

the first place the Prophet laid himself upon the child, indicating that in our work as teachers we should bring ourselves down to the capacity of every child, suiting ourselves to him, entering into all his feelings and making ourselves, as it were, fitted to him in every part. Then again, the warm living body of the Prophet was made the means of bringing life again to the cold corpse of the dead boy; so from our warm Christian hearts we should bring life and warmth to the hearts of those who are dead in trespasses and sins. Now, brethren, this is what we have come together for—to get our hearts so warmed that we can bring life to those that are dead, and to learn how to suit ourselves to the minds of the children, as the Prophet lay upon the child in the miracle.

After singing and prayer,

REV. W. MILLARD, General Secretary, at the request of the President, offered a few remarks. He said that one very pleasing thought occupied his mind in connection with this Convention, that it must be pleasing to our Heavenly Father, that "it is right." Then if it is right, if it is pleasing to Him, we ought to expect His blessing. We do not approach Him as though He had to move His heart towards us, but we approach Him rejoicing that He is ever willing to give us the aid we need, though we are to ask Him. I would that we should realize this, and thus come boldly to the throne of grace. It is most interesting to me to notice the steps by which God has brought us on in this association. It is true we have had difficulties in our way as there has been in the way of every good work. Indeed, I should almost doubt whether the work was right if there were no obstacles in the way. We had some little difficulty as to whether we should have a Convention or not. Some of our best friends had nearly made up their minds that it would be about as well for us not to have one this year. Well, although I knew I should have my share of the work, I felt sad when I heard such remarks. We expected that Belleville, or Ottawa, or London, would invite the Convention, but as neither of these places felt itself prepared to assume the responsibility of a Provincial Convention, it was almost going a begging when a telegram came, saying—"St. Catharines invites the Convention," (cheers.) I can tell you it did my heart good to receive that telegram, and relieved me of a great anxiety. I did think we should have the Convention; my way is this, the greater the difficulty the harder I work. I have learned not to give up if I am sure the work is right; this is half the way to success. The ex-committee accepted the invitation of St. Catharines, and told Brother Beadle to gather around him the right men and the true, and prepare for the Convention. And my friends, allow me to say, the people of St. Catharines have done gloriously, (cheers.) They have opened their houses and their hearts to receive us, and I believe their hearts have grown larger in proportion as the number of visitors has increased. May God Almighty bless St. Catharines, and may He have many souls here.