

Sabbath School Association of Ontario.

REPORT

OF THE

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL
PROVINCIAL CONVENTION,

Held in Centenary Methodist Church, Hamilton,

ON THE 27th, 28th and 29th DAYS OF OCTOBER, 1897.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 27th.

THE President, J. J. MACLAREN, LL.D., Q.C., called the meeting to order promptly at two o'clock, and introduced the Rev. J. V. SMITH, D.D., pastor of the church, who led the devotions by giving out "Blest be the Tie that Binds." Mr. WHITE and Rev. Dr. WILLIAMSON led in prayer. After singing "Nearer, my God, to Thee," Rev. Dr. SMITH read Job xxviii., followed by Rev. J. McEWEN and Mr. J. A. PATERSON, who led in prayer.

The PRESIDENT said: Fellow-workers,—I am pleased to meet so many of you in another annual convention. The past year has been an eventful one in our work. From the reports of the officers and the Executive Committee, which will be laid before you, full particulars will be obtained. I cannot refrain from referring to one point: the incubus of debt which has weighed so heavily upon us for the past few years has been entirely removed, and we meet to-day without any liabilities and with a small sum in the treasury. (Applause.) From the printed programmes that have been in your hands for some time, you will see that we are to have a feast of fat things. We are to have the privilege of hearing from several of the most distinguished workers on the continent, from the United States and from the Province of Quebec, and I have no doubt that your verdict will be that which I have heard expressed by workers abroad, that we have in this Province many who are the peers of those in any part of the field. Amid our rejoicings, there is sadness. A number in our