

has brought us here. I cannot express the overwhelming sense under which I labour, of the value of every moment of time we spend together. In your name, I earnestly charge those who may serve on our committees, or sustain any official position, that they do their work most thoroughly, and have it perfectly "in shape" before it is presented here. Let us not have one item of committee work to do in Convention. My brethren tell me, "Put it through! Put it through! Put it through!" I will do my utmost, but you must all help me. Pardon all these personal statements. They have been made in the feeling that it was desirable, at the outset, and, once for all, that we should thoroughly understand one another. And now, brethren, deferring any general remarks on the occasion of our gathering till the public session in the evening, I ask you to join me in prayer to God for His presence and blessing.

The Business Committee then retired to prepare a Programme of Proceedings. In their absence the time was occupied with short speeches from delegates, and with devotional exercises.

A Communication was received from the Education Office, inviting the delegates attending the Convention to visit the Normal School Museum, and Picture Gallery.

A cordial vote of thanks was tendered to Dr. Ryerson, Chief Superintendent of Education, for the kind invitation.

Prof. SEAGER, of Cincinnati, who conducted the singing during all the meetings of the Convention, was introduced, and observed, that he had just come from the Convention of the North Western Young Men's Christian Associations, and was commissioned by that Convention, and also by the Young Men's Christian Association of Chicago, to convey their Christian salutations and fervent prayers to the members of this Convention. Mr. S. then sung, "Singing for Jesus."

The Business Committee presented a Programme of Proceedings, which was adopted.

The Doxology was then sung; the benediction pronounced by Dr. Burns, of Chicago, and the Convention adjourned till seven o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

The attendance at the Evening Session was very large—the Church being filled to its utmost capacity. After devotional exercises,—

The PRESIDENT said he was glad to see such a large attendance at this—the first Sabbath School Convention held in Toronto. He could not describe this Convention better than by calling it a Normal School for Sabbath-School Teachers. We come together to be taught how to teach, and at the same time to stir up each other's hearts and enkindle what is called the Sabbath School fire. We also seek to gather information with regard to the extent of the Sabbath-School work that we may be guided in our endeavors to establish schools in every corner of the land. The labor connected with the Convention would, he believed be repaid a hundred fold. The very sight of such an assembly was inspiring. Meeting and conversing together, singing and praying together, hearing each other's trials and encouragements,—these things comfort our hearts in trial, enlarge our minds, increase our charity, and make us in every way better and stronger men and women. The members of the different denominations of Christians are here brought nearer together and become more closely united in the bonds of a common faith. He would not forget to speak of the pleasure we experience on these occasions by the visits of our esteemed friends from the other side of the line. (Applause.) The delegates would go home from this Convention with a more exalted idea of Sabbath-School work, feeling that they are not alone, that they are part of a great army "battling for