

INTRODUCTION.

Your Committee have pleasure in publishing "Theory and Practice," or the Report of the Twenty-ninth Annual Convention of the Sabbath School Association of Ontario, containing a record of the addresses and discussions at the meeting at Belleville, together with reports of the Separate Conferences, into which the Convention was divided on the morning of Wednesday, 24th October last. (See page 147, *et seq.*)

It will be found that the work of organization, both conservative and aggressive, has been perseveringly pursued, and the report of the General Secretary will show how encouraging have been the results.

The reports of the Normal Secretary will show how strong an effort has been made to extend to all parts of the Province, as far as possible, the benefits of this department, since its inauguration in February of last year, and that a number of students in different localities have availed themselves of the examinations.

Interest in the Primary Department also is very much on the increase, and a strong desire is manifested to obtain all information and assistance in this important department.

With the growth of the work, the financial needs of the Association are greater than ever. An early payment of promised aid is respectfully solicited, and an earnest request is made that further liberal contributions will be sent in.

A tabulated statement of statistics, supplied by County and City Secretaries, will be found on pages 170-173.

The brief schedule, printed in last year's report, compiled from materials kindly furnished by the various denominations, will be found on the next page. This is the schedule, a copy of which was forwarded to Mr. E. Payson Porter, Statistical Secretary to the International Sunday School Convention in August, 1893.

Mr. Woodhouse, who has so worthily filled the office of Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer during the past nine years, having resigned, the Central Executive have appointed, as Corresponding Secretary, Miss Jessie A. Munro, who will take up her residence in Toronto, and enter upon her duties on the 1st March next. Mr. James McNab (125 Huntley Street, Toronto), a member of the Executive, has kindly consented to accept the appointment of Honorary Treasurer from the same date. The present officer will continue, as requested, to act until that time.

The next Provincial Convention will (D.V.) be held in London, Ont., in October, 1895.

THE EDITING COMMITTEE.

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