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Rev. Mr. SMART thanked the meeting for the honour conferred upon him. He little expected when he arrived in Canada, forty-six years before, to see such a day as that. It was indeed an honour to be made their first Vice President; but it was a still greater one to have been permitted to be the founder of the first Sunday School in Canada. He believed that both the person and the labours of the late Rev. Mr. Osgood, were known to most of the brethren, but he might inform them perhaps, that Mr. Osgood was inoculated with Sunday Schools in Brockville. He came there as an Itinerant missionary in 1812, and he was so pleased, that he began immediately to travel through the Province and to establish Sunday Schools wherever he went. For his own part, he (Mr. Smart,) ought to erect his Ebenezer and say, hitherto the Lord has helped me. He came to Canada forty-six years ago, and he might say that the Lord had now made him two hands—two hands! why what a number of hands were present that day! He thanked God for the preservation of a very feeble life and constitution till he saw that day, and especially till he saw that the cause of Sabbath Schools had taken such deep root in Canada. That cause was identified with the moral and political, he might say even with the scientific and literary progress of the country.

Mr. THOMPSON (Rochester) said he would present Mr. Smart with a portrait of R. Raikes.

The BUSINESS COMMITTEE reported the following recommendations, which were adopted.

1st. That the hours of meeting be from half-past 9 to half-past 12 in the morning, and from half-past 2 to half-past 5 in the afternoon, and that the first half-hour of each Session be spent in devotional exercises.

2nd. That no speaker speak more than once or occupy more than ten minutes on each subject, without permission of the Meeting.

3rd. That all business come through the Business Committee.

4th. That the following questions be discussed in their order, and that not more than one hour be devoted to each.

1. What is the best mode of training Teachers for Sabbath Schools?

2. What ought to be the necessary qualifications of Teachers before their appointment to Sabbath School classes?

3. Can the giving of rewards be so conducted as to be of advantage to the scholar, and to the prosperity of the School?

The BUSINESS COMMITTEE further recommended.

1. That a Committee of five be appointed to make all nominations required by the Convention, and that the said Committee consist of—

Messrs. S. J. Lyman, G. H. Delter, W. Burns, Ainsley and Dayfoot.

2. That a Committee of three be appointed to examine the statistical returns with the view of completing them as far as possible, and preparing a summary thereof to be submitted to the Convention.

3. That a Committee of three be appointed to make up a statement of the expenses of the Con-

vention, to ascertain the probable cost of publishing the proceedings, and to report a plan for raising funds, the said Committee to be called the Committee on Finance and Publications.

All of which recommendations were adopted.

On motion it was resolved that all communications to the Convention be referred to the Business Committee.

The proceedings of the morning were then closed by prayer by the Rev. Mr. Smart.

## SECOND SESSION.

The Convention assembled again at half-past two o'clock; and after a hymn had been sung, the Rev. Mr. Burpee offered prayer. Another hymn having been sung, the Rev. Mr. Scott prayed.

The minutes of the first Session were read and confirmed.

They led to a statement, that the first Sunday Schools in Lower Canada were established in Montreal and Stanstead in 1816; the latter school having sent out a missionary who was one of the first to go to the Sandwich Islands, and whose labours had been blessed by God to the conversion of many hundreds of souls. It was founded by Mr. P. V. Hibbard.

The NOMINATING COMMITTEE submitted a report which was accepted, naming for the

## COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND PUBLICATIONS:

Mr. H. A. NELSON, Chairman.

" JAMES STEWART.

" H. T. CROFT.

" W. J. MORRIS, and

" JOHN BARNARD.

## AND FOR THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS:

Mr. ALEX. MACALISTER, Chairman.

" GEORGE HAGAR.

" F. T. PEARSON.

They also reported the names of speakers for the public meeting to be held in the evening, viz:—

Rev. J. Shortt, Port Hope

Rev. B. W. Chidlaw, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Rev. M. Miller, Ugdensburgh.

Rev. C. W. Denison, Buffalo.

Rev. A. Bullard, Boston.

Mr. D. P. Jones, Montreal.

Mr. J. D. Foote, Buffalo.

Mr. T. H. Thomson, Rochester.

Mr. E. T. Huntington, Rochester.

The BUSINESS COMMITTEE recommended that the third question on the printed list in the circular calling the Convention, viz:—

"Are Sabbath Schools at the present day accomplishing the purpose for which they were instituted? viz: the religious enlightenment of uncared for children? Has this not been in a great measure departed from by giving more heed to the children of the Church than to those who are without means of religious instruction, and would not their usefulness be