

in the County of Bruce. The secretaries of the schools were asked to send in reports, but only a few of them did as requested, consequently we have not the full information we desire. However, I would say that conventions are being held regularly year after year, and are, I believe, increasing in interest and becoming more and more profitable. Our convention held last winter in the village of Paisley was exceedingly interesting. I would say, though, that we missed very much our General Secretary who was with us the year before—the Rev. John McEwen—and I hope that some arrangement will be made by which either he or some other well qualified person may be able to visit these conventions from time to time, to give us information in regard to Sabbath-school work and interest those who may attend. We have had two conventions during this year. There was a change made in the time of holding our convention, so that instead of holding it in the winter as formerly, it was called for the latter part of the summer. In some respects the change was advantageous, while in others I believe it was injurious. We found there was not so large a number able to be present as during the winter session, those living in the rural sections of the country being busily engaged at the time. An excursion was run by the line of railway, which certainly brought a large number of people to South-ampton, where the convention was held, but the excursionists came very largely, we found, for recreation and pleasure, and not from a desire to take part in the convention, and consequently the work of the convention, during the afternoon, was practically killed. A mass meeting, it is true, was held, at which there were quite a number present, but we found that the change of time materially interfered with the practical work of the convention. I don't know that I can say anything further regarding the work in Bruce just now.

COUNTY OF HALDIMAND.

Rev. R. J. ELLIOTT, of Caledonia, reported as follows: Mr. President, I think we have no township organizations in the County of Haldimand; we have, however, an excellent county convention, which has just held its twenty-first meeting. The successful work of this Association in the county is largely due to the earnest efforts of the Rev. J. Black, who for twenty consecutive years has been the secretary for that county, but who, on account of failing years, has been obliged lately to resign and retire. He reported 80 schools, with 5,000 scholars, in round numbers, and 800 teachers, and upwards of 10,000 volumes in the libraries of these schools. The last convention was held in the village of Canfield, on the 21st and 22nd of the present month, and was very fairly attended. It was a very interesting and enthusiastic meeting, and could not have failed to accomplish a great deal of good. The special feature to which we have been devoting attention during the past year has been temper-

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