

Oh, be at peace, ten thousand fiends^o are near,
 Unseen by mortal eye they watching are,
 Hoping through mutual stric to work your
 doom,
 In Hell's dark shades of black and endless
 gloom.
 Come let us each in peace divine unfold,
 Such shall be called the children of our God,
 And dwell in endless joy, in Heaven's supreme
 abode.

Thus in their lives love takes a thousand forms,
 As the bright bow doth show light's crysta
 beam
 In varied hues of radiance, 'mid the storms
 Flashing its beauteous tints in loveliest gleam,
 And glorifies the storm-rack'd weeping sky,
 Robing the thundering clouds in glorious
 majesty.

And still the tale in endless song proclaims,
 When the young world beheld its peace assured
 And sang with rapturous joy the natal hymns
 Which hailed the bow that told the love of
 God,

Love which through Jesu's word hath richly
 poured
 Into their hearts, and all their lives o'erflowed.

Love which enrobes their souls with every
 grace,

Diffusing peace and love on all around,
 Love which toward its heavenly native place
 Soaring on eagle wing its fount hath found,
 And still with God its Author makes its home,
 Kindling its glowing fires in Christ's first love
 alone.

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Notes from the Provincial Sunday-School Convention.

REV. WM. MILLARD, General Secretary, presented the tenth annual report of the Association. The number of schools using the international series of lessons was largely on the increase; indeed, the day was at hand when they would be generally adopted throughout the land. There had been a large increase of Sabbath-schools; also increasing efficiency in management and teaching. Intelligent and diligent preparation was more general in teachers. Many of the new church edifices erected in

the past years had ample school rooms, class rooms, and every equipment for necessary purposes and comfort on a level with the place of public worship. Congregations were increasingly providing all the funds necessary for the maintenance of their schools, thus avoiding the system that had been so general, of depending on the proceeds of socials, anniversary entertainments, bazaars, or something worse for their support. On every hand they found that not only was an interest taken, but enthusiasm evinced in that great and growing department of the Church's work. The most gratifying record was the large number of conversions and additions to the Churches from the Sabbath-schools. The Methodist Church of Canada told of 3,825 conversions. The Evangelical Association reported 300 conversions. The Primitive Methodists had had a large number added to the Church from their schools. The Methodist Episcopal, Congregationalists, and Baptists made similar encouraging reports, one hundred additions to the Baptist Churches in Toronto from the Sabbath-schools being mentioned.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTIONS—THEIR BENEFITS AND NEEDS.

REV. F. H. MARLING, of Toronto, introduced the subject of "Sabbath School Conventions; their benefits in the past; their needs in the future." After giving briefly a history of the meetings of the Association since its organization, the speaker discussed the advantages derived from the Conventions. They had magnified the Sabbath-school work in public estimation. Many of those who came together had thought very much beforehand of their work, had loved it very dearly, had given very much of time, labour, money, and prayer to it. The whole community had been moved, thronging the meetings to overflowing, and eagerly drinking in the facts, thoughts, and appeals presented to them. Respect for their work, a realization of its magnitude and dignity, and appreciation of those engaged in it, had been awakened in those previously ignorant and indifferent. The columns of the daily papers had been filled with reports of the proceedings, carrying them far and