

Sabbath School Association of Ontario.

REPORT

OF THE

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL PROVINCIAL CONVENTION

Held in Dundas Centre Methodist Church, London,

ON THE 27TH, 28TH AND 29TH DAYS OF OCTOBER, 1896.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 27th.

DEVOTIONAL services were conducted by Rev. E. B. LANCELEY, Pastor of the Church. After singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" and reading from the 20th chapter of Matthew, prayer was offered by Mr. L. C. PEAKE, of Toronto, and Rev. Dr. JACKSON, of Galt.

JOHN A. PATERSON, Esq., President of the Convention, said: It was my esteemed honor and privilege on the 24th day of last October at ten o'clock at night, in Cooke's Church, Toronto, to pronounce the closing words of the Thirtieth Annual Convention of this Association. It is my equally honored and esteemed privilege to stand here in London, in Dundas Centre Methodist Church, on the 27th day of October, of this year, and pronounce the opening words of the Thirty-First Annual Provincial Convention. We go from city to city because we are provincial. We go from Church to Church because we are interdenominational. But we forget these distinctions and obliterate these differences in the common thought that we are Christian fellow-workers in one of the noblest causes that God has entrusted to our care. We have left behind us the joys and sorrows, the golden days and the leaden days, the triumphs and defeats of twelve months since last we banded together. Death,

"That golden key,
That opes the palace of eternity,"