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THE LATE SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The late Sabbath School Convention in Toronto was, in many respects, a very successful gathering. The number of ministers, Sabbath school teachers and other friends of the good cause, who came from different parts of this country and the United States, was very large, and is a striking proof of the hold that these noble institutions have on the Christian Church. Not less than nine hundred delegates and visitors, of whom about twenty were Americans, were present, to advance the interests of the Convention, and take part in its proceedings. The people of Toronto, too, evinced their deep interest in the proceedings by crowded churches and attentive audiences. We thought the attendance at the Hamilton Convention was large, but the attendance in Toronto, both of delegates and visitors, was much larger. On Thursday afternoon, even although the weather was very unfavourable, the scholars of thirty-two schools, numbering over four thousand children, assembled in three different Churches, to engage in singing and hearing addresses from delegates. Indeed, the attendance at all the meetings was very large. It would be difficult, in connection with any other religious movement, to assemble audiences so large and enthusiastic as those which were gathered in Knox's Church on the three successive evenings of the Convention.

There are a few things that have struck us as peculiarly interesting in connection with this gathering of christian men and women in our rising city.

In the first place there was the spirit of christian union which was very marked throughout all the proceedings. We believe that christians should hold their distinctive principles firmly and intelligently; but surely this should not prevent our meeting on a common platform, with other branches of the great Catholic Church, in advancing the common cause of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Christians, while they stand aloof from each other, are too apt to magnify the points of difference that separate them, and each denomination to think that none is on the way to Heaven but themselves. The mind is too frequently taken up with only one aspect of truth, and hence the conclusion come to must be false. Moralists tell the following story which may illustrate this point. In the days of knight-errantry, when individual adventurers rode about the world seeking employment in their profession, which was that of the sword, two strong and warlike knights, coming from opposite directions, met each other at a place where a statue was erected. On the arm of the statue was a shield, one side of which was of iron, the other of brass; and as our two heroes reined up their steeds, the statue was upon the side of the road