

thirteen and fourteen rowing three and four miles up the river to attend school? and you know these schools have sometimes to be closed in the winter. I was pleased to visit one school at Foote's Bay where there are six families; they have thirty-five scholars in attendance. Then we came to Bala, we found such another school there, scholars coming all the way from Moone, and all through we found these little schools, each doing a good work, but all so glad of a visit and some encouragement from those who have had better opportunity of learning the best methods of doing the work. I might tell you, as I told my own people a short time ago, how I went into one home, and found there one beautiful, bright little girl (there were five children altogether), who had never seen a copy of the Bible; poor they were; miserably poor; they had not the means, hardly the opportunity to buy; colporteurs never go that way. Friend, I know there are those in our cities who do not embrace the opportunities of hearing the Word of God that lie in their way, but here are those who have no such opportunities, and we must search them out, and take to them the Bread of Life. There are the little ones growing up all around us, and we should leave no stone unturned, till we bring them into the fold. It seems to me we are somewhat like the engineer of a train, that I once heard of; running along one day at full express speed, he suddenly noticed an obstruction on the track in front of him; he had only time to reverse his engine, and immediately the collision took place. After the accident they found him penned in underneath some heavy timbers; it was impossible to get him out then; sympathizers gathered round him, but his first words were, "For God's sake, run back and stop that other train behind us." Some, perhaps, of these little ones have passed out of our reach, but let us for God's sake, try and save those who are still susceptible, whose hearts can be touched by the "old, old story." Books are badly needed; papers are most welcome, surely some of the large schools, from out of the abundance of their libraries, can spare some volumes for these neglected, struggling schools in Muskoka; either Mr. Day or myself will gladly assist you in disposing of any such contributions, where they are most needed. Let us bestir ourselves in this matter; it is high time we did; and let us not attempt to shirk the responsibility that lies upon us, to do something for these lonely and outlying districts. (Hear, hear.)

The CHAIRMAN—The time is now up; we shall have to resume this order of business at some other opportunity. After singing two verses of hymn 129, we will be addressed by the Honorable the Minister of Education on the subject of the "Sunday School Teacher's Possibilities."

After singing, the Hon. G. W. Ross was introduced by the Chairman, and addressed the Convention as follows:

Mr. Ross—*Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,*—The Committee in charge of the arrangements of this Convention did me the honor of