

INTRODUCTION.

THE Editing Committee have much pleasure in sending forth "Lights Along the Shore," or the Report of the Thirty-third Provincial Sabbath School Convention. In humble confidence upon our Father, who from above sheds upon His children the never-failing radiance of His love and strength, we trust that an effort in keeping aflame these flickering lights along the shore of Time with which we have been entrusted, may cause some gleams of practical truth to come athwart the ways of many a Sabbath School worker.

The "mission work" reported as done in the "regions beyond" our ordinary organized work, proves how eagerly the pioneers of the north and north-west portions of our Province wait for the evangel of practical Sabbath School work, and how readily they appreciate the encouragement and instruction provided for them by our missionaries.

The organization work in the east, which we set out to do in the beginning of the year, has been by our faithful General Secretary almost accomplished, and thus our territory has been enlarged and our Provincial Association proportionately strengthened. We confidently look forward to report at the International Sabbath School Convention, which meets at Atlanta in 1899, that the Province of Ontario is fully organized, and thus establish a banner record.

We regret that last year closed with a debit balance. We rejoiced in commencing with a small credit balance, and so we have passed from gleam to gloom, but we are comforted with the reflection that "Sweet are the uses of adversity," and we are thus spurred on to greater efforts, which will reap for us a yet mightier success.

Our Peterboro' Convention was considered by those who attended to be one of the most helpful and practical that we have ever held. The addresses and the conferences were not only most inspiring, but replete with that information that adds new weapons to the arsenal of both superintendent and teacher. Our visitors from the Anglo-Saxon Republic next us, Prof. Hamill and Marion Lawrance, rendered us yeoman service.

This little volume goes forth with a fervent hope that its light will shine far from this shore, and help many to solve vexing and puzzling problems, and so make the work easier in the struggle to bring this young generation into the haven of eternal joy, "beyond this bourn of time and space."

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