

every one to care for the young. Christ died for all, and those poor creatures that wander through our streets, houseless and homeless, sometimes have thoughts upwards. To bring these to Christ was not a labor; we should rather call it a work in which we loved to engage. There is a work for all to do. God does not like to see any of his people idle. If the children around us perish, are our skirts free from their blood? May God give you and me grace to go forth to this work with renewed zeal and earnestness.

REPORT OF DELEGATE TO THE INTERNATIONAL S. S. CONVENTION IN PARIS.

The Chairman then announced that Rev. Dr. Ormiston would give an account of his recent visit to the International Sabbath-School Convention, held in Paris in June last.

Dr. ORMISTON, on coming forward, was greeted with loud cheers. He said he had not been in Paris two hours before he found himself in a meeting held in connection with Sabbath School work. This meeting was addressed among others by the Rev. Newman Hall, who gave them an account of what was being done in England to bring out the working classes to hear the gospel. In the building, which was within the precincts of the great Exposition, an hour's prayer-meeting was held daily, and he was sorry to say that many Protestants from Britain and America spent weeks at the Exposition without once visiting this place of worship. He attended it regularly, and was much benefitted. It would not be interesting to go over in detail all that was done at that International Convention; but he would rapidly glance at the features most interesting to Canadians. The first meeting was devoted to the receiving of delegates. There were delegates from the United States, Canada, England, different parts of France, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Switzerland, Prussia, and Italy. He never saw a finer exhibition of Christian courtesy and of warm hearted hospitality than was manifested on that occasion. A right cordial welcome awaited all delegates, come whence they might. And when the ceremony of reception which was a little distinguished from ours by a greater amount of formality, was ended, replies were given by some of the delegates, and reports were read from the Sunday Schools in Paris and in different parts of France. These reports brought out some striking peculiarities. Their course of operations is altogether distinct from ours. They have the same faith, the same Lord, the same Word, the same love for souls; but their wants are peculiar, and the courage required to meet them, and the perseverance to overtake them are far greater than with us. As a proof of this, imagine an attempt to introduce Sabbath-Schools among children of Roman Catholic parentage. Even though the parents are willing to have their children taught the word of God, they are prevented by the ecclesiastical authorities. In view of this, it will not be surprising to find that the children generally regard the Sabbath as a grand holiday. These things have to be contended with by those who undertake to teach Sabbath-Schools. He (the speaker) was invited to address them, and after he had spoken, questions were sent up to him to answer. These were questions bearing on the difficulties Sabbath-School teachers in France had to encounter; and he had in many cases to confess his utter inability to answer them satisfactorily—their situation was so different from ours. His advice to them was, "Say nothing against anybody, but everything for Him." The second meeting they had was devoted specially to the hearing of reports from England and America. Some of these were written, others given orally. Statements were made by delegates from different parts of England, and especially from New York and Chicago. He (the speaker) gave an account of the Sabbath-School work in Canada. The next day was spent in reading reports from general superintendents of districts, and the whole was wound up by a discussion of the very question that was discussed in this Convention this morning—"The end of Sabbath-School instruction." Considerable diversity of opinion was expressed on this subject. In some localities it is