

# REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## FOURTH

### Provincial Sabbath-School Convention OF CANADA.

#### FIRST DAY.—AFTERNOON SESSION.

THE fourth Annual Convention of the Sunday-School Association of Canada, commenced its Sessions at 3 p.m., on Tuesday, October 8th, 1867, in Knox Church, Toronto. Between 800 and 1000 Delegates and Visitors, from different parts of Canada, and some from the United States, were present.

Rev. Dr. CALDICOTT, of Toronto, one of the Vice-Presidents of the Association, on being called to the chair, read the third chapter of the Book of Proverbs, after which Rev. John Potts, of Hamilton, led in prayer.

The CHAIRMAN then, at the request of the Convention, appointed a Committee to nominate Officers and Committees for the ensuing year, as follows:—Rev. George Bell, Clifton; Mr. David Morrice, Montreal; Mr. Joshua Adams, Sarnia; Rev. J. A. R. Dickson, London; Mr. Thomas Robin, Toronto; Rev. John Potts, Hamilton, Mr. D. W. Beadle, St. Catharines.

The Committee having retired for the despatch of business,—

Rev. Dr. CALDICOTT remarked that, while they were waiting for the Committee to prepare their report, they could not more profitably employ their time than in a brief interchange of opinion and sentiment respecting the great subject which had brought them together—the training of our youth in the knowledge and fear of God. We could conceive of no work more important, for upon it depend the future character and prosperity of our country. There could be no question, that great improvement might be made in the mode of communicating religious instruction to the young, or that the Sabbath-School could be rendered far more interesting than it is, by the introduction of improved modes of teaching. He would not lengthen his remarks, but would give way to any delegate who might wish to address them.

After singing and prayer,—

Rev. Mr. CHAMBERS, of Storrington, suggested that, as they had the presence of the first Sabbath-School teacher of Canada—Mr. Sherwood, of Brockville—he should be requested to say a few words to the Convention.

Mr. Ex-Sheriff Sherwood, a venerable looking old man of 89 years, then ascended the platform, and was warmly received. He said he had long been engaged in the Sabbath-School work, and he felt great pleasure in being able to attend the Convention, because his heart was still in the work. (Applause.) He had commenced a Sunday-School in 1811, at the request of the Rev. Mr. Smart, who then resided at his house. When Mr. Raikes first started the idea