

the gentlemen who shall take the respective positions that are required to be filled in order to the carrying out of the work for which we have come together. I beg to appoint Mr. William Hamilton, Rev. H. G. Frazer, Rev. E. Barrass, M.A., W. N. Hossie, Rev. W. Henderson, Hiram Haight, and J. Frith Jeffers, as a committee to nominate the officers for this Convention; Mr. Hamilton to be the Convener of this Committee, the Committee to retire at once and make their nominations.

Two verses of hymn 128 were then sung.

The CHAIRMAN—Dear friends, my words to you will be very few. In the kind providence of God we have been brought safely through another year. Many of us were privileged to meet together last year in the City of Hamilton. Those of us who were there remember the hallowed services connected with that Convention; the presence of the Master was very sensibly felt. Now we meet together in this City of London to-day, and I suppose I need not remind you that our Master is just as present with us here as he was last year in Hamilton. What I am particularly anxious about is, that we shall not wait until the later sessions of the Convention until we begin to realize this, but that from the very beginning we shall have this consciousness of God's presence. The year which is now closed has been in some respects perhaps one of the best that the Association which we represent here to-day has ever experienced. Many of us will remember that during the year preceding the Hamilton Convention, a good deal of apparent loss had been sustained through the want or lack of the services of a general agent of the Society. Our friend Mr. McEwen having withdrawn from the work during the early part of that year, it left us so that we were in a measure orphans. We were somewhat embarrassed, and we met last year under circumstances that in some respects were not as favorable as we would have wished. We had hope in our hearts, however, having secured the services of two competent gentlemen to undertake the work of the Association, and now we come together with the experience of the year, and we have to say that the Lord has been with us. He has been better to us than we even dared to hope. The work of organization has been carried on to a considerable extent. This you will learn more of to-morrow when the reports are presented. During the year also the International Sunday School Convention has been held—this triennial meeting was held in the City of Chicago in June last. Eighteen delegates from this Province were present at that Convention; and during our sessions we expect to hear from some of those delegates what was done, and some of the influences which went out from that great gathering. To day we come together, and it seems very proper, very fitting, that this our first session, should be largely devoted to what we might term an experience meeting. We are going to ask the representatives of the various counties in this

Province to take their own localities, if, as I hope and trust, with encouragement up in gratitude to Bruce? Carleton there is some persons from the should be very called, will arise counties. From year I hope; v

Mr. W. T. I am the only not my fault. this time, I beg Sam Jones was Sabbath School ask myself the or go to the favor of Hamilton. joyed the Session. I was surprised that I was the Twenty-first in Hamilton. solved that I was representation. aid the work in though there is some eighty-five for organization.

The CHAIRMAN request which has one great difficulty our General Secretary to the time of his of travel have been this information pointments could early in the Convention during its session order that information assistance that be given to the