

imparting, instructing, and stirring up the enthusiasm necessary in Sunday school work. We organized with a view of assisting in educating the public mind so far as we could respecting the necessities of this work. The Association was convened for this purpose and it feels encouraged in the work that it has been able to do. We did undertake to carry on Normal class work, but I must say it is in a rather imperfect state of organization yet. There is a little of that work being done, but it has not succeeded in that respect in meeting the expectations that we entertained for it in the past. However, the work is encouraging, and those who have it specially in hand purpose to carry it forward. We met in August this year, and devoted one week specially to this work. While I am here, and coming from the City of Hamilton, and being within the County of Wentworth, it may not be amiss for me just to state what little I know in connection with Sunday-school work in that county. I am quite sure that there is no county organization. I have lived in the county for one year and I have not been able to learn of any such, and if there had been I would have found it out. I think the work done there is as good as is generally done where there is no special organization. The different denominations in the city, I think, are looking after their school work very generally with a great deal of care and enthusiasm: and, I think, there is a general movement to build up Sunday-school work in the City of Hamilton. I can only speak for my own school, and there are circumstances which prevent me from being present oftener than every other alternate Sabbath: but if the other Churches are not doing more than mine we are not in any sense doing the work in the Sunday-school department that ought to be done. The reasons for this will perhaps develop more fully during this Convention than I can state now, but I have felt the want of some such organization as the county Association. The last county in which I lived before I came to Wentworth was Middlesex. The Association there was allowed to die, and I think at one time that county was very thoroughly organized and held very interesting Conventions. But in some way or other when there is a city in the centre of a county it seems that a feeling of strife gets up between Sunday-school workers in the metropolis and those in the surrounding country, and instead of the city with its superior talent being an advantage, it is just the other way. It was said that in the City of London they were selfish. I am not speaking personally, but I think perhaps in our organization we should have that thought in view; that the workers or the prominent persons in the Conventions should not always be from one locality, but should be scattered pretty well through the county. Of course they will say, get the best talent you can, and that is true, and possibly we will get more talent by confining ourselves to the centres than by drawing from all over the county, but care must be taken to avoid raising such a feeling as I have described, and which I believe caused the Middlesex Association to lapse. I do not think I have