

Ontario for twelve years or more. In 1886 we had an average attendance in our school of 525. I don't take any praise to myself at all. I can assure you I have gone humbly and modestly before my heavenly Father and asked Him for Divine grace and guidance; and if my life is spared I will go on, with His help, and do what I can in this glorious work. I would sooner stand here to-day, as I have been elected President of the Sabbath School Association of Ontario, than fill the chair of the Mayor of the city of Toronto—indeed an honorable position—if I had to choose between the two. (Applause.) I thank you from the bottom of my heart for all your kindness; and I assure you I will endeavor, in the year we have just entered upon, to do what I can in aiding and assisting the work in which we are all interested. (Applause.)

The resolutions from eighth to thirteenth were then carried *seriatim*.

Mr. ELLIOTT then moved the adoption of the third report of the Business Committee as a whole.

Rev. Mr. TIBB seconded the motion, adding that to the Secretary of the Committee was due a great deal of the success with which they had carried on the work, on account of the admirable manner in which the various reports had been presented.

The motion was carried.

Singing, "Come, ye that love the Lord."

The PRESIDENT—I have very great pleasure in introducing to this convention the Rev. R. P. McKay, B.A., Secretary of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

"THE CRISIS OF MISSIONS—A PROBLEM FOR THE HOME AND THE SABBATH SCHOOL."

Mr. MCKAY said: I do not need to take any time in stating what everybody believes, that missions lie very near to the heart of Christ, and that He has laid upon the Church the responsibility of giving the Gospel to the nations that have it not. That is, of course, universally accepted—there will not at any rate be any exceptions in this audience. It is recognized as a duty, and by a large number is regarded as a first duty, the one all-absorbing duty of life. They live for it, and pray for it, and gather money that they may give for it. I am not now speaking of missionaries, but of people at home who feel the responsibility of rescuing the perishing as much as do the missionaries in the field. It is to them *the* work of life. There was a missionary meeting a few days ago in New York city at which there were perhaps one thousand persons present, under the average wealth, and the collection amounted to \$31,000. How is that explained? Just in the way I have stated. There were people there whose business it is to send out missionaries. They live for it, so are able to give for it. Would that there were more of that kind in our churches. *Crisis of Missions*. The thought in this theme is that there is something peculiar