

power is a weakness. It is possible to have Christian effort diffused among too many agencies when concentrated effort is demanded. He had nothing to say against Christian Endeavor Societies and King's Daughters, but they show a defect. There is a difficulty in holding the older pupils in Sabbath Schools. The system of promotions is not always successful in retaining the older pupils. To retain them is a problem. The Christian Endeavorers and the King's Sons and Daughters do that work to some extent. They are barriers that prevent the outgoing tide. But they should bring the children back to the Sabbath School and the Church. As Hollanders reclaimed the land from the sea, so should the Christian Endeavor reclaim the young people to the Church. The Christian Endeavor cannot take the place of the Church itself, but it can be tributary to it. They have found out their work, and they are humble enough to do it, and are doing it. The Church is sometimes weakened by the formation of too many associations. The Prince of Evil may take advantage of the religious dissipation arising from efforts too much divided and scattered. He was pleased to learn recently that the last Provincial Association Convention was the largest in the history of Quebec and Ontario. He was glad to hear of it in the face of the distractions caused by the existence of so many societies. This year, he might say, this Association has done nothing special. It was proposed to go out to new territories. It is proposed now to form Township Associations. To afford a true conception of the work done, and to be done, definite statistics are required from every School in the County. The statistical information now in possession of this Association is incomplete and efforts will be made to overcome this defect.

Mr. Ryckman, of Delaware, reported that the Township Sabbath School Convention, held in Delaware on the previous day (Nov. 2nd), was the most successful held there for a number of years. Mr. Craig, of Delaware, also spoke to the same effect.

Mr. J. H. McKay, of Ailsa Craig, reported that all the Sabbath Schools of that village were in a healthy state, each of them having an ample staff of teachers, with a good attendance of children. There was a difficulty, however, of retaining the attendance of boys of fourteen years and over during the summer months.

Mr. Jeffers asked if the Sabbath Schools were exerting a spiritual influence on the children. He would like to hear from the delegates as to what was the chief object our Sabbath Schools should have in view.

At 3.30, a large number of small children from the public schools of the town entered, and were placed in the front pews of the centre of the church. Mrs. A. W. Humphries organized them into a Primary Class and then gave a most instructive illustration of a "Primary Class at work," the lesson being Acts xii., 1-17. Taking a bunch of keys for an object lesson, she elicited from the children the use of keys by a series of well-directed questions, and led them to comprehend what it was to be locked in prison, and the disgrace that usually attaches to being charged with crime. She then unfolded to her pupils the arrest and imprisonment of