

HALTON S. S. ASSOCIATION.

THE Annual Convention of the Halton S. S. Association was held at Oakville, on Thursday and Friday, February 14 and 15, 1878. There was a large attendance of delegates, and the proceedings throughout were highly interesting and profitable.

FIRST SESSION.

The first session was held in the Presbyterian Church. The President, W. Bunton, Esq., Burlington, called the meeting to order at 10.15 a. m., and the meeting being organized, he delivered his annual address on the importance of Sabbath School work and the great benefits involved.

The Secretary read his annual report, which was very satisfactory, and is as follows :—

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Mr. President and Friends :

I submit the following report of the Sabbath Schools in this county. After sending circulars to all the superintendents I could find, the result is that 32 schools have sent replies to the questions proposed.

Of the 32 schools, 27 are Denominational, and 5 Union. Their periods of existence vary from one to fifty years, with an average of 18½ years each. The school in Bowes' Church will have entered on its jubilee year about the time this report will be circulated, having been organized in May, 1828. The number of officers is 179, teachers 291, scholars on the rolls 2,439—average to each school 76. 30 schools report libraries containing in all 7,426 books, or an average to each school of 246, and to each pupil about 3. Time kept open—17 all the year round, 3 no report, and 11 retire from service during the winter. 24 use lesson leaves, 8 do not report, 6 use black boards and 4 have maps. 21 report quarterly reviews, 8 weekly, 1 monthly, 5 weekly and quarterly, and 9 report teachers' meeting for lesson, study or training teachers. 141 teachers and officers belong to those schools that have meetings for training. 13 schools report 94 additions to the church ; other reports swell the number to 179, or