

sidered, so highly favored as our own Province of Ontario. We have wonderful natural resources—and no nation can be important unless blessed with some great natural resources. In no other country will you see more churches and school-houses than you do in this province; our Sabbath Schools and churches are everywhere, and the people take an interest in them and attend them. Morality and Christianity are at a higher point in this province, in my judgment, than you can find anywhere. Where is there a better secular school system to be found than we have in Ontario. Therefore, the Sabbath School Association of this province has reason to feel proud of this province and of the result of their work. The principles they have been teaching during the past years have been bearing fruit; they have been taking the boys and girls, many of whom have had little opportunity of spiritual training, and have developed them into useful citizens. There are young men who say that they have reached the age when they are too old to attend Sabbath School. I hope there are not many such, and I trust that view is gradually passing away in this province. I think perhaps no other association during the last twenty-five or thirty years has done more to advance spiritual truths and the cause of religion and right than this Provincial Association and the county and township associations, which have given an opportunity to different denominations to come closer together in this work. We do not know in this gathering what a man's religious denomination is; all we know and want to know is that men and women are banded together and meet with us for the purpose of trying to advance this great cause. This Association deserves honor and credit for what it has accomplished in the past. What are the objects of this Convention? One is to meet experienced Sabbath School workers from all parts of the Province and exchange views as to how Sabbath Schools can best be carried on. We put our experiences, as it were, into a common purse for the good of all; and then, after talking over these matters in a frank spirit for the purpose of helping each other, doing one another good, fitting us better to carry on this work, we put our hand into the purse and take thereout a goodly treasure, and no one is a bit the poorer. You give of your experience, and some one else can take it all and keep it all, and you are both made rich, and you go back to your schools, and fire the Sabbath School workers by the enthusiasm and fire you have received at this Convention; and no one can tell what the result of this Sabbath School Convention may be. I am very glad to have been here. I wish the Sabbath School cause every success. I am glad to contribute my little mite to help advance the cause in this province in which we live. (Applause.)

The PRESIDENT—Those who know Toronto and Hamilton know what the Lord's Day agitation is in those two cities, the ultimate result of which we trust you Londoners will reap the benefit of. I call now upon one who is a stalwart of the stalwarts on this Sabbath