

MIDDLESEX SABBATH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

Mr. Loudon suggested that a number be added to the Executive Committee, distributing them as much as possible over the county.

Mr. Jeffers thought the object Mr. Loudon had in view could be accomplished by the formation of Township Associations.

From 5.00 to 5.30, a service of praise and prayer, led by the Rev. Mr. Cooper, of Thedford, was held, and the session closed with the benediction.

THURSDAY EVENING SESSION.

The Association re-assembled in the Church at 7.30 o'clock, the retiring President, Mr. Jeffers, in the chair.

A praise and prayer service, conducted by Rev. J. H. Hunter, M. A., occupied the first fifteen minutes of the session.

The Chairman announced that circumstances made it impossible for the President-elect to be present to deliver his address that evening, but it was hoped he would be with the Association at its next morning session.

Mayor Thompson, of Parkhill, delivered an address of welcome to the Convention, on behalf of the Town, and also for himself. He trusted the delegates enjoyed the hospitalities of the people, who feel honored in having the Convention in Parkhill. It was, he said, a feature characteristic of the Christian progress of our day that all the Churches are taking an active and more lively interest in Sabbath School work.

The Chairman thanked the Mayor for his kind words of welcome. There was a time he said when Chief Magistrates felt it beneath their positions to notice Sabbath Schools, but now they gladly embrace the opportunity of mingling with the young people.

The Choir, led by Mr. J. G. Russell, sang "Throw Out the Life Line," with fine effect.

The Rev. Mr. Ball delivered an eloquent and instructive address on "Sabbath School Training," with special reference to that of the Teacher. He began by referring to the training of the child in a well-ordered home. He maintained the aim of the Sabbath School should be to lead the youth into the Church. He read the reports of Christian Endeavor Societies with much interest, and it was a pleasure to notice the zeal manifested by the young people in these, but, the chief question is, "How many join the Church as the fruit of such effort?" The ready response given in the recent Convention of Christian Endeavor Societies at London to requests for prayer was a most favorable illustration of the results of training. There has been a mistake made by the Christian Church, he believed, in not taking in members at an earlier age. He did not believe in the boy preacher, but there is a place in the Church for the child earnest in Christ. The children in the gallery to-night led in songs of praise. God has a place in the Church for children. He referred to Teachers of the Public Schools, and asked how so many excellent Teachers are found among the ladies thus employed. Is it not due to uniformity of training, that now a Board of School Trustees is safe in engaging as Teacher any one of the

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