

I believe that every speaker that is mentioned on the programme, will be here at the set time, prepared to do his or her share of the work, and I am firm in the belief, that this will be the best convention that we have ever had in the Province of Ontario. (Applause).

Now, I have appointed a few gentlemen as a Nominating Committee, and I have to request that these gentlemen retire, and favor us with their report as soon as they can. Mr. Henry Cox, County of Brant; Rev. J. W. Rae, Halton; W. M. Gray, Huron; A. J. Donly, Norfolk; Rev. C. W. Watch, Ontario; J. G. Goble, Oxford; H. C. McMullen, Prince Edward; James Woods, Waterloo; Dr. Nichol, Brant; Alfred Day, General Secretary.

Now we will have reports from counties. I will call over the list of counties, and may I ask that if the President or Secretary of each respective county is present, he will speak as soon as the name of his county is called; if neither of them is here, let some one else speak; we want to hear from some one in every county, as to the work done.

The first one on the list, taking them alphabetically, is the county of Addington—any one from Addington?

(No answer.)

The CHAIRMAN—County of Brant?

Mr. W. N. HOSSIE—I will read you the report of this county, for the year just past:

The Brantford City Sabbath School Association offer you a hearty welcome to our city, and to the Christian homes that have been kindly opened for the entertainment of delegates during this Convention.

The local association for this city, was formed in March, 1876, a year and a half after the Eleventh Provincial Convention was held in this church, in 1874. Our esteemed brother, William Reynolds, of Peoria, late President of the International Sabbath School Association, kindly complied with our request, while in the Province, and conducted a three days' Sabbath School Institute, in Wycliff Hall, but unhappily, and just like the provincial experience, nine years were allowed to pass with out another meeting, until again visited by the same enthusiastic worker in 1885, when our organization was revived and since maintained, owing largely to the county claiming our aid to help her secure the banner rank, which it is hoped may never be lost through the want of action on the part of city officers.

In 1888, we first observed the call of the London Sunday School Union, for a season of prayer on behalf Sabbath Schools, and members of one's own staff and class; and during the past two years, as a result, we have held a monthly union prayer-meeting in several schools, by invitation. Our last meeting, on the 19th, was held in Park Baptist school-room. It was well attended. The spirit of our Saviour's intercessory prayer was apparent in the love and respect manifested for one another, and all of one mind in asking for a blessing upon this Convention.

We now have twenty-one schools in the city and suburbs, and