

St. Catharines.—Rev. Mr. CASSIDY—There are fourteen schools in the Association besides the colored Methodist school, and a school carried on by the Brethren, making sixteen, and two Roman Catholic. We need organization. We would like to join the county association or co-operate with the provincial authorities in setting it going.

Toronto.—Mr. BATES—I would like to report from the south wing of the Central Prison. We have about 230 scholars. We are not anxious to increase the membership. (Laughter.) We have about thirty-five teachers on the average. A number of the men sent in requests for prayer during the week. We hold prayer-meetings on Monday evenings from seven to eight o'clock. The last night I was in the prayer-meeting, I told them I was coming here and would like to have a message from them. I asked them to carefully consider what they were going to do, and to hold up their hands, those who were converted from the time they came to the Central Prison Sunday School, and out of twenty-three attending the prayer-meeting I had eleven hands go up. (Hear, hear.)

The PRESIDENT—The organization of Toronto has been on the minds of the Executive for some time. We came to the conclusion that you cannot organize Toronto—for the sake of organization. You can organize them for work. The first work that we have planned is a house-to-house visitation, an endeavor to take the religious census of the whole city on one given day. (Hear, hear.) We had taken the preliminary steps, but it was deferred by the uncertainty as to the time when the contest for Sunday cars would come on. I am in hopes that by the time we meet again we will have a city organization.

The PRESIDENT introduced the Rev. W. W. Weeks, of Toronto, who would speak on

“SEVEN STEPS OF PROGRESSION IN A SABBATH SCHOOL TEACHER’S
EFFICIENCY.”

Mr. WEEKS—The subject assigned me is found in Peter i. 5. The greatest honor given to woman is motherhood. For a woman to neglect the fireside for anything else in all the world would be as though our gracious Queen gave up her splendid Empire to become the leader of a little African tribe. The cradle is more important than the ballot-box. Next to motherhood the greatest honor conferred on any individual is the care of a Sabbath School class. The greatest possible care should be taken in the selection and preparation of Sabbath School teachers. I would rather nail up the doors of every Sabbath School in the land than have improper men and women try to teach the boys and girls. I would rather have twenty or even fifty in a class, under an efficient teacher, than to have that class divided into three or four classes with only one good teacher and the