

School Convention of the United States, held at Indianapolis in April, 1872, the First International Sabbath School Convention was held at Baltimore, on the 11th, 12th, and 13th days of May in this year. It was attended by delegates from all the different States, Great Britain, and Canada. Upon our arrival at the beautiful capital of Maryland, we found that the Convention was being held in the Masonic Temple, a spacious hall accommodating 2,000 persons. On entering, we observed banners, bearing the names of the various localities represented by the delegates, erected in different parts of the room, an excellent arrangement enabling the delegates to keep together and to be easily found. As we took our seats around the banner inscribed "Canada," the Rev. Dr. Grammer, of Baltimore, was reading a fervid and eloquent address of welcome. Appropriate responses were made to it by Mr. J. B. Tylee, of Pennsylvania, on behalf of the United States delegates, and by the Rev. W. S. Blackstock, on behalf of those from Canada.

At this point an interesting incident took place. A telegram of greeting was received from the Church of England Sabbath School Teachers' Society, then holding its annual meeting in Exeter Hall, London. The reading of it was received with applause, and followed by the singing of the hymn "America," to the air of the National Anthem, and the appointment of the Executive Committee to respond. Some routine business concluded the morning session.

In the afternoon it was announced at the opening of the session that the Rev. G. A. Peltz, of New Jersey, had been elected president. After a brief address delivered in a most happy manner by this brother, well known to many of us and beloved by all who know him, we listened to reports from the various States. These were wisely restricted to five minutes each. Most of them were of interest and brought before us many particulars worth remembering. Such, for instance, as these ; the general though not universal prevalence of organisation and establishment of Institutes and Normal Classes ; the great and increasing enthusiasm in the work ; the spread of Bible reading among the adult members of churches ; improved methods in the collection of statistics ; that in Baltimore a larger number of children attended the Sabbath School than the day schools of the city ; that in Boston the Sabbath School teachers of all denominations held a united meeting for the study of the lesson, led by the Rev. H. M. Parsons, some coming 10, 20, or 40 miles to attend it ; the establishment in Minnesota of many adult classes attended by large numbers of young men and women ; a brother from New Jersey told us that all the beautiful things we *talked* about, teachers in his city *did* ; another from Illinois said that in White County, in that State, every boy but one went to Sabbath School, and that a committee of three had been appointed to fetch him.

In the evening session the Rev. Dr. Warren Roudolph presented the report of the International Lesson Committee.