

think it very appropriate that it should be held here, inasmuch as the Association was formed in this city; and now, when it has attained its majority, I think you can look back for twenty-one years—that is, some of you can—and see how the Lord has led us all this time. It is not our place to despise the day of small things, but the Lord has given us a rich heritage; He has given us a rich country to work in, and willing hearts and willing hands and willing brains, and we have gone forth and done something for the children. The Lord has blessed us in the past year. How many things have occurred in all the churches during the last twenty-one years? When this Society was organized in this city Rev. Dr. Ormiston and the Rev. Mr. Millard were the President and Secretary; and grand men they were. I wish we had them here to-day. And I was greatly pleased to think that this Society, of which Dr. Ormiston had the honor of being the first President, has gone on from strength to strength, and has been a source of comfort and instruction to all that have come within the scope of its influence. I would draw your attention to the fact that conventions now-a-days are better attended and more instructive than they ever were in the past; I think you will find that in your own experience; and I don't think we can do much better when we go home from this Convention than to establish institutes and local conventions in all our districts. Some people say these conventions do very little good. Well, perhaps they don't do much good to you, and perhaps they do to me. But, whatever they may do for us here, in this Provincial Convention, we have learned something at any rate. We never come to one of these meetings that we do not learn something that we can go home and put into practice. Now, let us establish institutes wherever they have not got them. I do not think there is a man in this house to-day who has done the work, during this year at any rate, that my friend Mr. Hossie, of Brantford, has done. I think he has visited every Sunday-school in Brant, with the exception of one or two which he intends to visit before the winter sets in. Ask yourselves the question, "How many Sunday-schools have you visited?" and do not, as Sam Jones says, "Put it on to the man beside you." If the Lord has not given you some specific work to do in the Sunday-school, then you ought to go out and spread your influence around the Sunday-schools in your own county.

There is just one thing I want to say about the influence of what has been done in the Sunday-schools during the past year—I think more particularly during the past year than ever before—with reference to missionary and temperance effort. I think the Sunday-school teachers of this country are the leaders in the temperance effort. I won't say they are the leaders, but they do their full share in the missionary cause. I think they have done more than their share in the temperance work, and the result is that in almost every school in this Province you will find a temperance society incorpor-

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