

report, and as we considered it afterwards in discussion. Let me bring to you some of the suggestions that that report brought to us.

In the first place, in regard to the organization of the International Association, one of the chief objects of its existence is that there should be full and complete reports of the work done and the results attained in every State in the Union and every Province in Canada, so that these returns may be tabulated, and in this way a very definite idea obtained of the extent to which progress is being made; and because this had not been done in every instance, the statistics of the Association were not as full and complete as they ought to have been, but great assistance had been received from the denominational reports, which were very carefully prepared. I am sorry to notice that Mr. Hossie is getting uneasy, and that my time is up.

The PRESIDENT—I am sorry that the clock keeps going on; we wish that Dr. Jackson had begun sooner, but we are thankful for the information he has been able to give us in the short time at his disposal. I now have pleasure in calling upon the Rev. W. W. Smith, of Newmarket.

Mr. SMITH—I am glad to see you here, Sir; I am glad to see all these friends here, and I am glad to see myself here. I am to tell you something of the last two days of the Convention, for it lasted four days; and first of all, let me say, that we were well represented from Ontario; we had such leaders as Mr. Peake and Mr. Day, Dr. Potts and Dr. Jackson, and Mr. Hossie, and others. Professor Excell led the singing on the third and fourth days, and he did excel (laughter); I believe there is nothing better than a burst of song, when we get a little tired, and need wakening up; it just brings us back to where we left off, and we go on again with renewed energy. Our President was a model president, equal to the one we have now, and sometimes his skill and executive ability were in great demand.

Dr. Jackson spoke of the report of the Executive Committee, which recommended that the engagement of Mr. Reynolds should be continued. Mr. Reynolds had been doing missionary work for the Association for some time, and we heard on all sides that nobody ever went among them that did so much good as Mr. Reynolds; so it was determined to keep him on. His work was organizing Sunday Schools and local associations in all the states and territories.

And then there was a recommendation as to annual conferences of workers, so that all the workers in every state might be able to take counsel together as to the best means of carrying on the work in their districts. This was discussed with great warmth, indeed; and then came up the question of engaging a first class worker, especially for the work in the Southern States. This was a matter of some difficulty; for there were those of mixed blood, as well as those who were Negroes. Well, we considered the matter, and the sub-committee endorsed the recommendation that we should have a colored worker among the colored people of the South. The colored delegates made a