

The advisableness of holding a Convention of Sabbath School Teachers in Canada was suggested by Mr. S. J. Lyman, at a Meeting of the Committee of the CANADA SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION in July last. The Committee approved of the suggestion; but, as only a minority of the Sabbath Schools in Canada co-operated with the Union, they hesitated to take any decided action, believing that, to be successful, the Convention would require to be Provincial, and that it would not be so if they alone moved in the matter. It was agreed, however, to appoint a sub-Committee to invite an expression of public opinion in relation to it.

This was done, and it led to a preliminary meeting of a few gentlemen from different parts of the Province, at Kingston on the 25th of September last. The decision at that Meeting, in favor of the Convention, was unanimous; and a local Committee, consisting of the Superintendents of Sabbath Schools in Kingston, and a Committee of arrangements, consisting of the original sub-Committee of the Union at Montreal, were appointed, and the Secretary of the latter was instructed to correspond with parties in Toronto, which city was unavoidably not represented at the Meeting, for the purpose of inviting the organization of a co-operating Committee there. The friends in Toronto who had previously manifested a warm interest in the movement heartily responded to the call.

These three Committees carried out, as far as possible, the views expressed at the preliminary meeting.

With the exception of the superintendent of the Great Western Railroad, the managers of all the roads applied to, liberally entered into the plans and views of the Committees and proprietors of newspapers throughout the Province as liberally inserted the notices sent to them.

From time to time the Committees were much gratified by the apparent growing popularity of the movement: a popularity not to be ascribed to their efforts, but to the overruling Providence which blessed their labour, and which ultimately gave to the Convention a measure of success which far exceeded their expectations.

May the same Divine grace accompany this Report, and give to all who read it deep and abiding impressions of the importance of Sabbath Schools, and resolution and ability to labour unceasingly for the spiritual good of the youth of our country.

