

INTRODUCTION.

Your Committee have pleasure in issuing "THOUGHTS FOR TEACHERS"; or the Report of the Twenty-Eighth Provincial Sabbath School Convention. It will be found to contain a very full record of the valuable papers and addresses presented on the occasion, and of the reports given from the various County, District and City Associations.

The attendance was larger than at any previous Convention, over nine hundred delegates having recorded their names in the roll-book.

The work of organization has been continued, and that of District organization has received careful attention. For particulars respecting the latter in the grouping of Counties, etc., see pages 200-203.

Some of the good points resulting from the Mission work done during the last few years are manifested in the interesting reports from the Northern and North-Western Districts.

Special interest was manifested in the subject of NORMAL WORK, and it was decided to establish a NORMAL DEPARTMENT in connection with the Association.

At a late special meeting of the General Executive Committee, held in Toronto, the appointment was made of a Normal Secretary in the person of Rev. John McEwen, of Lakefield, who has been connected with the Association in the capacity of General Secretary and Honorary Secretary for so many years. Rev. Mr. McEwen will (D.V.) enter upon his duties on the 1st of February next.

To meet the increased expenditure occasioned by this Department, extra contributions have been pledged by a number of the County and other Associations, and by schools and individual friends. Much more, however, will be required for this purpose, and it is hoped that many organizations and friends who have not yet done so, will promptly come to the aid of this new and important department of the work of the Association.

A tabulated statement of statistics, supplied by County and City Secretaries, will be found on pages 200-203.

A brief schedule 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.

Your Committee are confident that they express the feelings of the members of this Association, as they return thanks to all organizations and friends who have, by their contributions and influence, aided the Sabbath School Association of Ontario during the past year.

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