

hearers more than those prepared for the young. On behalf of every scholar and every teacher, we respectfully solicit that the whole weight of your office and character be given to promote the prosperity and efficiency of the Sabbath School.

Turning now, and lastly, to superintendents, teachers and friends of Sabbath Schools, we do not usurp that function of Conventions which consists in pointing out the best methods of teaching, but refer them to the following pages, and to similar documents, for that purpose. We would, however, in the spirit of the recent meeting, speak a word of cheer to those, especially, who are labouring almost alone, in remote places, and under peculiar difficulties. The cause in which you are engaged is the noblest upon earth; most dear to the heart of the Saviour; and most fruitful for eternity. "Be not weary in well-doing: for in due season ye shall reap, if ye faint not."

In placing this report in your hands, we desire to make special acknowledgment of the indebtedness of the Sabbath School community of Canada, to the Publication Committee for the promptitude and efficiency with which they have prepared it for the press. We ask members of the Convention to carefully study its contents, to relate them to those who could not attend, and to circulate the document as widely as possible throughout the country. By these means, the benefits of a meeting which was so richly enjoyed by those who were present, may be imparted to a very wide circle at their own homes, and hundreds of schools receive an impulse for good.

We would also urge upon Sabbath School workers in every County, the great advantage of holding local Conventions, and of organizing associations within its bounds. In such smaller gatherings, individual members can take part to an extent impossible in the thronged Provincial meeting. Ample information on all matters connected with County Conventions will be found in the very valuable Prize Essays appended to this report. The Secretary of the Association will be happy to attend such meetings, when desired, as far as he is able, and to assist in their organization. We would further suggest, especially to the residents in towns and cities, the plan of holding Sunday School Institutes, as briefly noticed in the first Prize Essay, on the successive evenings of a week.

We fervently hope and pray that when the Provincial Convention of 1868 assembles, we may hear from every quarter of multiplying and increasing schools, of an abundance of labourers, of liberal support and earnest co-operation, and, above all, of success in the great End of Sabbath School teaching, viz., the conversion of large numbers of children and youth to God!

On behalf of the Sabbath School Association of Canada,

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