

Mr. Kennedy, allowed that there might be difficulties in keeping the school open. When teams could be taken there should be no difficulty. If the school be closed, teachers and scholars become rusty and careless. Where the school is closed the interest should be kept up in the families. Parents should use every effort to get their children to S. S.

Mr. Unsworth, said that winter Sabbath Schools never failed from lack of scholars. Let it be well understood that the school will never be closed, and the children will ever attend. If it is deemed necessary to close, then let contiguous families throughout the whole neighborhood unite in keeping the interest alive till spring sets in. In this way much good could be done." He mentioned a case in which a similar effort was made and resulted in being a surprising success.

Mr. Hopkins who thought he had one of the best Sabbath Schools in the county, said, that the difficulties in his case arose principally from services being held at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. School should not be held before 10—neither could it after as the parents wished to get home and take the children with them.

Time being exhausted it was moved by Mr. Barclay, seconded by Mr. Young, that we have an extension of 15 minutes. Carried.

Mr. Lamb, held that the shortness of the days, the distance from school in many cases, and the apathy of parents were the great obstacles in the way to keeping open in winter.

Mr. Hall, finds no difficulty in the way of having schools open in winter. The attendance, if anything, is larger. An intermission of a few months almost completely disorganizes a school.

The President, concluded the debate, saying that if the hearts of the teachers were in the work as they should be they could not possibly say good-bye to the school for six months.

SINGING: "HOLD THE FORT."

After this the Rev. Mr. Marling addressed the Convention on "How to manage and instruct an infant class." This was now frequently called the Primary Department instead of "infant class." The name is a preferable one, as the pupils are drafted off into higher classes according to circumstances. The teacher should have a great deal of *mother* in his composition—that is—a good deal of the tact, gentleness, forbearance and love which mothers alone possess. In the States, ladies have the charge of the "Primary Department." There should be a Superintendent for this department alone. There should be a great variety in all the arrangements. At one time combining into a single class at another splitting up into many, thus affording an excellent normal school for the training of S. S. teachers. The infant class should be taught in a separate room, which should be bright, cheerful, large, with plenty of fresh air. Chairs are better than benches as they allow of *grouping*. To prevent a noise a friend of his fastened india rubber to the feet. There should be pictures—not hung up but stowed carefully away that when wanted for illustration or any other purpose they could be taken out and referred to. The Church should see that the room was