

## INTRODUCTION.

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AGAIN we are privileged to report the proceedings of the Sabbath School Association of Canada.

The fourteenth Provincial Convention manifested no diminution in interest, or falling off in the attendance of delegates. Nearly 500 were present from various parts of the two Provinces; and it was pronounced by some to be the most practical Sabbath School Convention ever held in Canada. In this we realize the goodness of God, and to Him we render heartfelt thanks.

In every city and town where the Association has convened, Christian hospitality has abounded; and in this respect Guelph was not lacking. The admirable welcome given by its representative, the Rev. E. B. Ryckman, M.A., in such an assuring address on the first evening, was verified in the homes where the delegates were entertained during their stay in this rapidly-rising town. The chair was well filled by the President, and the programme, in the main, was well fulfilled.

Our American friends commended themselves by the intelligent help they so well rendered in the service of song, on primary class management, and by the forcible illustrations of Eastern customs.

As a full report of the proceedings is given in the following pages, it is needless here to comment upon the very able addresses of the brethren who introduced the topics and instructed the assembly. We have, however, been requested to follow up what was so well spoken and received respecting normal classes. To this matter we shall therefore devote more space.

We cannot close this preface without asking our readers, and all whom they can influence, who realize the good that has been effected by this Association, to provide the means for its sustenance. Upwards of \$700 was subscribed at Guelph by about seventy persons. This was nobly done, but \$2,000 more are required. The planting of new Sabbath Schools in the back settlements devolves now upon this Association. Many of these have to be supplied with books and other Sabbath School material. What has been given and promised will, when paid in, but discharge the indebtedness of the Association. The year's work before us is wholly unprovided for. If but a portion even of our well-to-do Sabbath Schools, and churches and Christian friends, will help at this juncture, there will be no lack or deficiency to report next year.