

laymen in different parts of Canada. The first convention thus called, met on Wednesday, February 11th, 1857, in the City of Kingston. According to the report of the Convention, the attendance was 310 delegates, 177 of whom presented statistical reports from 185 schools. Ninety-five additional reports were received from parties unable to attend. The honor of being elected President of this first Canada Sunday School Convention was given to Hon. Jas. Ferrier, of Montreal.

### First Association

Although elaborate provision was made at the Kingston Convention for succeeding conventions, all plans failed, and it was not until 1865, eight years later, that a second was called. The proposal to hold it came from Rev. Wm. Millard, of Brampton, at that time Secretary of the Peel County Sunday School Union, which had meanwhile come into existence. A meeting was called in Kingston, and the plans laid for the convention of 1865 for Toronto, but the way being blocked there, Hamilton was selected. Here, on September 5, 6 and 7, 1865, in the McNab Street Methodist, the Baptist and Central Presbyterian Churches, was organized the SABBATH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION OF CANADA. This was deemed entirely distinct from, though in no way in opposition to the Canada Sunday School Union, the latter being wholly Missionary, and the new organization a convention movement. A resolution creating this new organization stated, "That under a deep conviction of the importance of mutual counsel in this great work of the religious training of the young, we, the delegates in convention assembled, hereby resolve to associate ourselves for this purpose on a doctrinal basis agreed upon in the first Convention in Kingston, under the designation of the Sabbath School Association of Canada." The resolution further provided for the Executive Committee and the appointment of a General Secretary to serve until the next Convention. The General Secretary thus appointed was Rev. Wm. Millard. As there were no territorial lines, except national, recognized, the third Sabbath School Convention, or the second of the Sunday School Association of Canada, was held in Montreal on September 4, 5 and 6, 1866, in Zion Congregational Church, Principal Dawson of McGill University being elected President.

### A Third Organization Appears

At the sixth convention in Belleville, in October, 1869, the Rev. John McKillican, agent of the Canada Sunday School Union, Montreal, presented greetings and appeared as delegate, and also Mr. Jas. McQuire, agent of the Sabbath School Missionary Union of Ontario,