

INTRODUCTION.

In the following pages is presented the Report of another years' Sabbath School Association work, and the Proceedings of the Twelfth Provincial Convention.

• The reports, provincial and county, with but partial exceptions, are encouraging. Sunday School work has prospered generally; Schools have multiplied, have improved in management and teaching, and there is an increasing desire for improvement, as evidenced in the discussion on Normal Classes for teachers; indeed, never was there so great a desire on the part of the teacher to be "a workman that needeth not to be ashamed." The past has been the crowning year in conversions, and a greater number than in former years have been added to the Churches. Never was there more general and thorough conviction that the association of the workers in this department of Christian effort is most profitable—a conviction manifested not only by such assemblies as we chronicle, and in the spoken declarations of those who attend the Provincial and County Conventions, by all branches of the Church, but evidenced by the Denominational Sabbath School Unions, which have been the outgrowth of this Association. The Rev. S. G. Stone stated, "We regard this Convention as the parent of our own Conventions, and we look forward to it always as a source of wisdom and instruction in the carrying out of our own Conventions." It has been well said that "no work in the Church is greater or more honored of God than the work of the Sunday school."

To meet in Hamilton where the Sabbath School Association was originated, and in the Central Presbyterian Church, where all who hailed its birth in 1865 received an inspiration never to be forgotten, was itself a privilege. The former hospitality of the citizens was repeated, and no efforts on the part of the local committee were wanting to accommodate all who gave due notice of attendance. We feel it due here to record the labours to this end, of the