

Hall, on Thursday evening last. The attendance was large and respectable. At the conclusion of his eloquent discourse, the rev. gentleman announced that it was the desire of a number of the inhabitants of Galt, that a branch of that Church should be established in the town; and in doing this, it was not from a spirit of antagonism to any of the present Presbyterian Churches in the place, but to assist in pushing forward the great work of Christianity. A petition to the Presbytery of the Wellington District, praying that a clergyman be sent to Galt, was signed by a sufficient number to guarantee the establishment of this branch of the Christian Church in Galt. We wish the movement every success, and hope in a few months to see a large and increasing congregation.—*Galt Reformer*, Nov. 19.

#### SABBATH SCHOOL TEACHERS' CONVENTION.

A specially convened meeting of several persons from different cities of the Province, was held at Kingston on the 25th of last month, for the purpose of considering the expediency of holding a Convention of Sabbath School Teachers. The feeling in favor of the proposal was unanimous, as it was thought that such a meeting would exercise an important and beneficial influence upon the

Sabbath School cause. It was therefore decided upon.

A local committee and a committee of arrangements, the latter consisting of two branches, one in Toronto and the other in Montreal were appointed.

It will be held at Kingston on Wednesday, the 11th day of February next.

As soon as all necessary arrangements are completed, full particulars will be published, and an invitation will be given to every Sabbath School to send one or two delegates.

This being the first Convention, on a large scale, ever proposed in Canada, and as its object is simply the increase of the usefulness of Sabbath Schools, by mutual interchange of thought on their interests, and by an endeavor to create wider sympathy on the part of the Christian public; it is hoped that every School in Canada will be represented. The expense to each will be exceedingly light, as the delegates will be furnished with private accommodation during their stay in Kingston, and the arrangements with the different railway companies to secure a material abatement in the current rates of fare have, so far, been very successful.—*Communicated*.

[The object contemplated is an important one; and we wish the Convention all success.]

## Gleanings.

### THE SOUTHERN STATES—THEIR CHARACTER AND INFLUENCE.

The *Independent* a New York religious newspaper, and an organ of the Congregationalists, gives, under date 6th November, the following description of a large portion of the Southern—the people of Virginia, Georgia, and the Carolinas:—

“Among that population are 133,889 white persons above 20 years of age unable to read or write; and this number is increasing with astonishing rapidity. In Virginia, the number of persons thus ignorant, nearly doubled in the ten years between 1840 and 1850. In morals, manners, personal habits, and ideas of cleanliness, comfort, decency, and propriety in their dress and habitations, the majority of the white people of that whole region are debased and defiled to an extent which Northern people, who have never sojourned among these Southern dirty white savages, can hardly imagine or believe.”

The South, however, it seems, has always borne, and still bears, sway in the Union. The fact is thus stated and accounted for in the *Edinburgh Review* for October:—

“The Northern States are not only by far the most populous, they are also immeasurably the richest, the best educated, the most thoroughly civilised section of the Union. Yet of the sixteen Presidents of the United States, eleven have