

It is sometimes asked "of what good are these conventions?" or if it be admitted that they have been beneficial in the past it is questioned by some "why repeat them when the subjects brought before them have been so often discussed and considered?" We would say in answer, that as knowledge in its discovery and application to practical uses is ever progressive, so this is especially true in that department applicable to Sabbath School labor and instruction. New thoughts and ideas on subjects already considered; new methods of applying old truths. New appliances for facilitating the work in which we are engaged are continually being brought to the foreground, and through these conventions are being communicated to the many Sabbath School workers throughout our land.

Besides, as regards the stores of knowledge that we have already treasured up, how necessary it is that our minds be "stirred up by way of remembrance." And how helpful in our discouragements and trials to have the counsel and sympathy of those who are engaged in the same work, and are contending with the same difficulties as we are.

It will not be necessary for me to refer in detail to the progress that has been made in Sabbath School work in our own dominion during the past year. Our excellent Secretary to whom the Association is so much indebted for the success of the past, will, no doubt tell us that in his report.

I have now only to thank the officers and members of this Association for the assistance they have given me in the discharge of my duties during the past year. I shall always regard the honor of having been called to fill the position of President of this Association, as one of the highest distinctions that could be conferred upon me. Though the service I have given to the Association has been small, the return that I have received has been indeed very large. It has been a great blessing to me to have been brought so fully in contact and sympathy with the christian men and women who form the Sabbath School workers of our country. I have thus learned to realize more fully than before, the great importance of this work, and the great need that there is for the strong faith and the active efforts of every lover of the Lord Jesus.

May His blessing rest richly upon us in our present convention.

HYMN—I love to tell the story
Of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory,
Of Jesus and His love, &c.