

## Provincial Units Established

In connection with the International Convention held in 1887 in the City of Chicago, it became evident that the International Convention was composed of delegates accredited from the various States and Provinces. This led to a considerable change in the work in Canada. Up to this time the Sabbath School Association of Canada had been recognized as representing both the Province of Ontario and Quebec. The obligation to a more perfect relation with the International led, in the year 1887, to the change of its name to the Sabbath School Association of Ontario.

In connection with the Chicago Convention in 1887, the delegates from Quebec Province were appointed by the Canada Sunday School Union. In 1888 the Canada Sunday School Union resolved to confine its efforts, which had been interprovincial and almost purely of a missionary character, to Quebec, and to change its purpose to the holding of conventions, collecting of statistics and the organization of Township and County Associations. To this end the constitutions were changed, the name Canada Sunday School Union abandoned, and the organization incorporated under the name of the Sunday School Union of the Province of Quebec.

The present Secretary of Ontario was Secretary of this Quebec Association from June 1, 1899, to March 31, 1903. (From April 1, 1903, to Dec., 1909, he was Secretary of the Indiana Sunday School Association, coming to Ontario Jan. 1st, 1910.) Just before the departure of Mr. Day, Mr. Thos. Yellowlees became associated with the work as Assistant or Associate, beginning his work on January 2nd, 1900. On the departure of Mr. Day, Mr. J. A. Jackson, B.A., of Morrisburg, was called to the position of General Secretary, beginning his work on July 16 of the same year.

During the Secretaryship of Mr. Day the work of the Association grew in extent and permanency, though there was a constant echo in the reports of the inability of one man to reach the demands, and units of organization were frequently found lapsing, only to be revived again. Both County and Township organizations were encouraged and promoted. Mr. Jackson continued General Secretary and Mr. Yellowlees, "Associate," later "Extension" Secretary, until October, 1909. During this period the work of the Association continued its growth, and the financial statement was lifted from terms of four figures to that of five. During this term the development of the township units had a tendency to discourage, excepting in a few cases, the county effort. This limited extensive work, it being impossible for the employees of the Association, work as they would, to reach during the convention season more than a restricted number of conventions, and thus of the territory.