

### Sabbath School Teachers' Convention.

Superintendents and Teachers will be glad to learn that there is to be held at Kingston, C. W., on the 11th day of February next, a Convention of Sabbath School Teachers.

Several Teachers' Conventions have been held in the United States, and they have all exercised a highly beneficial influence upon the interests of the Sabbath School cause there. In our own country, which is developing so rapidly, something should be done to stimulate the cause, so that it may move forward with the progress that is being made in everything else.— Many villages have sprung into existence, which are, as yet, without any benevolent institution for the religious instruction of the young; and there are a great number of places whose Sunday Schools are of such a character that their usefulness is hardly felt: being oppressed with poverty and weakened by the want of earnest minded labourers. This state of matters would not continue a day if Christians truly appreciated the value of Sunday Schools; for they would then be found coming forward to their support, and contributing, not only their means, but their personal labour, that they might be placed above the difficulties with which they have now to contend.

One of the chief objects of the Convention is to endeavour to create this wider sympathy. It will be effected in a great measure simply by the attention which the Convention will attract; but more direct means will probably be devised, such as the

publishing of an appeal to Christians for more liberal support, and inviting ministers to preach an annual or semi-annual sermon in behalf of the cause.

The movement is not intended to initiate any system of control over Sabbath Schools; but it is hoped that it will be the means of introducing improvements in their management, and in the modes of instructing children; for it will bring together many men of experience, whose opinions will be valuable to others: it may therefore be expected, that a large amount of information will be imparted to every one present, which they will be able to carry home with them, and turn to a useful account.

Another object is to stir up those actually engaged in the work of instructing the young, that they may be actuated by higher, holier and purer resolves. This will be effected by the encouragement which delegates will receive by hearing what the Lord hath wrought among the young in other places, and by the deeper impressions of the importance of the work to which discussion and provocation to renewed effort will give rise.

The profitableness of the meeting will entirely depend upon the presence of the spirit of God: and we would remind teachers that every one who withholds his or her prayer for the Divine Blessing upon it, will be doing all that he or she can to render it unsuccessful. Let it be borne in the heart to the mercy seat so that the words of the Prophet, "Great shall be the peace of thy children," may be fulfilled in our own times.

But Superintendents and Teachers