

responsibility, take a solemn oath on this Bible to discharge the duties of their public positions in the interests of the people whom they have been elected to serve. I take that as a tribute to the God of the Bible, to the God of the Sabbath School, to the great principles of truth and righteousness which, as Sabbath School workers, we have been trying to inculcate during all the history of this Sabbath School movement. (Applause.) What has been the result of Britain's building upon that foundation? In commercial greatness; in arts and sciences; in justice and equity; in giving liberty to subjects under her flag everywhere, she has achieved distinction. Only upon a good foundation can you rear a goodly structure. So in the time of test the principles taught in our Sabbath Schools have done great service to those who possess them. Nations also have their testing times. History tells of a time when a man, because he was black, was a slave—a slave under this flag of freedom which we are proud to honor to-day—but the principles upon which the British nation was built could not permit such an injustice and such a wrong to continue, and public sentiment was aroused, and as a result we all know that many years ago that blot upon the escutcheon of Great Britain was wiped away. Our neighbors to the South are to-day in the midst of a struggle of a somewhat similar character, not quite, perhaps, so grave, but one of the great principles of the Bible is at stake in that conflict—that is honesty—whether they will repudiate or whether they will be honest to the last cent; and we hope that the result of that contest will show that that nation also is founded on those great principles, and that they will stand by that great Bible truth of honesty and right. (Applause.) Our Sabbath Schools are simply meeting places of young and old for the purpose of teaching and receiving the great moral and spiritual truths of the Bible; but the Sabbath School should do more than that; it should inspire the boys and girls and young men and women to go out and put those principles in practice in their daily life. Our scholars ought to receive that spiritual development that would enable them to go out amid the temptations of life, and when temptations come upon them unexpectedly they will be able to meet difficulty in the best possible way, and overcome it. As this life is the beginning of another life, the Sabbath School teacher stands at the threshold of all, and has the opportunity to fashion and mould and protect the moral and spiritual welfare of that child. You can all see the magnitude and the importance of the responsibility resting upon you, whether teachers or workers in this great cause. Now, this Association is for the whole Province of Ontario, and when we become discouraged let us think of the boys and girls who have grown up and gone out as men and women into every locality, and have started little centres of influence, and have opened up Sabbath Schools, and have developed work along those lines, the result of which eternity alone will reveal. There is no province in the world, all things con-

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