

I am happy to see Mr. Reynolds has arrived ; I am sure that he has more knowledge about these things than most of us, and that he will give us a few thoughts about prison work. Unfortunately we find many, alas, too many, Sunday School scholars in our prisons. Just the other day I met a man who told me that he had been three times in prison, and yet he was only thirty-five years of age. He said, "I was brought up in a certain Sunday School, and everything was done for me that could possibly be done, yet I am here. Yes," he said, "there is just one thing—that is, drink—which has got hold of me, and I cannot get away from it." There is a great field for us in this work, and we should endeavor to get God into their hearts, so that good thoughts could be produced. We should get our teachers interested in the work in our prisons, reformatories, and jails. It is different from the ordinary Sunday School work. This work should be kept before you at every Convention, so as to get a word from you as to the best method of conducting such Sabbath Schools. (Applause.)

Mr. ANDREW BATES—This is a great work. Superintendents and teachers, you have young hearts to reach, while we have those which are deeply embedded in sin. We find that sin has got a deep place in those men's hearts and lives, which cannot be reached through any other medium than by the power of the Holy Ghost. God's Word, faithfully taught and faithfully applied, with the power of the Spirit, is necessary to produce salvation. We had a conversion in the Central Prison ; a very young man came out of that place, and he joined the West Presbyterian Church of Toronto, and I believe that young man is faithfully serving the Lord. By way of encouragement, I wish to say a word to the teachers in the Sunday Schools, and I think my brother, Mr. Aitken, will endorse my remark, that the men in the Central Prison are being truly taught the Word of God to-day, and I can say they are as faithfully taught God's Word as are any of the Sunday Schools under your care. We find that these men will listen to things which their mothers have taught them. The Sunday School teachers who have taught these men in their earliest days, have done something towards leaving an impression on their minds. I would impress this upon those who have work in connection with young people, to thoroughly imbue their minds with God's Word. (Applause.)

The PRESIDENT—I am sure we are glad to hear from these brethren, and we pray from the bottom of our hearts for their success. It is to be regretted that they were not allowed to present this all-important subject to us at Ottawa. I am convinced if they had only intimated their desire to do so they would have been given the opportunity. (Hear, hear.) They were doing good work in winning souls for Christ. Let us offer up praise to our heavenly Father for permitting these brethren to present this subject to us. We will unite in singing hymn 37, "Rescue the perishing, care for the dying."