## INTRODUCTION.

THE Committee appointed to edit the Report of the Thirtieth Provincial Sabbath School Convention have much pleasure in presenting it under the title of "Plants and Corner Stones." It is issued some weeks earlier than has been customary, and it is hoped that it may receive the same cordial welcome from workers throughout the Province as accorded to its predecessors.

The late Convention was one of great interest, and the attendance of delegates was very large. Each department of the work received a fair share of attention, and the separate conferences enabled those with common interests to have helpful intercourse. It was manifest that we have an abundance of talent in our own Province, while the presence and addresses of Mr. Jacobs, of Chicago, were an inspiration.

From the reports of the various secretaries, and that of the General Executive Committee, it will be seen that a very large amount of work was done during the past year. The report of the Treasurer will show that the strictest economy was practised. It is to be hoped that the various counties and cities will cheerfully accept the appropriation of the debt as made by the Convention, and to be found on page 87 of the Report, and promptly remit the same to the Treasurer.

The opening of an office for the Association, under the charge of the Corresponding Secretary, has been found to be a great convenience and to facilitate the work.

Special attention is directed to the report of the Publication Committee on page 49, and it is hoped that the circulation of Our Sunday Schools will be largely increased.

The reports of some of the separate conferences are not as full as the Committee could have desired. Some of the Secretaries of Conferences did not report a summary of the addresses, and it was found impossible in some cases to obtain these addresses.

Friends should keep in mind the International Convention in Boston in June, 1896; and the Thirty-first Provincial Convention in London in October, 1896.

THE EDITING COMMITTEE.

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<sup>\*</sup> There was no Pro Convention gave way to Toronto, 22nd, 23rd and