

full report, however, of the General Secretary, about to be presented, will afford all needed information on this point.

We make use of the present opportunity to mention the regret which is felt by the Central Executive Committee that the promises made by delegates at the Provincial Conventions, to use efforts to obtain pecuniary support from their counties for the Association are not more productive of the desired end. Of the sums promised, we rejoice to say, some are paid promptly and in full, but in many cases much valuable time is consumed in correspondence, which results in obtaining a tardy, and, perhaps, partial payment, and in some instances none at all.

We cannot but think that some little system put in practice immediately after the holding of the Provincial Convention, by the friends making promises, so that all the schools in the respective counties are induced to contribute a few dollars each, yearly, would result in an early, easy and cheerful payment of the obligations entered into, and thus ensure the comfort of the officers and committee of the Provincial Association, and the good of those who actually give the money, as well as afford a pleasing retrospect to the delegates who have been good enough to promise it and have aided in its collection.

The sum of \$2,500 at least, is the estimate for the needs of the ensuing year.

THE FIFTH INTERNATIONAL S. S. CONVENTION took place this year in the City of Chicago, on the first, second and third days of June last, and was the largest and one of the most instructive yet held.

Of the delegates in attendance from all parts of the continent, eighteen were from Ontario a larger number than on any former occasion, excepting when the *third* such convention was held in Toronto in 1881.

Any details of this great gathering in this report are rendered unnecessary after the full accounts given this morning.

It may, however, be stated that the work accomplished during the year 1886-7 through the Executive has been of a most important nature, and that of the current year is expected to be equally so and much more extended. Several of the provinces of our own confederation have been receiving the benefits of its operations. In view of these facts the Ontario delegation felt constrained to increase the contributions by this Province to its funds from \$300 to \$450, or \$150 per annum for the three years ending June, 1890. They moreover pledged themselves to aid in the raising of this amount. It is hoped, therefore, that all present will see the need of