

brother has said, throwing aside formality and just talking out our difficulties, and seeing how we can meet them. While I make this statement on behalf of the County of Victoria, I may report on behalf of the County of Oxford, of which Association I am President. The County of Oxford held its Convention last year, and for the time at which it was held it was as large, enthusiastic, and helpful as any they have ever had. When I refer to the time, the special point I have reference to is this; that it was held on the days of the great storm, and the storm as realized, and the fears which were greater than the storm, affected the attendance from a distance. Nevertheless the work was gone on with, and the local interest was deep and thorough. That county last year promised a certain sum to the work of the Association, and on account of the schools not being largely represented at the Convention they have not implemented that engagement, but I hope to be able to say that we have done so before my term as President of the Association expires. The Normal Class work last year was carried on in different parts of the county with very great interest and spirit. I make this statement simply as a matter of report.

The PRESIDENT—Any report from Cobourg?

Mr. JOHNSON—I presume Cobourg is going to represent itself in deeds and not in words. There is a gentleman here from Kingston, I understand. I do not know his name, but perhaps he has some report to present.

The PRESIDENT—We would be glad to hear from the Limestone City.

Rev. Mr. McEWEN—I would like to hear from the City of Ottawa. There is a delegate present.

The PRESIDENT—We were calling out for Kingston; I think Mr. Elliott is from Kingston. We would like just to know how the work is going on there. If you cannot speak encouragingly, speak truthfully; that is what we want. However, if we cannot hear from Kingston, then come from Ottawa.

Rev. Mr. GEORGE, Ottawa—Mr. President, I have no special report from Ottawa: I have simply come here representing my own school. I may say, however, that for years we have not had any County Convention in the Ottawa valley that I know of, though at one time there was an active Association in connection with that district, which owing to certain circumstances has ceased to exist. In the City of Ottawa itself, we have no united Convention of the different denominations, but there is special denominational work among the Sunday-schools of several of the denominations. For instance, the Presbyterians have four churches almost in the centre of the city and they have their united teachers' meeting, in which all the teachers combine to study the lesson—that is, the teachers from these four churches—and one of the ministers, or some other person appointed for the purpose, presides at the meeting. The Methodist Churches are