

a good many years now, and I can say with confidence, that you will get more in that Book than in all the literature of the day, of what goes to make a man better, and greater and wiser. I will go further than that; I will take out half-a-dozen leaves of that Book, and in the six pages that contain the Sermon on the Mount, you have more sanctified common sense, more true wisdom, than you can gather from all the teachers of all the world beside.

Now we can get enough from the work of the late International Convention to keep us employed all night. Well, in the first place we have been having a very kind reception from the city of Brantford, but I tell you, brothers and sisters of the city of Brantford, kind though you have been, that the warmth of your welcome is yet not equal to that that we received at Pittsburgh. Why, Mr. Chairman, it was literally boiling hot; I wish you could have seen us as we marched up from the station that morning; the thermometer was away up in the nineties, and the dust was terrible. I suppose they had had some experience of Sunday School Conventions, and thought that we wanted lots of room. We met in an immense building, an exhibition of some kind, I think it was, but it was the most unsuitable place I ever saw in my life; we worked as hard as we could at trying to keep cool, but it was not much of a success; and we could not find anybody that was any better off than we were. I tell you, we had a melting time, and no mistake. (Laughter.) But we had a good convention; it was very largely attended; there were somewhere about seven hundred delegates present, and among them colored delegates occupied places on the floor and even on the platform. Maryland sent a black man, the chairman of the State Convention, and a fine intelligent fellow he was, too; and we had the satisfaction of welcoming the delegate from North Carolina, also a colored gentleman, who showed himself to be a person of great breadth of mind and good sense, and was not the inferior of any one on the floor of that building. We had representatives there from all over this continent, men, some of them, high in the councils of their State Governments; and all these deliberating with earnest mien as to the best way to achieve success in the teaching of the young the truths that make for immortality; and among them was Governor Beaver, ex-Governor of the State of Pennsylvania, one of the most advanced men in the United States.

You may be sure that our country was well represented, and that Dr. Potts did credit to us and justice to himself; and you may have no doubt that he will not fail to gratify us this evening.

The main part of the business during those sessions of the convention that I am to speak of, was the consideration of the report of the Executive Committee. That report showed the progress that has been made in every State in the Union; it not only detailed the great progress of the International Association, but it also gave promise of still greater advances that are in store. We had our hearts opened and our enthusiasm developed by the reading of that

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