

INTRODUCTION.

THE Editing Committee have much pleasure in sending forth "Doers of the Word and Work," or the Report of the Thirty-Second Provincial Sabbath School Convention. As one results of this Convention, it is confidently hoped that the Word will be all the more truly done by the doers of the work, and that the work will be the better done by the doers of the Word.

With a satisfaction that is pardonable, because it is with strict regard to fact, we point out the circumstance that the Association is once more free from debt, and commences its thirty-third year as a strong runner, unencumbered with burdening weights.

The "Mission Work" reported as done in the north and north-western parts of the Province, proves that the fishers have launched out into the deep of a great sea whence a great draught has been taken, and whence greater draughts may yet be taken. That success has encouraged the Association to find a place in the estimates of the coming year for a sum of money wherewith to prosecute even greater missionary undertakings.

The Department of Normal Work has received a great impetus, and larger measures of success are yet within our reach. This is true also in regard to the Primary work.

Our Province had in 1886 only 30 organizations. It has now 250. In order to cope fully with what yet remains to be done, it has been determined that the watchword of the year be "Forward!" and that our lines be flung further eastward as they have hitherto been westward. It is therefore earnestly desired that the counties and the townships west of Toronto allow General Secretary Day to prosecute the work of organization east of Toronto, and so complete the Sabbath School circumvallation of the whole of Ontario.

We missed at our convention the bright and vigorous presence of the late lamented William Reynolds, the International Field Secretary. Long life was denied to him, but he did much to show that he had lived. Our friendship for him was love without either flowers or veil.

This little volume goes forth with an earnest hope and fervent prayer that it may help all its readers to look up and lift up, to get heaven for themselves and for others, and to make them all better and braver soldiers of the Cross. Hold in memory our next Convention at Peterboro', in October, 1898.

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