

should have hesitated before accepting the honorable position in which you have to-day placed me, but I hope that at the end of these meetings it may be said of us as of the sister in ancient times, "she hath done what she could." I believe that the great Master of assemblies will not only preside over us, but will help us and make this our twelfth Convention greater and better than any that has preceded it. The Sabbath School to-day occupies a much higher position than it did ten years ago, when the teachers of this city, with much trembling and many fears, invited their fellow-workers in this Province to meet themselves in Convention, and I need not say to Mr. Millard that the memories of that gathering are still dearly cherished by those who took part in it. There was one person present who, I might say, was the most practical Sunday School worker that we had then. I refer to the late, and now sainted Pardee—I believe that the inspirations that was given at that Convention has not failed to reap a rich harvest, and I believe there are those now who are being pushed forward as it were, by the stimulus given then. There are those who say what mean you by these Sabbath School Conventions? Have not these Conventions had something to do with bringing about what must be to every loyal heart, to every one who loves the Saviour's name; what we have seen to-day; brethren not only working together, but walking together in unity? Have these Conventions not had something to do with what we prize so highly; the Uniform System of Sabbath School Lessons; and, above all, have they not had something to do with bringing about more general study of the Bible, that standard work of excellence, to which thousands come daily and draw information, as water from a living fountain, and are refreshed. I will say no more in regard to Conventions. There are a great many here and I hope that no time will be lost in speaking, but it would be well to have each speaker limited to twenty minutes, and if any exceed that time, I may have to call their attention to it by the ringing of a little bell I have here. (Applause).

The hymn,

"O God of Bethel."

was then sung.

The chairman of the Business Committee reported, recommending as a Committee on Resolutions, Rev. Dr. O'MEARA, Rev. Thos. Lowry, and Rev. A. H. Munro.

The report was adopted.