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THE 8TH WORLD'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

By Arthur T. Arnold, Secretary World's Convention

The Eighth World's Sunday School Convention held at Tokyo, Japan, from October Fifth to Fourteenth in its outstanding features was the greatest event of its kind in history.

Before its close the 1814 accredited delegates from five continents and seventeen countries of the world saw this great gathering assume international significance of first magnitude, assuring that it would go down in history as a potent influence of universal brotherhood and world peace among nations.

THE PATRONS ASSOCIATION.

In preparing for this Convention the National Sunday School Association of Japan, of which Hon. S. Ebara, M. P., is chairman, had the active support of "The Patrons Association" which included great leaders of high rank as well as many of Japan's distinguished business and professional men. Viscount Shibusawa and Baron Sakatani were the leading spirits in this big enterprise.

This great Christian enterprise also had the moral and financial support of His Majesty the Emperor of Japan who contributed Yen 50,000 (\$25,000.)

THE CONVENTION BUILDING.

The first design of the great Convention Hall was made by a missionary architect, Mr. W. M. Vorles, and was developed and executed by Mr. Furubashi, a Christian architect of Tokyo. The building had every modern convenience, providing offices, accommodations for the chorus and a dining hall seating 400. It was located near Tokyo's Central Railroad Station at cost of Yen 180,000 (\$90,000.)

BUILDING BURNS.

Three hours before the first session of the Convention, due to an unavoidable accident, the building was entirely destroyed by fire in less than thirty minutes, without the loss of life, though the building at the time was swarming with people including a chorus of 500 voices.

STATUARY SPARED.

A beautiful piece of statuary designed by one of Japan's leading sculptors entitled "Christ Blessing the Children of the World" was spared and still stands before the ashes of the consumed building as a reminder of the munificence of the Japanese people and the earnest of the extension of His Kingdom through the cultivation of "the seed ground for the future."

IMPERIAL THEATRE OPENED.

Premier Hara of the Empire, expressed his willingness for the Halls of the Imperial Diet to be used for the Convention.

The strong men of the nation rallied to our support in this crisis and led the Viscount Shibusawa and Baron Sakatani, adequate provision was made by the proffer of the Imperial Theatre with a seating capacity of 2,300 by Baron Okura in the name of its Board of Directors.

MESSAGES OF SYMPATHY.

Cablegrams, telegrams and letters of sympathy came from all parts of the world and offers of financial support in the crisis were freely made but respectfully declined by the Japanese leaders.

The magnificent spirit of the Japanese people was voiced by Baron Sakatani, who, after the destruction of the building, in an address, said: "Let us go forward with courage."

Cablegrams, telegrams and letters of goodwill and sympathy were received from President Woodrow Wilson, the Honorable Lloyd George the Imperial Greek Government through Charge d'Affaires S. X. Constantinidi, who was an accredited delegate, the Honorable Arthur Meigham, Premier of Canada, Viscount Kentaro Kaneko for the Japan American Society, the Most Rev.

Randall, Archbishop of Canterbury, (Honorable Edward Bell) Charge d'Affaires for the United States at Tokyo, Honorable John Wanamaker, Dr. J. W. Jowett, Governor Cox, Senator Harding and others.

MANY DISTINGUISHED MEN PRESENT.

The Convention delegation included many distinguished missionaries, ministers, educators, business men and leaders in the field of religious education from all parts of the world.

PRESENTATION OF GAVEL.

Justice J. J. Maclaren, the presiding officer of the Convention, was presented with a gavel made of oak by Prince Tokugawa, who suggested that "the wood was the symbol of the strength of truth."

THE CONVENTION PROGRAM.

The Convention program was built around the General Theme—"The Sunday School and World Progress," and a daily theme which expressed the special emphasis of each day. The program was a masterly production which evidenced the large vision and statesmanship of Dr. Frank L. Brown, Mr. James W. Kinnear and the Program Committee. A rare balance was preserved giving to the delegates instruction and inspiration. The morning and evening sessions were given over to general sessions, which on each afternoon specialization conferences were held.

PAGEANTRY, MUSIC AND ART.

Under the direction of Prof. and Mrs. H. Augustine Smith, assisted by Japanese leaders, a rare program of Pageantry, Music and Art was provided which closely related to the theme.

This program included four great pageants, stereopticon lectures, instruction in Sunday School Music, as well as inspirational song services. This work carried us to greater heights than could have been reached by addresses alone and deepened the impressions made by the speakers.

In paying tribute to the pageantry Viscount Shibusawa said: The pageants were beautiful, grand and still delicate. In Japan and other countries they attempt such things but the efforts are partial, small in scale and lack delicateness of presentation."

UNVEILING OF PORTRAITS.

Portraits in oil of Their Majesties, the Emperor and Empress of Japan, gifts from the delegates, were unveiled at the Imperial Theatre with appropriate ceremony. They were later presented by a special committee to Their Majesties at the Imperial Household.

These portraits were the work of the distinguished Canadian artist, Mr. J. W. L. Forster, a delegate from Toronto, and are the first ever made of the Japanese Imperial Family by a western artist.

Portraits of our fallen leaders were also unveiled, including Mr. Edward K. Warren, Dr. George W. Bailey, and Sir Robert Laidlaw. An oil portrait of Rev. Hiromichi Koza, ki, the present President of the National Sunday School Association of Japan, was presented by the Association.

SPECIAL COURTESIES.

With rare grace and elaborate preparation in perfect keeping with this great World enterprise the Japanese people entertained the officers and delegates of the Convention at social functions.

Two complimentary excursions with chartered trains were given all delegates to Kamakuru, the ancient capital of Japan, and to Yokohama one of her great seaport cities, where the visitors were royally entertained by the Governors, Mayors and the leading citizens of these great municipalities.

The Patrons Association enter-

PROFITEERS DESCRIBED

In a sermon on Armistice Day at Columbia University Dr. Herbert Shipman, Rector of Heavenly Rest church, New York City, lashes the war profiteers. He consigns them to the deepest pit of hell, saying: "he condemned the men who stayed at home and made dirty money while passing as patriots."

His Poem.

The poem which he quoted to the congregation follows: You have decked your frowsy wives with borrowed splendors, You have hung your daughters' necks with stolen pearls; Have you thought about the other wives, the lenders, Or the harlots made to decorate your girls?

You have fashioned from the needs of sick and dying, From the souls of children pleading for the right, Ready cash today to do your Christmas buying; Ready cash to pay your prostitute tonight.

You have coined your althy gold from blood and sorrow; There are soldiers' graves across the fields of France; Whence the dead through you upon tomorrow Will rise to damn your profits with a glance.

All the deathless deed, worth doing and worth telling, All the things that noble men hold high and true, All but seemed to you for buying and for selling, All to serve a greasy human vulture—you.

God! That better men should toil and sweat and labor, Bear the cross and climb up calvaries of pain; While the crawling ghouls that spare not friend or neighbor Damn the world to make a crucible for gain.

If in blackest hell, O Lord, there be a blacker; If beneath the deepest pit, a deeper pit; Not for harlot, thief, or coward slacker. But for these, that blackest, deepest hell is fit. Profiteers of every sort and kind and fashion, Where you tread full many other feet have trod; You are ranged against the power of Christ's own passion; Hark! Behind you walk the searching feet of God.

tained 1,500 people at the Imperial Theatre on Thursday night with an elaborate box dinner, music and pageantry, at which Baron Sakatani presided making the opening address. Viscount Shibusawa's address was read by his secretary and responses were made by Count Y Uchida, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Chief Justice Maclaren and Dr. Frank L. Brown.

On Friday morning the officers and speakers were entertained royally at the Noble's club.

On the last night the Emperor sent a message by a personal representative expressing the interest of the Imperial Household in the success of the Convention. This is without precedent in the history of Japan.

TOKYO MUNICIPALITY ENTERTAINS.

A reception was given by the City of Tokyo at Hibiy Park by a large company of her municipal officers. A large number greatly appreciated the cordial welcome and the elaborate supper. An address was made by His Honor the Mayor Viscount Tajiri, who said: "We appreciate your coming to Tokyo, for you come

Walking About Zion

By Bishop J. S. Caldwell.

On my way South, I spent a few hours at Livingstone College, Salisbury, N. C. I found the school over-run with students. Prof. Suggs reports the largest enrollment in the history of the College. The auditorium which is in the course of erection, is near completion.

I have been reminding the Alumni that the collection of \$2,500 for seating the auditorium is progressing nicely. Circles are being formed in many of the cities.

The Publication House under Manager Watkins, is moving forward. New machinery is being placed, and the force is being augmented by proficient and capable workmen. The Christmas offering device is meeting with hearty response. Drs. Alleyne, Moppins and Smith are leading out splendidly. Let's make the contest worth while.

Bishop Clinton reports the Western North Carolina Conference on tiptoe with enthusiasm for the Ter-Centenary collection for the year.

The whole Church is ablaze with the spirit of lifting the Church financially to higher ground. The conference will be heard from in no uncertain way as to the Ter-Centenary collection this fall.

I spent a few hours with the Hon. J. C. Dancy, Church Extension Secretary, a few days ago. I found him cheerful, although confined to his room. Dr. Dancy is a familiar figure in Zion, and one of the best known and most capable men of the race. Let the whole Church pray for his speedy recovery.

The Georgia Annual Conference

By Rev. George M. Warthen.

The Fifty-third session of the Georgia Annual Conference was called to order by Bishop W. L. Lee, D. D. in the beautiful A. M. E. Zion church, Jersey, Ga. The night previous to the opening of the conference most of the pastors and delegates were on hand awaiting the opening of the conference next morning. It was suggested while waiting for the completion of arrangements the time be utilized with a sermon. Rev. R. A. Clark, pastor of Lafayette Circuit, was selected, who preached a most encouraging sermon from I Samuel, 13, 14. Subject: "Obedience."

The assignment of homes was gladly received by the many weary travelers.

Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock Rev. F. H. Hubbard preached the opening sermon to the delight of all present.

Rev. E. Boyce, the pastor in charge who has served this church four years, and a perfect fit here, had everything in readiness. The usual form of opening was observed throughout the conference.

The organization was perfected by electing the following: Rev. J. S. Campbell, Secretary and Compiler; Rev. D. P. Thomas, Statistician; Rev. G. M. Warthen, Reporter to the papers.

Rev. D. P. Thomas delivered the Annual sermon on the first night of

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President Of Hayti Assails U. S. Minister

Charges No Tact and False Reports.

Marine Probe Is Declared Useless; Holds Civil Officials Caused Trouble.

By Wilbur Forrest.

PORT AU PRINCE, Hayti, Nov. 13.—President Dartiguenave, in an interview with the Tribune correspondent at the national palace this morning, demanded that the American Congress investigate the conduct of the United States civil officers in Hayti.

The President named specifically the American Minister, Arthur Bailly-Blanchard, and the financial adviser, who, the President charged, had not carried out the terms of the Haytian-American treaty, had put President Dartiguenave in a false position by misrepresenting his utterances in their reports to the State Department in Washington, and had been guilty of lacking entirely in tact and co-operation.

The President said that complaint against these two officials had been constant throughout these five years.

"From 1915 to date the government has had cause for bitter complaint against the American Minister, other civil functionaries and officials charged with carrying out the terms of the treaty," said the President. "If the government and people of the United States went to the Haytian people to consider this treaty the starting point of their independence it is necessary for a Congressional commission to come here and investigate the civil administrators of the treaty.

"There must be an American Minister who is wise and enlightened. Blames Them for Unrest.

The President's manner was extremely affable. He spoke freely and with evident sincerity, laying the greatest blame of the trouble in

Bishop G. C. Clement On The Job

By Rev. J. H. McMullen.

The Ohio Conference has come and gone for this session and the enthusiasm and inspiration created through the frank, fair and practical leadership of Bishop Geo. C. Clement, is unbounding. We had an opportunity to study the Bishop at close range, and whatever misgivings may have lurked in the minds of the members of this conference vanished when without pomp, or anything resembling it, he calmly entered into the work of the conference as a veteran and master of his job. Experienced from every angle of the Church's operations, and the added knowledge of the work of a pastor in our system of Church activities, he at once won the admiration of Bishop George Lincoln Blackwell, A. M., D. D., the champion financier of the Board of Bishops, in putting across big things, hence what was thought impossible with respect to the Ter-Centenary budget in the Ohio Conference was met without argument or spur, other than a frank statement of the great needs of the Church in building up the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. Bishop Clement is too big and open-minded to stoop to anything mean or little in the affairs of the local church, either touching the work of his ministers or the good of the churches. We all loved and still love Bishop Caldwell, but we are perfectly satisfied that we have in his successor an "Israelite" indeed whom we are glad to follow.

We are charmed also with the active and helpful work rendered the Bishop by his accomplished wife, Mrs. Emma C. Clement in fostering the missionary spirit and taking the women workers of the conference into her confidence. Her charming voice, together with her instrumental and vocal musical ability and culture make her a splendid asset to the conferences over which her great husband presides.

Ohio will be in the limelight dur-