

means, and *especially that of personal effort* in working for Jesus. Sabbath-School Conventions bring out in a very impressive manner these truths, and show that self-denying labour in seeking to save the young is the best remedy for those soul diseases so prevalent among Christians now. Is the Christian suffering from doubts and fears and darkness of mind? Are his affections cold and his aspirations feeble? Let him go with earnest personal effort to work for Jesus, and a morning of joy will dawn on his soul.

The benefits of a Convention are not confined to those who attend. Returning home aroused and quickened from the stirring exercises in which they have taken part, they put forth thoughts and efforts which arouse other minds, fresh zeal is infused into the community, and the teaching and conducting of the school is improved.

The last object of a Sabbath-School Convention we shall here mention is the organizing and directing of efforts for the extension of Sabbath-School work in the field embraced by the Convention, whether that be a Province, a County, a City, or a Township. There is everywhere a field of labour and a work to be done for the extension of the Sabbath-School Mission. To overtake this work brought so near us, is a plain duty, but how to do it is sometimes a problem of difficult solution. A Convention affords the opportunity of organizing the available means which can be employed, and of using them to the best advantage. By consulting as to the best means and combining their efforts, the earnest workers may be able to excite an interest in the work, where such does not already exist, and in many instances to succeed in opening and keeping up new Schools in localities hitherto destitute. This may be done by personal effort in fields of limited extent, as in a city, town or township. Where an Association embraces a wider field as a County or Province, much may be done by employing a Sabbath-School Missionary to canvass the field, co-operating with the Churches, Ministers and existing Schools, always trying to *draw out unemployed piety and ability*, that the number of workers may be ever increasing.

II.

THE MODE OF CONDUCTING SABBATH-SCHOOL CONVENTIONS.

Where an Association is in existence, its Conventions will be called pursuant to adjournment, or as may be provided for by its rules. Where an Association has not been formed, a number of Sabbath-School men should consult together and agree to hold a Convention, at the time the most suitable and in the place the most convenient for the largest number of those who may be expected to attend. Every effort should be used to get all the religious denominations interested in the movement and to unite in calling the meeting. A circular should then be prepared naming the place and time for the meeting, stating a few strong reasons for holding the Convention and naming subjects for consideration. In some instances partial programmes may be included. Every effort should then be used to obtain thorough publicity to the movement. Ministers of all denominations should be asked to announce it in good season, and if they would preach on the subject of Sabbath-Schools and call special attention to the Convention on some previous Sabbath, it would doubtless do much good. The local press should be asked to publish and recommend the matter. Special efforts should be used to interest Churches and Sabbath-Schools and induce them to send ministers and delegates. Prayer on behalf of the Convention should be asked for in the Churches and Sabbath-Schools as well as in the family and closet, that the Spirit of God may be present with a rich blessing, filling the hearts of the brethren who may assemble with heavenly love, and their minds with heavenly wisdom and guidance. The projectors of the Con-