

and is now entering upon its fourth year. We will ask the indulgence of the Convention for some statistics in reference to this district, as it is one of peculiar interest to this convention—a kind of a ward of the Convention—and it is right that the figures concerning it should be given. We have a total of 2,500 scholars attending school in the District of Muskoka. There are seventy-four schools in the District. Probably now, at the time of making this statement, the number is being increased. We think the interest shown in Sabbath School work, as manifested by the results produced in Muskoka, is as great as in any other part of the Province. That is speaking, perhaps, plainly, but we think it necessary. We do not think that the Sabbath School work and interest manifested in Muskoka have been fairly represented, and we think it is only right to state that in that district, there are men and women working under circumstances of the greatest disadvantage, and yet working earnestly and intelligently in this connection. During the past year there have been a number of conversions. The temperance sentiment is increasing; a desire for prohibition and a disposition towards total abstinence have increased, and this work has been largely accomplished in the Sabbath Schools. I speak from experience, after having spent some years in that district. I think it will be safe to say that there are not nine preaching places in the District where there are not Sabbath Schools, and there are many Sabbath Schools held in homes and schoolhouses where there are not preaching appointments, and the work has increased in interest during the year. The last convention was one of great interest. It has been proposed to take up Institute work, and it is hoped that Institutes will be held there during the season upon which we are entering. It is proposed to organize townships as soon as that is practicable, or to organize them in groups. (Hear, hear.)

Ontario.—Unreported.

Simcoe.—Unreported.

Grey.—C. R. SING (Meaford)—We have an organization of Sunday Schools in St. Vincent and Meaford, some ten or fifteen schools, which are progressing very well. I visited the whole of them throughout that district, and we propose very shortly having the county organized. I know there has been a good work done. I know that the temperance sentiment is very strong in our schools, and that good work is being done in that direction.

South Simcoe.—Rev. J. A. Ross—We have in connection with that part of Simcoe a Sabbath School Association, which meets twice annually, once in summer, and once in winter. It has been three years in existence, and is doing good work. It includes, not only the southern parts of the county, but other townships. We have had excellent conventions. We have not touched such work as temperance work specially, though we hope at our next convention, which will be held in December, to do so with a view of organizing ourselves properly in connection with the coming vote on the plebiscite.

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