

courteous and indefatigable local Secretary, Mr. Seneca Jones—to whom the Convention is much indebted.

We had disappointments in the absence of the Rev. Dr. John Hall, and the Revs. Dr. Calkins and Dr. Eddy; and we were certainly losers in not having Mr. W. Howard Doane to conduct the singing. All these brethren promised to be with us and had raised our expectations; doubtless they would have been faithful to their word had it been in their power. God had laid aside two of them by serious illness, as well as our beloved Brother Cavan, who by the loss of voice could not serve us; the rest were hindered by matters of paramount importance. Yet the two days and a half were well occupied. Our Canadian brethren instructed and interested the many who were listeners. The character and tone of the topics discussed were as a whole in advance; will we not individualize these speakers. Our school teachers owe them a debt of gratitude, which (if they were not heard) we expect their reported teachings will inspire.

We had not Brother Pardee with us as in 1865—that “Captain General of Sunday School Teachers” and teacher of teachers, as we all confessed him to be—he rests from his labours and his works do follow him. But we had the consecrated talent and burning zeal of Brother Jacobs of Chicago, whose holy devotion, Bible teachings, and loving exhortations quickened and moved us.

Already we have enquirers after conductors of institutes. Normal Classes for Sunday School Teachers are now desired by many; and Bible study we feel sure will, during our new Association year, become more than ever the pleasant and profitable employment of teachers individually and collectively.

About 500 delegates and ministers were present from a distance; but this is but a small portion of the more than 36,000 teachers alone in the two provinces. For the benefit of this large number we publish this report, and those who could not, or did not attend the Convention may have, so far as such a record can be a substitute for personal attendance, its good things brought to them. The object of the publication of this report is not pecuniary gain; this Association has never yet realized the cost of the published reports. The present low state of our Association funds demand that in