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## REPORT

OF THE

### Halton Sabbath School Union Convention.

The meeting was called to order by the Rev. J. Unsworth, when it was moved, seconded, and carried, That P. W. Dayfoot Esq., be the President of the Union.

After taking the Chair, he called upon the Rev. J. Unsworth, to open the meeting by singing and prayer.

After which the President rose and said:

CHRISTIAN FRIENDS:—I need not assure you that I feel an honour and a privilege to be in any way connected with this our noble enterprise, but more particularly to be President of the Halton Sabbath School Union Convention, when we meet in Harmony and Christian Love, to discuss such themes as have for their object the well-being of the rising generation, both as regards their Temporal and Eternal welfare. And it affords me much pleasure to see now assembled, representatives of the different branches of the Christian Church. I am satisfied that if the knowledge of the Lord ever became universal, and if Christians ever become of one heart and one mind, the Sabbath School Union Enterprise will be one of the greatest means used by the Almighty to bring about this most desirable state of things.

We welcome you my Christian friends, to this our First Annual Meeting of the Union held in this county; our great object is to become acquainted with each other, and the condition of the Sabbath Schools, and see how far it meets the wants of this county. Any of us who ever attended a Sabbath School knows the Heavenly safeguard Sabbath School instruction has thrown around us, and the religious feelings and emotions that it has awakened in our hearts, time can never efface; and though we do not always see those happy results, that we would wish connected with our labours, yet it has been often found that impressions have been made in the mind of many a wild and reckless Sabbath School Scholar, that have finally brought him to the feet of Jesus. Thousands are now on their journey to their Heavenly home, that first learned to lip the name of Jesus in a Sabbath School. And if this is the Institution and these the results that we have met this day to promote, is it not well worthy of our influence, of our prayers, and of our earnest efforts. It is pleasing to know that we are not alone in this noble work, it is occupying a prominent position in the actions and deliberations of all Christendom, and those most distinguished for their learning and their piety are co-operating with us. If there should be any scruples in the minds of any as to the practical working of Sabbath School instruction, and the duty of every christian to engage in this noble enterprise, I would give them the advice of the Rev. Mr. Milburn, Methodist preacher in Brooklyn, "to give it a protracted, earnest, repeated, hearty, christian co-operation, and I am sure they will be satisfied with the result. The Rev. Mr.

Church of England Minister of New York said "when I am surrounded with 500 Sabbath School Children, I feel that I am in just such a chariot and

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