

sure but that perhaps they are a little ahead ; certainly they are not behind ; and in this I think we have every reason to be thankful and take courage. Since we have put the affairs of our Association on a business basis, we have never lacked for money. The money comes. We are sometimes a little embarrassed at the slowness with which it comes in, and I wish the delegates who have made pledges in this Convention to take note of that—they have caused us a little embarrassment sometimes on account of delaying their contributions until the end of the year ; at the same time, the money has come. Then in the matter of reports, we have never had a Convention where we have had so many reports brought in as at this, never so many counties have reported as have reported here. And lastly, but not the smallest point, is, we have never had a Convention where we have had better platform speaking than here in Kingston. I want to emphasize these things. I think that it does us good sometimes, perhaps we don't do it often enough, look at the bright side of things, and feel that after all there is a great deal to be thankful for. There are a great many things if we had to do over again we should do better ; still, on the whole, we have had one of the very best Conventions that this Provincial Association has ever held. (Applause.)

Mrs. CRAFTS, who was received with loud applause, said—I confess I was just a little startled this evening when I heard the announcement made from the platform that I should be expected to say a few words of farewell this evening ; and yet I should certainly be very ungracious to decline to do so. I should do violence to my own heart if I should slip out without bidding “good-bye.” You know New England has been my favorite place for Conventions, but I think I shall hereafter have to say that I love best to come to Canada. (Applause.) I have so enjoyed this Convention. I am thinking of a German lady who described to me her first visit to Paris and London. Said she in a happy manner, “the very stones in Paris seem to call out to you, ‘Have pleasure, have pleasure,’ but when I went to London the very stones said, ‘Think, think.’” And surely, friends, when pleasure is the end, it is a vain hunt. I like best the definition of pleasure which was given to me once by a friend, who said, “True pleasure is the kind of a good time which does not go off with the having.” True pleasure is pleasant to remember always ; and surely we who have gathered together in this Convention have had true pleasure ; we have had an opportunity to think of such things as are pure and honest and of good report, and I think that we shall hereafter love Sunday School work more deeply than before. I believe in the communion of saints. We have sat together in heavenly places with Christ Jesus, but the time has come now for us to go down into our separate valleys to work, and perhaps some of us will find we shall have to struggle with evil hearts and cast out that kind of evil which is cast out only by fasting and prayer. God be with us and watch between