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I cannot conclude this account without dwelling for a moment on the excellent impression made by Mr. Seammell. So far as I could judge he made the hit of the Conference. On the first morning the speeches had been confined to amiable generalities until he was called upon and made an address dealing with concrete facts and with definite proposals for organization. They were greatly pleased and asked him to attend their Committee meetings. As I already have said, he worked with the three Committees whose work touches ours, and I understand that in every case he exercised a considerable influence in the drafting of their report. I myself heard him speak on the afternoon of December 4th, to an audience of more than one thousand school-children; he spoke excellently and was the only man who adapted his address to the character of his audience. I should say that the Americans now are quite behind us in the practical work of organization.

An awkward feature is the way in which those projects which we fought shy of at New York came to the front again. A great deal too much was heard of the bridges across the Niagara and the Conference endorsed a number of fanciful schemes, such as the proposal to have a special coinage. I attributed this to the feebleness of direction which I already have discussed.

I hope you will not find this epistle too long.

With kind regards,

Believe me,
Yours sincerely,

Hon. Sec.

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