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W. C. T. U. CONVENTION

(By GUARDIAN Special Correspondent.)

HALIFAX, Nov. 11, 1899.

Convention opened this morning at 9.45. Mrs. Rutherford in the chair. Roll call showed 15 officers, 49 delegates and three fraternal delegates. Reports of Superintendents were again taken up. An invitation from Lord William Seymour, to visit the Citadel, assuring them every attention, was received by Convention with applause.

Moved by Mrs. Atkinson, of N. B., and seconded by Mrs. McRae, of P. E. I., that communications be sent to Lady William Seymour and Lady Daly, wife of Governor Daly, inviting them to attend Dominion W. C. T. U. Convention now in session. This was carried unanimously.

On motion of Mrs. Thornley, Mrs. Matheson, of Charlottetown, was made an honorary Delegate of Convention.

Afternoon session opened at 2 p. m., Mrs. Rutherford in the chair. Mrs. Whitman of Casco, Superintendent of Sailors, gave a good report of her Department. P. E. I. "Y's" have done a good work, and the W. C. T. U. of Charlottetown have a number of sailor's "Comfort Bags" in readiness for next year's work. The Superintendent of Scientific Temperance Instruction for the Dominion gave an encouraging report. P. E. I. reported good work done in this department. Miss Dougall, of Montreal, one of Canada's great writers, daughter of the late John Dougall, of the Montreal Witness, gave the report of Temperance Grocery work. Mrs. Rutherford reported for the Women's Journal, and urged the member to be loyal to their own official organ. On motion it was agreed that Miss McRae, of Charlottetown be authorized to receive subscriptions for the Women's Journal during Convention. A cordial invitation from Mrs. Chas. Archibald of Halifax was given to all the delegates and officers to take tea at her home on Tuesday evening next at 5.30. Mrs. Matheson of Charlottetown speaks to the children of the North Baptist S. School on Sunday afternoon, a large number of the city pulpits will be filled by Convention ladies on Sunday.

Nine representatives from P. E. I. are attending Convention. The Mayor of Halifax will give, officers, delegates and visitors a drive before Convention closes.

Each delegate and officer has been presented with a guide book and a half dozen car tickets. The Halifax people are kindness itself and we are right royally entertained.

A "Y" conference takes place tonight. Miss Stevedon of Charlottetown represents P. E. I. "Y's".

S. S. LESSON

NOVEMBER 19.
GOLDEN TEXT.

The ears of all the people were attentive unto the book of the law Neh. 8. 3.

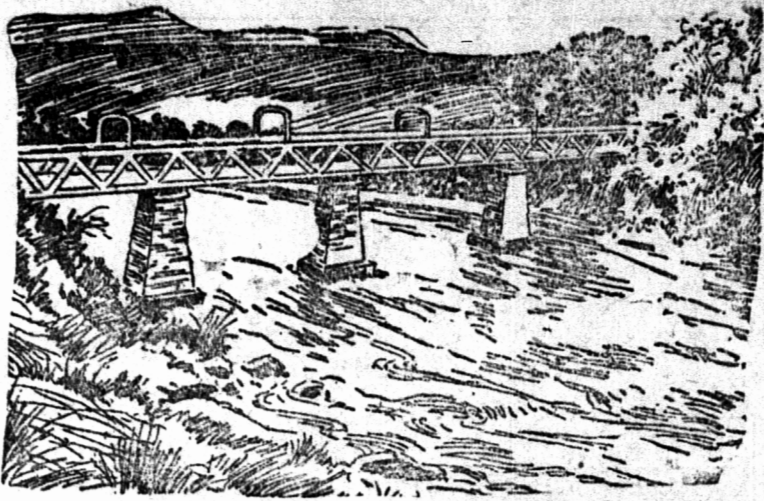
OUTLINE.

1. Reading the Word, v. 1-6.
 2. Teaching the Word, v. 7-8.
 3. Receiving the Word, v. 9-12.
- Time.—About B. C. 444.
Place.—Jerusalem.

LESSON HELPS.

1. "The street that was before the water gate"—This gate led from the temple to the brook Kidron. "Ezra the scribe"—The scribe was more than a scribe or copyist; he was a man of learning, and edited what he wrote and prepared a commentary upon it. "To bring the book of the law of Moses," which Ezra had revised and written out in the Chaldean character.

2. "All that could hear with understanding"—One must hear and then understand. To comprehend spiritual truth there must be a spiritual state of mind. Prayer aids the intellect. "Upon the first day of the seventh month"—On the first day of the civil year, which was ushered in by the sounds of trumpets, and on the first day of a holiday feast of the trumpets. It was about the time of the



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autumnal equinox. The ecclesiastical year began in the spring of the month Nisan, at which time the Jews came out of Egypt.

3. "The ears of all people were attentive," as well they might be, for they were not familiar with the book of the law.

4. "A pulpit of wood"—A raised platform, so that the reader of the law could be seen and heard. Many so-called pulpits seem intended to partly hide the preacher from his congregation. Ezra's pulpit was not of that kind. "Beside him stood," etc.—Thirteen men whose names live in history because they aided Ezra in a religious service.

5. "All the people stood up"—Out of respect for the sacred word. Let us reverence the services of the church.

6. Blessed be the Lord for the law which he had given and which was now to be read. Let us be thankful for the Holy Scriptures.

7. "Caused them to understand the reading"—Ancient Hebrew was partly lost by the Jews in their seventy years of captivity. The law in Hebrew was read by Ezra, and those beside him translated it to the Chaldean dialect, and gave brief explanations. Besides the interpretation, some of the rites and ceremonies had to be explained, as the feast of the tabernacles. The law was (1) distinctly, which refers, not to pronunciation, but means with some exposition; (2) the sense was given—its value shown, and (3) in such a way as to make the truth clear and impressive.

8. "This day is holy"—The holidays were then holy days. This was the first day of the civil year. All the people

wept, partly for joy over a long-lost national treasure. They heard Jehovah speaking to them out of the past. Joy prompted tears.

9. "Send portions unto them," etc.—While feasting think of those who of necessity are fasting, and give something to them out of your abundance. As God gives his truth, and we joy over it, so let the hand of charity be open, that the poor and needy may also rejoice.

10. "Because they had understood"—Truth prompted to joy and joy to charity. Truth does not sadden, but the memory of sins may, and ought to, until we repent and are forgiven.

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