

than in former years, and he thought this tendency would increase. Last year they had contributed the sum of \$50 to the Provincial Association, while several of their schools had collectively subscribed about \$50 more.

Hymn—"Brightly beams our Father's mercy."

Rev. E. H. Dewart pronounced the benediction, and the Convention adjourned at five o'clock.

SECOND SESSION.

The Convention re-assembled at 7.30 p.m., the retiring President in the chair. The church was filled with delegates and friends. The hymn, "Come, thou fount of every blessing," was sung, and the Rev. D. Mulhern read part of the 34th Psalm and led in prayer.

The Minutes of the First Session were read and confirmed.

Hymn—"I am so glad."

The RETIRING PRESIDENT said: The year for which I was elected has come to a close, and it is now my pleasing duty to introduce to the Convention the gentleman who has been elected to preside over the Association for the ensuing year. I had not the pleasure of knowing Mr. Jeffers before to-day; but I am quite satisfied from what I have heard of him, and from the position he holds in your town as Principal of your Collegiate Institute, that he will discharge the duties of his new office to the satisfaction of the Convention. I beg leave to retire from the chair, and to ask that Mr. Jeffers do now take the direction of the meeting. (Applause).

ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT.

The PRESIDENT-ELECT (Mr. J. Frith Jeffers, M.A.), on assuming the chair, said: Ladies and gentlemen of the Convention, I thank you very much for the honour you have conferred on me in appointing me President of the Sabbath School Association of Canada for the ensuing year. I feel the responsibility of the situation very much. While speaking to some of the brethren to-day after hearing of the election, I said there were others in our midst—men who already belong to the Executive Committee of the Association, men of experience, men who have attended these Conventions from time to time—who would have filled the President's chair much more ably than I can hope to fill it. The reply was in substance, "Well, we don't want to get the old ones in the chair; they are too apt to work away in the old ruts; we want some of the new men to take hold, and try to get out