

INTRODUCTION.

PRAYER, the BIBLE, and renewed CONSECRATION, were the grand themes of the Convention lately held in Toronto.

PRAYER—The Convention immediately followed THE DAYS OF PRAYER suggested by the London Sunday School Union, for Sabbath Schools, and which were so generally observed not only in Britain but on this Continent. PRAYER was the key note in the brief address of the Vice-President, on whom it fell to occupy the Chair at the opening session. PRAYER was spoken of in the Annual Report as the great encouragement on the assembling of the Convention, and certainly at no previous similar assembly have we listened to more fervent, devout prayer, finding an echo in the many hearts.

"THE BIBLE as a book" was presented as THE BOOK—the word of God—tried, yet standing every test—one, in its own divine harmony—the infallible Counsellor—the Lamp of life.

CONSECRATION—Entire and renewed consecration was the oft repeated theme, commended by forcible appeals to the conscience and heart. "What we want is not so much greater facilities in the way of machinery, which are all valuable, but entire consecration to Christ." "Renewed consecration to Christ on the part of the Teachers in this Convention would revolutionize the Sunday Schools throughout the Dominion." Such were some of the utterances listened to.