

Sabbath School Association of Ontario.

REPORT

OF THE

TWENTY-FOURTH

Provincial Sabbath School Convention

TORONTO, ONT., October 22nd, 1889.

The Twenty-fourth Annual Convention of the Sabbath School Association of Ontario opened in the Carlton Street Methodist Church, Toronto, at three o'clock this afternoon, Mr. Lewis C. Peake, Chairman of the Executive Committee, in the chair.

The proceedings began with the singing of "All hail the power of Jesus' name;" Rev. Dr. Hunter read from the 6th chapter of the Book of Deuteronomy and led the Convention in prayer.

MR. PEAKE—Before entering upon the business of the meeting we shall spend a short time in supplicating divine blessing upon the Convention, and we ask that every one here, male or female, young or old, shall feel just as free to take part in the exercises of this hour as though you were in your own church, or your own Sunday School. Remember, we are here together, not as the Carlton Street Methodist Church, but as delegates to the Provincial Sunday School Convention, and, as such, we have equal rights here. Now, will you kindly remember that, and do not wait for some one to ask you to do anything you feel you ought to do yourselves. Let us all feel free to take part in these exercises, and we want some two or three of the brethren or sisters to lead us in prayer, after we have sung this hymn:

Hymn 18 (Sacred Songs and Solos) was then sung, after which several of the delegates led in prayer.

MR. PEAKE—You have all heard, no doubt, that homely but beautiful illustration of the wheel—the nearer we get to the centre the nearer we get to each other. Now, it is of the utmost importance to the success of a Sunday School Convention, in the highest sense of the term, that we, at the outset, at the very first session, get just as