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SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION,

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CONVENTION OF
Superintendents, Teachers and Friends
OF SABBATH SCHOOLS OF NEW-JERSEY.

CALL ISSUED SEPT. 1, 1858.

Dear Brother :

It is desired that a Convention of the Superintendents, Teachers and Friends of Sabbath Schools connected with all the Evangelical Churches in the State of New-Jersey, be held at the SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, in the CITY OF NEW-BRUNSWICK, N. J., on Wednesday, the 3d day of November, to consult in respect to the *establishment* of Sabbath School Associations throughout our State; to effect a more *thorough*, systematic and efficient effort in bringing *every* child in the State under *religious* influence and instruction; and for prayer and conference in regard to this important aid to the Church of Christ.

Will you favor the Associations represented, by requesting your Sabbath School to send a delegation (of from one to five members, as the School may elect,) to this Convention, and to inform us, by early mail, of their action.— Address either of the undersigned.

Fraternally Yours,

E. V. GLOVER, Cor. Secretary Camden S. S. A.

ALEX. PROUDFIT, Cor. Sec. p.t. N. Brunswick S. S. A.

It is difficult to get the address of every Pastor or Superintendent, therefore the brother receiving this invitation will confer a favor by requesting all the Schools in his vicinity to respond.

The following gentlemen were appointed from the Schools in this City, by the New-Brunswick Sunday School Union, as a Committee of Arrangements:

PROF. WM. IRVIN,	P. P. RUNYON,	J. P. LANGDON,
JOHN HELM,	J. H. SILCOCKS,	A. B. BUZZEE,
JOHN W. CORTLEYOU,	MINER SWICK,	A. J. SEBRING,
FRANCIS VAN VRANKEN.	A. P. PEEK.	

CONVENTION OF
 Superintendents, Teachers and Friends
 OF HEBRAIC SCHOOLS OF NEW JERSEY.

CALL ISSUED APRIL 1 1888.

It is desired that a Convention of the Superintendents, Teachers and Friends of Hebraic Schools connected with all the Evangelical Churches in the State of New Jersey, be held at the SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH in the CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J. on Wednesday, the 24 day of November, to discuss in regard to the establishment of Hebraic School Associations throughout our State, to effect a more harmonious systematic and efficient effort in behalf of every child in the State under religious influences and instruction, and for the purpose and conference in regard to this important aid to the Church of Christ. Will you favor the Association represented by requesting your Hebraic School to send a delegation (of from one to five members, as the School may prefer) to this Convention and to inform us by early mail of their action—

Trusting all
 Yours,
 E. M. GLOVER, Gen. Secretary, Camden N. J.
 ALEX. KROUDWIT, Sec. N. J. Hebraic Sch. Soc., N. Brunswick, N. J.

It is difficult to get the address of every factor or Superintendent, therefore the publisher receiving this invitation will confer a favor by requesting all the schools in the vicinity to respond.

The following gentlemen were appointed from the schools in this State by the N. J. Hebraic Sch. Soc. to hold their 2nd Convention at Atlantic City, N. J., on the 24th of November, 1888.

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| JOHN W. BROWN | E. M. GLOVER | J. P. LANGDON |
| JOHN BELL | J. H. HUNTER | A. J. BENTLEY |
| JOHN W. CONYER | W. H. BARKER | A. J. BENTLEY |
| W. H. BARKER | A. J. BENTLEY | A. J. BENTLEY |

MINUTES.

IN pursuance of the foregoing Call, a Convention of Superintendents, Teachers and Friends of Sabbath Schools connected with Evangelical Churches in the State of New-Jersey, assembled in the Second Presbyterian Church, in the City of New-Brunswick, Nov. 3d, 1858, at 11 A. M.

On motion of Prof. Irvin, from the Committee of Arrangements, the Rev. Dr. G. S. WEBB was called to the Chair as temporary President, and the meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Chalker.

Mr. J. G. Sweet was then nominated and appointed temporary Secretary, but declining, Mr. W. J. Magie was appointed.

The circular calling the meeting was then called for and read.

Messrs. Hope, Wood, Saxton and Milner were appointed a Committee to collect the names and credentials of Delegates.

The following Committee, consisting of one from each denomination represented in the meeting, were nominated and appointed to report a list of officers for permanent organization :—

PROF. WILLIAM IRVIN, of the Reformed Dutch Church.

P. MASON, “ Baptist “

A. J. DUMONT, “ O. S. Presbyterian “

Rev. JAMES BOGGS, “ N. S. Presbyterian “

FRANKLIN FERGUSON, “ Methodist “

On motion, Resolved, That gentlemen present who are interested in the cause of Sunday Schools, though not delegates, be invited to take seats in the Convention.

The following Committee, consisting of one from each denomination represented in the meeting, were appointed to prepare business for the Convention :—

REV. MR. MYRICK, of the Baptist Church.
 PROF. WM. IRVIN, “ Reformed Dutch Church.
 MR. CLARK, “ N. S. Presbyterian “
 REV. JOS. B. DOBBINS, “ Methodist “
 L. W. OAKLEY, M. D., “ O. S. Presbyterian “

The following hours were appointed for the sessions of the Convention, viz : the morning session to open at 9 o'clock and to close at 12 1-2 o'clock. The afternoon session to open at 2 o'clock and to close at 5 1-2 o'clock ; the evening session to open at 7 o'clock.

After prayer by Rev. Mr. HOYT, the meeting adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention met at the appointed hour, Rev. Dr. WEBB, temporary President, in the Chair.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the morning session was postponed.

The Committee on nominations for permanent organization, reported the following, viz :

For President :

His Excellency, Gov. WILLIAM A. NEWELL.

For Vice Presidents :

Rev. Dr. WEBB, of the Baptist Church ;
 A. D. HOPE, Esq., of the Reformed Dutch Church ;
 A. J. DUMONT, Esq., “ O. S. Presbyterian “
 Rev. Mr. ANDREWS, “ Methodist “
 Rev. JAMES BOGGS, “ N. S. Presbyterian “

For Corresponding Secretary :

Prof. WILLIAM IRVIN.

For Recording Secretaries :

W. J. MAGIE, and B. F. JAGGERS.

The report of the Committee was accepted and adopted.— Gov. NEWELL took the Chair, thanked the Convention for the honor, and expressed his regret that his engagements were such that he could not remain with them. After expressing himself much interested in the cause which had convened this Convention, he retired, whereupon Rev. Dr. Webb took the Chair.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The Committee on Business reported, recommending a free conference on the following resolution :

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Convention, the cause of Sunday Schools in this State would be greatly promoted by the establishment of a State Sunday School Association.

The Committee on enrolment of delegates, reported a roll which was read by the Secretary, and on motion, re-committed to the Committee with instructions to amend by enrolling the delegates as from the Sunday Schools, and not from the Churches, and with power to enroll delegates hereafter appearing.

On motion, all pastors and others present, friends of Sunday Schools, were recognized as members of the Convention and directed to enter their names on the roll.

The resolution recommended by the Committee, on being taken up, was, after a free discussion, unanimously adopted.

The following Committee, consisting of a clergyman and a layman from each denomination represented in the Convention, was appointed to prepare plans to carry out the resolution just passed :

Rev. Mr. W. H. PARMLEY, P. MASON, Esq.,	}	Baptist Church.
Rev. Dr. WILSON, Prof. W. M. IRVIN,		Reformed Dutch Church.
Rev. Dr. DAVIDSON, Dr. RYERSON,	}	O. S. Presbyterian Church.
Rev. Mr. AIKMAN, C. S. MINOR, Esq.,		N. S. " "
Rev. Mr. CHALKER, J. HELM, Esq.,	}	Methodist Church.

After prayer by Rev. Mr. OSBORNE, the meeting adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

The Convention met in the First Presbyterian Church at the appointed hour ; A. J. DUMONT, Esq., Vice President, in the Chair.

After addresses from Rev. Mr. WHITECAR and Rev. Dr. FISH, and other exercises, the meeting adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock the next morning, for prayer.

MORNING SESSION, November 4th, 1858.

The Convention met at the appointed hour, Rev. Dr. WEBB, Vice President, in the Chair.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. PARMLEY. The minutes of last meeting read and approved. The Committee on Business reported, recommending that the Convention hear informal reports from the Superintendents, Teachers and Friends of Sunday Schools, of any matters of general interest in their several localities, until the Committee on Organization report.

On motion, the reading and perfecting of the roll of delegates, to be reported by the Committee on Enrolment, be made the special order for 11 o'clock, and that the Committee be instructed to place on the roll the names of such delegates only as have been, are, or shall be present in the Convention.

The Committee of Arrangements of the Sunday School Association, of the City of New-Brunswick, were directed to take charge of the funds collected for the Convention, and disburse the same as ordered.

The Committee appointed to devise a plan of a State organization for the promotion of the interests of Sunday Schools within the bounds of the State of New-Jersey, made the following report :—

They recommend that the Convention of Superintendents, Teachers and Friends of Sunday Schools, assembled in the City of New-Brunswick, now organize itself into a permanent Association, and agree to be governed by the following Constitution. The Constitution was read, and on motion adopted.

CONSTITUTION.

I. This Association shall be called "THE NEW-JERSEY SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION," and shall be composed of Delegates from all the Sunday Schools in the State co-operating with this organization.

II. The objects of this Association shall be to secure the attendance of every child in the State upon a Sunday School; through its auxiliaries to organize such Sunday Schools as may be necessary; and to co-operate with all fellow-laborers in increasing an interest in the Sunday School cause generally.

III. The officers of this Association shall be a President, one Vice-President from each co-operating denomination, a Treasurer, a Corresponding and a Recording Secretary, and a Secretary in each County, to be elected annually. In case of the failure of any of the County Secretaries to accept the appointment thus made at the Annual Meeting, the Corresponding Secretary shall have power to fill the vacancy.

The duties of the former officers shall be those usually discharged by them. The duties of the County Secretary shall be to call a County Convention of the Teachers and Friends of Sunday Schools at as early a day as practicable after the adjournment of the State Association; to visit as many Churches and Sunday Schools in the County as possible, co-operating with the Town Committees in awakening and sustaining an interest in the Sunday School cause; to collect facts and statistics for the Annual Meeting of the State Association, and at some time prior to said meeting to make a report to the Corresponding Secretary.

IV. The County Conventions are expected to form permanent County organizations, and at their first meeting, and annually thereafter, to appoint a Committee of one or more in each Township to whom shall be committed the general interests of the Sunday School cause as connected with the State Association.

V. The funds needed to carry forward the operations of the State Association shall be raised in such a manner as the officers may direct.

VI. The Annual Meeting shall occur on the Second Wednesday after the first Monday in November, at such place and hour as the Association may direct.

VII. This Constitution may be changed at any Annual Meeting of the Association by a majority of the members present.

The following Committee, consisting of a clergyman and a layman from each denomination represented in the Association, was appointed to nominate officers :

Rev. J. N. FOLWELL,	}	Baptist Church.
I. W. MULFORD, Esq.,		
Rev. Dr. R. K. ROGERS,	}	O. S. Presbyterian Church.
J. W. HALSEY, Esq.,		
Rev. Mr. HOYT,	}	N. S. " " "
SAYRE, Esq.,		
Rev. Mr. SOVEREIGN,	}	Methodist Church.
BROWER, Esq.,		
Rev. Dr. WILSON,	}	Reformed Dutch Church.
A. V. N. VOORHEES, Esq.,		

The Committee on Enrolment reported the roll, which was read, perfected and received.

After prayer, the Association adjourned, to meet at 2 1-4 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, Rev. Dr. WEBB, Vice President, in the Chair.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. SOVEREIGN. On motion, it was resolved that the next meeting of the Association be held at Trenton.

The Committee to nominate officers, reported the following :

For President,

HON. THEODORE FRELINGHUYSEN.

For Vice Presidents,

Rev. G. S. WEBB, D. D., of the Baptist Church.

Prof. G. H. COOK, of the Reformed Dutch Church.

Hon. IRA C. WHITEHEAD, of the O. S. Presby'an Church.

M. O. HALSTEAD, Esq., " N. S. " "

Rev. S. Y. MONROE, " Methodist "

For Recording Secretary,

W. J. MAGIE, Esq.

For Corresponding Secretary,

J. G. SWEET, Esq.

For Treasurer,

Hon. JAMES BISHOP.

The report was accepted and adopted.

The following County Secretaries were appointed :—

Atlantic County,	Rev. C. E. P. Mayhew.
Bergen “	“
Burlington “	Franklin Ferguson, Esq.
Camden “	A. J. Dumont, Esq.
Cape May “	Rev. Mr. Williamson.
Cumberland “	I. W. Mulford, Esq.
Essex “	Abraham Baldwin, Esq.
Gloucester “	Rev. Mr. Norris.
Hunterdon “	Wm. P. Emery, Esq.
Hudson “	Rev. Wm. Verrinder.
Mercer “	A. V. Devereux, Esq.
Middlesex “	Prof. William Irvin.
Monmouth “	H. H. Seabrook, Esq.
Morris “	“
Ocean “	“
Passaic “	A. Stoutenborough, Esq.
Salem “	T. V. Rusling, Esq.
Somerset “	A. D. Hope, Esq.
Sussex “	“
Warren “	Dr. J. M. Paul.
Union “	William F. Day, Esq.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

On motion, the thanks of the Convention were tendered to the families of New-Brunswick, for the kind hospitalities rendered to the delegates and other members of the Association; and also to the congregations of the First and Second Presbyterian Churches, for their kindness in opening their houses of worship to the Convention.

On motion, two thousand copies of the Constitution were ordered to be printed, and a copy sent to each Pastor and Sunday School Superintendent in the State, and also to similar Associations in Massachusetts, Connecticut and New-York.

The following Committee was appointed to revise and print the minutes and Constitution :—

Prof. William Irvin, Messrs. J. G. Sweet, W. J. Magie,
B. F. Jaggers. WM. J. MAGIE, *Secretary.*

DELEGATES.

The following persons were enrolled as members of the Convention :—

NEW-BRUNSWICK SCHOOLS.—*Second Reformed Dutch*—Dr. H. N. Wilson, Messrs. E. Miller, A. V. N. Voorhees, R. M. Boggs. *Third Ref. Dutch*—Mr. John Latcher. *First Presbyterian*—Messrs. Abraham Voorhees, J. P. Langdon, E. L. Morris. *Second Presbyterian*—Messrs. J. C. Newman, Jno. Cortleyou, R. R. Rollo, A. W. Mayo. *Baptist*—Rev. T. R. Howlett, Dr. G. S. Webb, Messrs. Elihu Cook, P. P. Runyon, J. G. Sweet. *Liberty St. Methodist Episcopal*—Rev. A. Chalker, Messrs. J. L. Rogers, P. S. Pettee, Wm. Brower. *Pitman Methodist Episcopal*—Messrs. Robert Miller, Jno. Helm, G. W. Price. *Union Mission*—Messrs. M. Swick, A. Proudfit. *Y. M. Christian Association*—Messrs. Simon Van Wickle, J. H. Baird, M. R. Martin. *Mission*—Messrs. J. P. Onderdonk, A. Ackerman, W. H. Bartlett, J. J. Jane-way.

CAMDEN.—*First Presbyterian*—Messrs. A. J. Dumont, Geo. H. Vangelder, B. F. Jaggèrs, C. P. Vanderveer. *First Baptist Church*—Rev. S. H. Myrick, Messrs. Adam Angle, H. Kaine. *First Bap. Mission*—Messrs. E. N. Glover, J. P. Middleton, J. Callings. *Third St. Methodist Episcopal*—Rev. E. H. Stokes, Messrs. J. W. Harris, F. P. Hollingshead.

ELIZABETH CITY.—*Baptist*—Rev. I. N. Hill. *First Presbyterian*—Chas. J. Howell. *Second Presbyterian*—Mr. W. F. Day, Dr. Oakley, Mr. Wm. J. Magie. *Third Presbyterian*—Messrs. G. W. Trowbridge, Dan'l Hatfield, David Woodruff. *Methodist Episcopal*—Rev. R. Vanhorn.

NOTE.—The Roll of Delegates was not formally called until the last hours of the Convention, and it is feared that it is very incomplete.

NEWARK CITY.—*First Baptist*—Mr. Richard Terhune, Dr. H. C. Fish. *North Baptist*—Mr. John Crane. *First Ref. Dutch*—S. R. W. Heath. *Second Ref. Dutch*—W. H. Kirk. *Second Presbyterian*—Messrs. W. R. Sayre, C. S. Ward.—*Halsey St. Methodist Episcopal*—Mr. E. J. Wood. *Sixth Presbyterian School*—Messrs. W. L. Eva, J. H. Clark, W. W. Parkhurst, Job Haines. *Mission*—Mr. J. T. Tompkins. *City Mission*—Mr. E. A. Osborn. *German Mission*—Mr. Chas. Fabreth.

JERSEY CITY.—*Union Baptist*—Messrs. J. G. Broadwell, A. H. McPherson, Chas. Shore, Miss H. M. Mason, Miss Mary Andrews. *First Mission*—Mr. J. S. Howell.

BERGEN POINT.—*Ref. Dutch*—Thomas D. Parrott, O. H. Morris.

ORANGE.—*First Presbyterian*—Rev. James Hoyt, Messrs. C. M. Saxton, M. B. Canfield, C. S. Minor, I. L. Merrill.—*Presbyterian Valley*—G. W. Smith.

BURLINGTON.—*Presbyterian*—C. G. Milner. *Methodist Episcopal Mission*—Edward Voute. *Methodist Episcopal*—Rev. M. Andrews, F. Ferguson.

SOMERVILLE.—*Baptist*—Rev. J. N. Folwell, Messrs. J. Hall, P. Mason. *Second Ref. Dutch*—Messrs. J. V. Perley, A. D. Hope.

WEST BLOOMFIELD.—*Presbyterian*—Rev. J. A. Priest, Mr. Philip Doremus.

BRIDGETON.—*Baptist*—Messrs. L. Woodruff, I. W. Mulford.

PENNINGTON.—*Methodist Episcopal*—Messrs. C. W. Bateman, J. O. Berry.

CONNECTICUT FARMS, NEAR ELIZABETH.—*Presbyterian*—Geo. R. Crane, J. W. Halsey, J. Crane.

FAIRTON.—*Presbyterian*—Rev. James Boggs.

MIDDLEBUSH.—*Reformed Dutch*—Cornelius Nevis, David Neefus.

BOUND-BROOK.—*Reformed Dutch*—L. D. Cook. *Presbyterian*—Theo. Giles.

CHATHAM.—*Presbyterian*—George L. Munn, S. H. Ward.

- HIGHTSTOWN.—*Baptist*—George W. Coward.
 NEWTON.—*Presbyterian*—Thomas Ryerson, M. D., J. H. Shaffer.
 QUARRY HILLS.—*German Presbyterian*—Chas. Thebrath.
 FAIRFIELD.—Jehiel Westcott, Jr.
 CRANBERRY.—*First Church*—Peter J. Dey.
 MILLSTONE.—*First Presbyterian*—Lewis L. Cook, J. C. Whitmore, P. J. Dey.
 HACKENSACK.—*Ref. Dutch*—Rev. J. A. Parsons, M. M. Knapp.
 FIELDVILLE.—*Presbyterian*—John D. Field.
 PATERSON.—*Baptist*—W. G. Faatzo, Mr. Daggett.
 HOBOKEN.—*First Presbyterian*—A. W. Rap, W. C. Harp.
 BORDENTOWN.—*Meth. E.*—Rev. C. A. Whitecar.
 HOPEWELL.—*Presbyterian*—A. S. Lanning, D. N. Wiley, Israel Miller, Francis Mirick.
 JERSEY CITY.—*German Ref. Dutch*—M. Hildebrant, J. Graf.
 GREENWICH.—Smith Sheppard.
 METUCHIN.—*First Presbyterian*—W. W. Ross, E. T. Ayres, E. M. Hunt, M. D., John J. Clarkson, Lewis Thomas.
 BOONTON.—*Methodist Episcopal*—Wm. Rawlings.
 READINGTON.—*Ref. Dutch*—Rev. J. B. Thompson.

The following delegates were present from the East New-Jersey Baptist Sunday School Convention :

Dr. H. C. Fish, Rev. W. H. Parmley, P. P. Runyon.

The following persons in attendance handed in their names as friends of the Sunday School cause :

- Rev. Dr. R. K. Rogers, Bound-Brook.
 “ “ Davidson, New-Brunswick.
 “ Robert Aikman, Elizabeth.
 “ Joseph B. Dobbins, New-Brunswick.
 “ W. Conklin, Montville.
 “ L. L. Chester, New-Brunswick.
 Wm. Kent, I. L. Martin, P. C. Onderdonk, New-Brunswick.

NEW-BRUNSWICK S. S. ANNIVERSARY.

As an appropriate close to the labors of the Convention, the Delegates that remained were permitted to participate in the anniversary exercises of the Sunday Schools of New-Brunswick.

The Schools met in the First Reformed Dutch Church at 3 o'clock, P. M. Very appropriate and interesting addresses were delivered by the Rev. Dr. Hutton, of New-York, to the children, and by the Rev. Mr. Bachelder, of Princeton, to Parents and Teachers.

THE ADDRESS

Of the Officers of the Association are as follows :—

President, Theo. Frelinghuysen, New-Brunswick.

Vice-President, Dr. G. S. Webb, “

“ Prof. Geo. H. Cook, “

“ Hon. Ira C. Whitehead, Morristown.

“ M. O. Halstead, Esq., Orange.

“ Rev. S. Y. Monroe, Bridgeton.

Treasurer, Hon. James Bishop, New-Brunswick.

Corresponding Secretary, J. G. Sweet, New-Brunswick.

Recording Secretary, W. J. Magie, Elizabeth.

