

in the Sunday School ; third, that there must be more missionary work to establish schools where there are no schools, and where there are schools not in a very flourishing condition, to help them and bring them on, and encourage them. Here, like soldiers of a great army, we are marching, step by step, shoulder to shoulder, and, by-and-by, when marching days are over, we will rest our arms, and be at home for evermore. (Applause.)

The PRESIDENT—Now I have the pleasure of bringing before you Dr. Potts, whom I think you all know, and he needs no introduction from me.

A DELEGATE—I move that Dr. Potts have half an hour. (Applause.)

The PRESIDENT—Well, is that your pleasure? (Cries of "Yes, yes.") Very good ; then Dr. Potts will understand that this Convention will hear him for half an hour. (Applause)

Dr. POTTS—I think I am somewhat impressed, Mr. President, with a sense of the responsibility that the person who addresses this Convention must assume on an occasion like this, in speaking before a convention that contains so many dignitaries; and I see before me not only Sunday School superintendents and officers and teachers, but also ministers of almost every section of the evangelical church in this land. My eye looks away beyond all this, and beyond this meeting in the Zion Presbyterian Church at Brantford, and sees the schools of the churches in the community, led and taught by the brothers and sisters that are gathering in the various churches, and I feel that I am addressing not only the Sunday Schools of Ontario, but the great mass of workers throughout the land.

You will be glad to hear that the opening of the Convention was exceedingly full of interest. I see that the Minister of Education was one of the speakers. Why should he not? Let me say that one of the ministers of the Crown, and especially the Minister of Education, never exerts his powerful influence in so good a cause as when he pleads the cause of the Sunday School. (Applause.) I hardly know what the statesmen are coming to. As I was riding in the train the other day I read in the *Globe* the report of a lecture in defence of Christianity, from the pen of the Hon. Oliver Mowat, the Premier of this Province. I was surprised ; nay, more, I was delighted ; and, if the Presbyterians do not make a theological professor of him, we in the Methodist Church will do our best to have him appointed a local preacher. (Applause.) I have not for some time read anything that so touched my heart as that report. I not only saw the accomplished scholar, but I saw the beautiful spirit of Christian discipleship. Life-long conservative though I am, I thank God for such a man. (Continued applause.) I am thankful that we are living in such a Province as we are ; there is no spot on the earth's surface that I have been able to find, where the Sabbath is better observed, or the moral standard of public life higher, than the Province of