

swamp through which the road was but just laid out. He entered upon his journey with a weary heart, and though at first his horse could leap over the logs lying in the swamp, he at length grew fatigued and had to go round them. He thought he must sleep in the woods, and he was just looking out for a dry place for himself and a spice bush for his horse when he heard a dog bark. The sound animated his horse as well as himself; but as the animal could not get through the bushes, he had to dismount and jump from log to log. At length he got to the house; was received by a woman, whose husband was absent, put up his horse and sat down to supper.

Before he began eating, however, he asked for a blessing to accompany it. The good woman at once came to him, and asked—"what, are you a Methodist preacher?" He replied no; but I am the next thing to it. I am a travelling Presbyterian preacher." "Well," said she, "you must preach."—"My good woman I have come a long way and I have seen no one but yourself. However, if you will get me a congregation I will preach willingly." She went to that part of the log house where in other houses there is a mantle piece and taking down a large horn, she blew it at the door. Her husband presently answered the signal. "Oh," said she "John, here's a preacher and we will have a sermon," by and by several others came in till seventeen were collected. He felt that, if there ever was a time to preach that was it, and they did not ask whether he was a Methodist or not. After he had done, one of the men came forward, however, and said: "Will you lead a class?"—"I never did; but if you want to talk about religion go right at it." "Well" replied the man, some of these people have not got religion and they had ought to get it." He was enabled to make a powerful discourse; two of the men came on their knees and there was a good time talking to them. Such was the encouragement the Sunday School teacher sometimes received. Perhaps there were some present who had not been in a Sunday School for three months. (A voice: three years.) That was bad, for Christ expected all to do their duty. He had once seen in a school at Louisville an old colored man who was so blind that he could see nothing. He asked why he came there. "To show," said the other, "that my heart is in it." He hoped then that many of those of whom he had just spoken would let superintendents and teachers see that their hearts were in the schools. If men and women would but become teachers, though there were no classes for them, classes would soon be formed. Mr. Beecher used to say to students who asked him where they should go to preach—"make places." Just so, let children be gathered in, they would make classes here and, in glory, fill up the Heavenly garner for evermore. He concluded with an appeal to those present to contribute liberally to the collection, enforcing his exhortation by a story of an old lady who belonged to a Church where a bell had been put up. She did not like the bell at all; but she gave \$10 towards it to please her grand daughter. Next Sunday she went to Church; heard the bell; and was delighted with the music—such a

change was produced by having \$10 invested in the bell.

Rev. Mr. SHORT (Port Hope) said the motto of Sabbath Schools was going ahead, and the spirit which this motto indicated was not confined to the United States, as was proved by the construction of the Grand Trunk Railway, to whose proprietors and to those of the other railways, whose fares had been reduced in favor of the delegates, much gratitude was due. By that means they had been brought to Kingston—now the Capital City of Sunday Schools, and by the very choice made of it for that purpose pointed out as the most fitting place for the seat of the government of the Province. He went on to express his great satisfaction at the proof afforded by the meeting of that Convention of the possibility of all Christians Meeting on terms of friendship and equality to promote the cause of Christ. He had himself entertained prejudices against such meetings; but he was happy at having got over them. Some feared that they would lead to what was called sheep-stealing—that was to say that the lambs of some pastors' flocks would be taken away from them in consequence of these intercommunions. But he thought no such danger was to be apprehended, and at any rate it was a danger equal from all sides. He illustrated the propriety and harmlessness of these unions of Christians at considerable length by a number of familiar examples.

Rev. Mr. BULLARD (Boston) being called on said he would not venture to detain the meeting another moment on that occasion; but would speak at more length thereafter if another opportunity offered for doing so.

The proceedings of the evening closed with the doxology, "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow" and the benediction.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH.

A prayer meeting under the charge of the Rev. Mr. Keough, of Kingston, was held at 7 a.m.

FOURTH SESSION.

The Convention reassembled in the Methodist Church at 9 o'clock.

Devotional exercises occupied half an hour, after which the minutes of the second Session were read and confirmed.

The NOMINATING COMMITTEE recommended that a Committee to consist of—

REV. R. TORRANCE, MESSRS. GEO. FENWICK,
MESSRS. B. LYMAN, " GEO. HANCOURT,
" H. A. NELSON, and SHERIFF TREADWELL

be appointed to examine and report upon the credentials of delegates.—Adopted.

Mr. A. MACALISTER, Chairman of the COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS, reported that they had made up the returns from 204 schools, being the number received up to the opening of the Convention, and presented a statement thereof, (which is here omitted, it being superseded by the appended summary of all the returns.)

The Committee recommended that Sabbath Schools throughout the Province keep regular