

I wish there had been nothing said about funds. I understand you have made some arrangement in this respect, although I was not present at the discussion, but I want to know how you are going to raise funds. It is a very unpleasant thing in these times to talk about money. When we get it we like to keep it, but we do not like to talk about it. We cannot teach a child by getting a stick and writing on the sand as they do in India; we must have books, and if we would get them honestly they must be paid for. We cannot expect a school to do without books. It would be all very well for an Esquire to collect together some forty or fifty children for the purpose of being taught; but if he did not provide any books, would not the first inquiry be where are the books? No sir we cannot do without money, especially where religion is concerned; and other persons besides the worthy gentleman alluded to, would have to give place to better men, as Cromwell told the Parliament. We want to get plenty of money, but we don't tell you what that plenty will be, yet we do not want to get any more; we want you then my friends, when you put the inquiry "what wilt thou have me to do?" to do something with your money, some will perhaps say you do not tell us how much you collected last; well they collected five dollars and twenty-two cents. Now that gentleman there could have given you the whole of it; there are plenty here who could do it. What a valiant speech that would be for a man of few words to put five dollars into the plate. Now Sir, I really mean what I say; it is little better than sheer hypocracies for men to talk about loving God, and to say "Thy kingdom come and thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven," and I do not know what else besides, and then feel in their purse for the smallest bit of money they can find. Now I do not mean to make the snuffers squeak, but I do say, pull out the money and give us such a collection as will meet the wants of this society. I will conclude by saying I wish every success to the Halton Sabbath School Union.

### The Rev. J. UNSWORTH rising said,

MR. PRESIDENT, I almost feel tired of coming before this audience so often; whenever there is a gathering in Georgetown, it always seems to fall to my lot to be there. It is necessary however on this occasion for me as Secretary of this Convention to make a slight apology for the position in which we are placed, in regard to our supply for the platform. It has not been from want of effort on our part; we have done all we could to induce Ministers in the County to attend this Convention, but why we have not been blessed with their company is not for me now to repeat. In consequence of their being so few present, many of us have been called upon to take a more active part than we otherwise should, yet not because we are unwilling to work, for we can say that we love Sabbath Schools, and our desire is to promote the cause of union among them. I would say that I feel happy in meeting those who have honored us with their presence, and like our brother from Brampton, I can say that this Convention has been one of exceeding great interest to me. Although the Clergy have not been here, still a great number of those who are called the Laity have been present and their discourses have tended much to our mutual edification. We feel encouraged to think that a good work has already been effected by this Union, and that many will leave it with a settled determination for the future to spend and be spent in this noble work. Our main object as teachers is to lead these young minds to God, and bring them into direct contact with the Cross, that by its gracious influence and the renewing power of the Holy Spirit, they may be moulded after the image of Christ, so that they may honor Him as their redeemer and their God. We aim Sir, at the conversion of the rising youth. One of the subjects of discussion in the present Convention was:—Whether the conversion of children was an end to be sought and expected? I say yes it is, every thing around us seems to say that it is an end which ought to be sought. It is the settled conviction of my mind that a child in early life can be converted to God. I may be said to be a standing evidence of the truth of this doctrine. When I was but a child I was enabled to look by the eye of faith to the cross, and to obtain that change of heart and life which is called conversion. There are many other considerations which would lead me to these conclusions, it is an end to be sought; it prevents a very great amount of evil which would have been committed by those who are the subjects of early conversion. So long as the soul remains unconverted the carnal propensities will be so strengthened by every evil influence thrown around