

consciousness of the presence of so many, my superiors, rather disturbs my mental arrangements.

(Here a little girl presented Mr. Hossie with a bouquet of flowers.)

Thank you, thank you, very much. I thank that sweet little miss for the kind office she has performed. I rather think it was intended for another, but I shall prize it all the same. I thank the Nominating Committee for kindly bringing my name before this Convention, and I have to ask myself, What have I done that I should be thus honored? It was not, I assure you, of my seeking in any way.

Sixteen years have passed without our asking you to come and see us, but during that time we have been working along as best we could, and I am thankful to say that we have been making some progress. I have long been engaged in this line of work, and I could have had my hands more fully occupied had I so desired; but I thought one could not do everything very well, so I have made this line of work more particularly my own, and the Lord has blessed some of my efforts. I feel that this is the highest honor that could be conferred upon me, and if I have done anything to help on Sabbath School work and Sabbath School workers, I shall be abundantly repaid for it.

I lived in the county of Peel about twenty-four years, and that county was a *banner county* in Sunday School work, being fully organized; but, do you know, they have been going back, and last year the county of Peel actually failed to hold any annual convention. When I was transferred here—speaking now of the county of Brant—I was soon put in charge of one department of the work. Upon being appointed President, I wrote to each of the Secretaries asking co-operation and assistance, and enclosing a nice little "Office-Bearer's Hand-book," full of valuable suggestions, prepared by our late General Secretary. I told him that, at our last county convention, he had been appointed local secretary and the Association expected that he would take immediate steps to organize his township, and offering to meet him at any convenient time and discuss the matter with him. Many of these letters remained unanswered, and had to be followed by others, and, in some cases, fresh secretaries had to be appointed. The result of perseverance, however, has been the organization of every township. I visited 103 schools, and now we have 114. It took me three years to accomplish this work. This is reward enough; but you can see that it is impossible to have such a result without a great deal of pushing.

I would like to say to every superintendent and local secretary here, when the county President writes to you a letter, and perhaps encloses a return stamp, he expects to get an answer. Always attend to his letters promptly, and give him at once the information he asks for, and do not oblige him to write a second time.

In Tuscarora, an Indian township, they organized seven new