for accomplishment to kill when a successful performance follows normally on a successful rehearsal.

I hope the concert last night was as successfully sung as the rehearsal yesterday afternoon at the Coliseum. The Sunday school convention chorus met in its entirety for the first time, the orchestra in its entirety and the two bodies, numbering, I should say, about 1,000 altogether, tested the elasticity of the great building by the vibrant onslaughts of their majestically coordinated tone and tempted the workmen in the building to forget their decorating duties and stop to listen to Handel's "Hallelujah," Schubert's "The Almighty," Mozart's "Gloria," from his immortal Twelfth Mass, and the Mendelssohn's woven wonder, "How Lovely Are the Messengers."

CRITIC INVOKES PITY

Pity then the soul of the critic (assuming for the sake of the phrase that he has one), who must choose between Thespis and music's muses, when the choral spell of a converted Terpsichore lures away from the drama. Since it is a law not of my making I do not apologize for my inability to be in two places at once, so Ethel Barrymore and her delightful Barrie plays were responsible for my attendance at the chorus' rehearsal and not at the great singing event last night. In advance I congratulate you who were there to hear the chorus of 1,000 voices sing under the inspiration of an audience of 7,000 or 8,000 souls.

Wallace A Sabin directed his own compositions, "March of the Kings," and "Veni Creator," from his sacred music drama, "St. Patrick at Tara," and the spirited phrases of the former were sung with resounding vigor, exhibiting at once the strength of the male section of the massive choir. Assisting the choir singers were a large number of the Loring club members, whose presence brought the usually too small masculine representation in mixed choruses up to a proper proportion. In this respect let me say that the balance of tone in the choir was the best I have ever heard in a body of equal sie—the usual lack of tenors and bases being overcome by the generous presence of the Loring choristers.

Sitting in a far seat, unobserved by most of the casual listeners at the rehearsal, sat a man whose approval of Sabin's music must have been as sweet to the composer's ears as one of Foote's own songs. Arthur Foote, dean of American composers, who happens to be in town, went out to the Coliseum to hear the Sabin music, and a better judge of male choruses than Foote is would indeed be hard to find, for it was in that department of musical composition that he made his first efforts during his college days, when he was in charge of the Harvard glee club more years ago than I like to recall. Foote was enthusiastic over Sabin's spirited Celtic music, the thrill of which was not wasted as long as two or three had gathered together to listen.

Much unexpected delicacy of tone balance was exhibited in the chorus in Woodward's devotional, "The Radiant Morn has Passed Away," contrasting nicely and effectively with the broad choral finale of the anthem. But it was not so much in dynamic shading that the effectiveness of the chorus rested—a circumstance easily understood in view of the fact that until yesterday the various sections of the monster choral organization had not rehearsed together, but had carried on their work in their home towns—Palo Alto, San Jose, Fresno, Sacramento and the bay cities.

CHORUSES IMPRESSIVE

So it was in the massed effectiveness of their multitudinous voices that their singing will be remembered best and longest—in the choric outbursts of Mozart's "Gloria," in the high tossed, exultant shouts of Handel's "Hallelujah" chorus, and in the close, compact might of Schubert's "Great is Jehovah, the Lord." The tenor solo in the last number was sung by Charles F. Bulotti, whose sympathetic, resonant, lyric voice covered the high reaches of Schubert's melody without strain or disaster, but was sometimes drowned in the tidal beauty of the instrumental and vocal harmonies of orchestra and chorus.

The excellence of the feminine portion of the chorus shone but too briefly in the choral of Gaul's anthem from "The Holy City." The soprano voices were high, clear and unforced, the contraltos somber colored and warm.

It was, indeed, an exellently balanced, homeogeneous tone that this big choir produced under the baton of Robert Husband, whose enthusiasm and persistent work had, it would seem, made the musical introduction to the convention a complete success. He wished me to express for him his gratitude to J. J. Morris, who has assisted in the preparatory work of the separated choirs, and to Wallace Sabin, whose professional attainments have been generously given to the work of drilling and training the mighty choir which did such splendid work yesterday afternoon. R. Fletcher Husband, Lilia Forderer and Miss Mabel Jones assisted in various numbers at the organ, which reinforced the instrumental tone of the large and capable orchestra.

I regret that all of the soloists did not attend the rehearsal, and that the male quartet was absent, too, for then I should have enjoyed the kingly luxury that was afforded you last night—the whole concert.

Just to show that my critical faculties were not completely drowned in the gorgeous sea of sound yesterday afternoon, I must tell you that the Mendelssohn number from "St. Paul" was sung a little too slowly and insecurely in the contrapuntal tangles which Mendelssohn wove in the pattern of his beautiful chorus, and that a lack of action robbed Mozart's "Gloria" of a glint or two of its brilliance. However, the massiveness of the organization and the excellently focused tone sent to the farthest corners of the great raftered room makes criticism carping even when just.

If I had any idea that this chorus of the International Sunday school convention was addicted to the cheap and sometimes blasphemous trivialties of some so called "Sunday school music," I was soon disabused of the notion. It devoted itself triumphantly to the masterpieces of choral composition, and added to the esthetic splendor of the music the devotional spirit which inspired it.

Railroad School Represented

OAKLAND, June 19.—The railroad mission Sunday school, which has an interesting history, will have a large delegation at the international Sunday school convention in San Francisco. This society was organized in a passenger coach more than 50 years ago and is now housed in a large brick building in Chicago, Ill., with a membership of over 1,000.

One of the earliest workers in the movement was H. Schellhaas of Oakland, who, when a mere boy, collected money for his Sunday school when it was badly in need of funds for missionary work. Schellhaas with his sister went among the merchants of Chicago with a polished ox horn and had it filled with pennies, the sum totaling $23.

Schellhaas will attend the meetings in San Francisco.

LANGUAGE OF GLOVE ADOPTED BY FLIRTS

The latest fad in Paris salons is the language of gloves. It has been announced as being practiced among "the young women of the nobility in England—the country of flirts"—and to be more expressive than the Spanish language of the fan. To say "yes" one glove must be dropped, and to mean "no" the gloves are rolled in the right hand. To indicate that you wish to be followed, strike the left shoulder with the gloves. On the contrary, to express that you do not wish to be followed, or that you are quite indifferent, partly unglove the left hand.

"I don't like you any longer" is expressed by giving a few taps on the chin with the gloves. "I hate you" is shown by turning the gloves inside out. When you smooth the gloves it means "I wish to be near you," and to express "I love you," drop both gloves.

If you wish to know if you are loved, ask the question by wearing a glove on the left hand with the thumb uncovered. To express "Be careful, we are observed," turn the gloves round the fingers, and to show you are vexed, strike the hand with the gloves; but if you are furiously vexed, strike quickly, but not enough to draw attention.

BACK OF HAND AS BEST MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION

Doctor Camassion suggests a new method of identification. After long study he has come to the conclusion that the back of the hand possesses advantages over the fingers.

He says the veins on the back of the hand are never the same on each hand, and the hands of two persons possess such distinct markings that they can never be taken one for the other. The differences become most apparent when the hand is clenched.

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