

Pulpit and the Sabbath School, it manifestly becomes a question of the greatest moment, that the training furnished by the latter, should be the very best possible.

No Canadian can but rejoice in the evident earnestness which characterizes the Professors and Teachers of our Universities, Grammar and Common Schools to bring themselves, their systems and their work up to the highest standard, as evidenced in their annual Conventions throughout the Province. And if the religious education of the young is to secure and maintain its proper relation to the purely secular, it surely behoves those directly engaged in that great work, to seek by all means the thorough efficiency imperatively required.

In Great Britain and the United States it has come to be an acknowledged fact that Sabbath School Conventions, such as the one now proposed, prove of the greatest value in securing that end. As expressed in the Circular calling the first and only Provincial Convention ever held in Canada—"They deepen the sense, in every mind, of the importance of the Christian training and the conversion of the young; they exhibit with much force and prominence the adaptation of Sabbath Schools for this great end; they supply in a measure, the lack of training for their work, which causes so many earnest teachers to suffer from conscious incompetence and defect; they collect the results of the varied experiences of those who pursue a common end by widely differing means, each one teaching and learning something in conference with his brethren; they lead thus to the improvement of existing Schools and the formation of new ones; they animate the desponding by making known the causes of failure and success; they cultivate Christian unity amongst the various denominations, and by all these means, they promote the cause of Christ and the true prosperity of the nation."

Referring you to the annexed subjects proposed for discussion—the questions relative to statistics and the accompanying circular—affectionately urging your co-operation and influence, by giving from the pulpit, the local press and otherwise, such publicity and prominence to the proposed Convention, as may be deemed fitting by you, in view of the great object.

We are,

Yours faithfully,

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