

love, cannot but make this a mount of communion and blessing a heavenly place in Christ Jesus. "Out of it shall flow many streams to make glad the city of our God," for with added experience and more intelligent zeal, and with hearts all ablaze we shall make throughout the land a grand advance in our Sunday School work. We are here for more light. A minister in debate was observed frequently to write upon the paper before him, and another curiously seeking to read the notes found only these words "More light, Lord, more light Lord," repeated scores of times. Let this be our prayer and we shall have the refreshing of the Holy Ghost.

*We welcome the Convention because it is national.* It is the meeting of the Association of Canada, and your deliberations are of importance to the country in its highest interests. We are laying the foundation of an empire. Here is a territory larger than that of the neighboring republic, larger even than the continent of Europe, a belt of one-sixth of the whole earth's surface to be won to civilization, won to Christianity and to the triumphant marches of our redeemed humanity. Now, no better guarantee for our future national greatness can be had than in our fidelity to this work. Our only hope of national prosperity and glory is in the moral training of the nation's childhood. Away in the heart of the German Empire, on the fair banks of the Rhine, I witnessed a grand review of the army of Bismarck, an officer said to me, "The French are not satisfied yet, and we are keeping our powder dry." Germany is depending upon the efficiency of her military system. The Sabbath School enterprise is our military school, we are going to train our boys and girls to virtue, we are going to lay the foundations of empire in Christian birth, and then we shall rise a sun in the firmament of nations—a work to withstand the siege of centuries—a palace of brightness and beauty, filling the world with its splendor, and sheltering millions under its arches.

It is no slight gratification that we are favored with the presence of distinguished advocates of the Sunday School, instruction from the great and kindred nation across the lakes. We wish that Dr. Hall, Mr. Doane, and all such good men were with us here. We welcome them with a royal Canadian welcome, for they are bound to us by every tie of language, literature, and lineage. We give thanks for events that make them great and strong, for it is the freedom, and prosperity, and glory of the Anglo-Saxon race; and, are proud to say that next to our devotion to that Great Mother Empire whose feet stand upon all the continents of the earth, and whose hands hold the best islands of the seas, we *respect and love* that great nation whose one hundred years progress in material and mental, political and social, moral and religious development has been without a parallel in the world's historic page.