

centralizing power, and we are determined now to keep this thing up." They made arrangements to hold Conventions in some of the places adjacent, where there were a few Protestant schools, to get them together and encourage them, and help to build them up and strengthen them. Now, I want you brethren here to give that Province your prayers, and assist in any way you can by going over and helping them when they hold Conventions along your border. You know it is very strongly a Catholic Province, and it needs the aid of this great Province of Ontario; and you will find there will be great results from it. Now, in regard to this subject, there never have been so many helps to Bible study, probably, as there are to-day, owing to this international system of lessons, by which we all have the same lesson. It enables us to have the best thoughts of the best men and women all over this land; and it is said now there are over 250 expositions every week of our lessons. Just think of it; 250, probably, of the best men and women of this land and of other lands, giving to us their best thoughts upon this lesson which we are to study the coming week. So there has never been probably in the history of the world, so much intelligent study of God's Word. For a few dollars you can get more information and light than it was possible for a minister with \$1,000 to get twenty-five years ago; all these different publications are vying with each other to increase, not only their number, but their efficiency; and, therefore, they are calling to their aid the very best minds. Then these lesson helps also give an advantage to us in the way of showing us how to teach the lesson. A good many of our lesson helps are showing how it should be taught to a senior class, to an intermediate class, and to an infant class. Now, there is a danger of our leaning too much on the helps; there is a feeling, "Well, I can take this thing up on Saturday night or Sunday morning, and get about what I want, and I can go before the class and teach it." There was never a good thing in this world that was not abused. It is not an argument against our helps that people abuse them. The question is, What is the general effect of them? If the general effects are such as to retire the Bible, or in any way mar the study of the Bible, they are an injury, because that Book is the fountain from which we must draw all our inspiration; it must come direct from the Bible. But, I do not believe it interferes with the study of the Bible at all; I believe there is more study of the Bible to-day than ever before; I believe these lesson helps have encouraged and stimulated the study of the Bible. We get more appetite for the Bible. When we have not much appetite, something is brought before us, and we say, "Take it away;" and they say to us: "Taste a little of it," and urge us to take it. I remember once I was not feeling very well; never was sick in my life, but I was not well; and my wife brought me something, and said would I not like to taste it? I said, "No, I have no appetite." She said, "Just taste it." I declined two or three times, but at last she