

COPY OF CIRCULAR CONVENING CONVENTION.

To Ministers, Superintendents, Teachers and others interested in  
Sabbath Schools:

REVEREND, AND DEAR SIRS,

At the Provincial Sabbath School Teachers' Convention, held at Kingston, February, 1857—which it is believed, resulted in great good to the Sabbath School cause throughout the Province—a Committee was appointed to call a future Convention, to whom since then, several appeals have been addressed, resulting ultimately in a meeting of that Committee in May last, at Kingston, at which it was recommended that such Convention should be held in Toronto, on the 6th, 7th and 8th of September next.

It having been incidentally brought before the friends of the Sabbath Schools in Hamilton, that Toronto did not seem prepared at present for such a movement, and deeming it of great importance that no further delay should be permitted, in securing the privilege of such a gathering, they resolved to take at once the necessary steps to secure the holding of a Provincial Convention here, on the 5th, 6th and 7th of the next month.

It is gratifying to be able to state that the Kingston Committee have cordially acquiesced in this change of locality, and that the friends in Toronto have also done so, in the most generous and friendly terms.

Everything that can be expected of Hamilton will be done to make the proposed meeting pleasant and profitable, and several of the most eminent and earnest in the Sabbath School cause, from the United States and Canada, will be present to address the Convention. With a view of eliciting the best thought on the subject, and of imparting increased interest to the occasion, a prize of \$20 is offered for the best Essay (to be read before the Convention) on the best mode of managing Schools, and of conducting the devotional exercises."

The time is so limited, however, into which preparations must be pressed, that it necessarily, depends much upon the spirit, vigor and promptitude, with which the proposal is taken up by Sabbath Schools, and the friends of Sabbath Schools, throughout the Province, whether the Convention will be a thorough success, in attendance and otherwise.

At the present day, it needs no argument in behalf of the necessity of Sabbath Schools; their necessity and utility being universally recognized. There is however, much that confessedly requires correction and improvement. And in view of the fact that obviously none but a secular education can be afforded by our otherwise admirable system of Provincial Common Schools; that thus necessarily the religious training of the young is confined to the Home, the