

it was designed by those who carry on Sunday School work. I feel this, that if it has had that effect upon me in part of its sessions, surely it will be of greater benefit to those who have had the privilege of being present at all of its sessions; and I do trust that God will so help me and you that, when we go to our homes, and to our work, we will realize perhaps more than ever, just the nature of organization, and the nature of organization in the line of missionary work. The estimate given is that there are forty per cent. of our Protestant children not in the Sunday School, and if not in the Sunday School they are not in the Church. When you add to that the percentage of absentees, I am afraid it may show a little over fifty per cent. of those that are not under the influence of Gospel teaching on the Sabbath day; and I am afraid that they are not getting a great deal of it at home; because my experience has been, in the city and country, that the father and mother who are training their children at home, are looking to the Sunday School to supplement the home training. Therefore I say, that if we do nothing else, we should go home from this Convention inspired with the thought that these children shall be brought in. As Dr. Mackay said last night, we must get into touch with them; and though we may give them amusement, let us endeavor to bring every means to bear to get them in and bring them into living contact with the living Word, Christ Jesus Himself, so that they may live and become men and women, who will bring glory to the God who glorifies us and blesses us from day to day. (Applause.)

THE CHAIRMAN—I occupy a cruel position to-night. I really feel that in calling upon the Hon. S. H. Blake to address us it is necessary we should apologize to him for doing so at this late hour.

The Hon. S. H. BLAKE was received with applause. He said,—Mr. Chairman, my Christian friends and fellow-workers in the Sunday School, I have always felt, attending a good many of these Conventions, that our parting hour is a very solemn one. We have met together on the mount of high privilege, and we are now about to part, and each go our several way. We bear away with us a large weight of responsibility, because of all the advantages, and all the opportunities that have been given to us in these varied meetings; and I ask you, men and women here, do you leave with the earnest and steadfast determination that you are about to answer that call that you feel, that responsibility; and that each one goes his several way, and to his several work, determined that it is to be better and truer work for Jesus than it has ever been before? If that be so, then it is well that we have had this Convention, with all its opportunities, and all its teachings, and all its lessons. But if we go away allowing our hands to slacken in the work, then it were better for us that we had never been present at this Convention, with these opportunities and these calls for this work to which I refer. Now, which is it to be? Why, that very last statement, friends, that has been given, shows how enormous is the work before us; because I doubt not, that