

SUGGESTIONS

For the guidance of Office-Bearers of County Associations in connection with the Sabbath-school Association of Canada.

LANDMARKS IN THE WORK OF THE ASSOCIATION.

1. The first Canadian Meeting on united Sabbath-school effort was held in Kingston, Feb. 11, 12, 13, 1857. The Basis of Co-operation adopted was the same as that of the Evangelical Alliance, setting forth the leading doctrines of the Gospel.

2. The Association was more fully organized in 1865, as set forth in the following Resolution:—"Resolved, That 'under a deep conviction of the importance of mutual counsel in this great work of the religious training of the young, we, the delegates in Convention assembled, hereby resolve to 'associate ourselves for this purpose 'on the doctrinal basis agreed upon at 'the first Convention at Kingston, under the designation of The Sabbath School Association of Canada.'"

3. The Association has held eighteen Provincial Conventions in the larger centres of population.

(1) It has invariably co-operated with the evangelical Churches of the land, and has had their consideration and liberal support, and has no aim but to supplement their efforts in this direction.

(2) It has strengthened in zeal and knowledge both the delegates who have attended its meetings, and also those among whom they mingled on their return home.

(3) It has greatly encouraged systematic Bible study in private.

(4) It has fostered and directed the training of Sabbath-school teachers by Normal classes, and by urging attendance on larger Assemblies, in which study, drill, and examinations receive due prominence.

(5) It has brought into notice and use, modern methods and means of Sabbath-school organization and work.

(6) It has recommended attention to be given to special training for Sabbath-school organization and work, as a branch of instruction in colleges and seminaries, so that graduates may be able to commit the same to faithful men able to teach others.

(7) It has suggested and realized that Conventions be international, and that Canada be represented on the Lesson Committee.

(8) It has planted new schools in newly-settled districts, and is ready to enter in still farther, as the means are supplied.

(9) It has entered upon, and is now prosecuting, a fresh course of effort for the benefit of Sabbath-school teachers, in holding Sabbath-school Institutes throughout the Province of Ontario.

CO-OPERATION SOUGHT.

Such a record, in such a work, has a claim on your prayerful sympathy and earnest co-operation as an office-bearer in your County or local Sabbath-school Association. There are thirty-five