

have received, freely give." "Go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in." "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these my children, ye did it unto me." I rejoice, therefore, in every movement that is set on foot for deepening the interest that ought to be felt in Sabbath Schools, and also for calling forth greater energy and greater wisdom on the part of Sabbath School teachers in prosecuting their important work. I cannot but feel warmly, and I am sure that, although brethren in the ministry have the same experience,—I cannot, I say, but feel most warmly for those who so disinterestedly give themselves up to the work of Sabbath School instruction, and who persevere amidst so many discouragements in their work of faith and labor of love; and, therefore, I hold that every movement which tends to encourage and help them in their important work merits our warmest sympathy and our heartiest support. It is, sir, on these grounds, and on others which might be mentioned, did time permit (but I find by the programme that I am limited to 15 minutes, and I don't wish to exceed the time) that this Institution is now presented to the favourable consideration and support of the Christian community in Toronto.

I suppose you will all remember the Institute which was held last year with so much interest and success under the superintendency of the Rev. A. Taylor, of New York, in Bond St. Congregational Church, and I have no doubt whatever from all we have heard, and from all that we know of our rev. friend, that this present Institute will be so conducted under his management, so that Sabbath School teachers will derive much profit as well as encouragement in connection with their important work, and that all whose hearts are right with God will be stimulated to seek more largely the Spirit of Jesus Christ, and thus to put their shoulder to the wheel to help on the progress of His Gospel chariot that is going forth and will go forth conquering and to conquer, until all things are blessed in Him, and all nations of the earth shall call Him blessed.

I do not intend, sir, to occupy the attention of this meeting with any further remarks, indeed I did not know that I was to address the meeting at all until I saw my name down in the programme, which was sent me. I take it as a very great compliment that such confidence was placed in me, as one interested in the Sabbath School, that I would be ready to address this meeting without being previously asked to do so. (Applause.)

Singing—"Soldiers of Christ arise."

At this stage of the proceedings, Mr. C. A. Morse introduced the Rev. Dr. Vincent, who, upon stepping forward, was received with applause.