

Rev. Mr. HOUSTON said—Mr. President, we in Kingston, here, have been feeling that we were on the Mount of Transfiguration in some sense during these three days. We met three nights ago to welcome these delegates, and we did it with all our hearts. We are met this evening to bid them farewell. We looked forward to receiving very much benefit, and we have received this in more ways than I have time to mention. Some of us had anxious work to do, and I suppose if we had to do it again we might do it better. We did it to the best of our ability, and we looked for great things, and I think we can all say now that we have got a great deal more than we looked for. We have come into contact with friends from a good many parts of the province, and formed friendships that will continue. But far more than that, we have been comparing methods; and perhaps one difficulty has been the embarrassment of riches. However, we will try and pick out some of these threads, and we shall do our best to put these methods, so far as we can adapt them to ourselves and to our surroundings, into operation. As a previous speaker said, it is not simply talk, we have that in perfection, and I am sure there are parents of boys and girls who will never forget many of the words that we have heard so well from Bishop Vincent. (Hear, hear.) It was one of the pleasures, indeed, to many of us that we should be able to see in the flesh, and hear the voices of many of those who were recognized in their writings, and whom we knew through Sunday School literature, and I suppose no two did we recognize through many years better than the names of Bishop Vincent and Mrs. Crafts—(applause)—and it has been to-night a delight to us, and those who have not seen them before, to hear their voices and to meet with them in the flesh, and we shall be able to think of them, and of the words we have heard from them, as well as from many others, whom I have not time to mention. Looking over that map that was put up before us, and seeing where those stars are, I am sure many of the friends in Kingston recognize a great blank here, and we are standing in the centre of it. Well, it is not coming to us for the first time, for my friend Shaw and myself have talked about a Sabbath School Association for Kingston, and we were just waiting to get the instruction that we should get here, and then start on in this work, and I think we do mean to work. And it was one of the pleasures and one of the privileges in making preparations for this meeting, that some of us from different denominations were drawn closer together than we were before, and I am sure this will continue. We have received a great deal of instruction, and while it is with no pleasure that we find this meeting coming to a close, yet surely there will be much pleasure in thinking of these friends and of what we have heard, and trying to put into practice what we have heard, in the days that are to come; and I trust that before another year there will not be such a blank in this eastern part of the Province as there seems to be on that map. Now I think we can speak for Kingston and for the