

INTRODUCTION.

IN sending forth this Eighteenth Provincial Report, the Executive Committee take the opportunity of returning thanks to all the Sabbath-school workers throughout the Province who have cordially co-operated with the General Secretary in enabling him to get into contact with his work.

In all the localities thus far visited, he has met with sympathy in the work and aims of the Association, and recognition by the churches of its past helpfulness in deepening their sense of the importance of Sabbath-school work.

The Educational and Missionary character of the work in the past has been carefully kept in view, the Executive feeling deeply convinced that the more the teachers of existing Schools are helped, the more fully will the Missionary work in the more destitute portions of our Province be carried on.

Without exception, the Institute form of "Hints and Helps," in classified Sabbath-school work, has been warmly welcomed, as leading to a higher estimate of the importance and honor of the Teacher's position, and giving a clearer intelligence in methods of instruction, with a larger grasp of the Book, whose message makes wise unto salvation. There is but one voice from all visited: FORWARD!

The Institute form of work has been largely incorporated into the Annual Meetings of the County and Township Associations, as a source of strength to the Sabbath-school Teacher. Circumstances in general life have so altered, that his work is much more difficult, arduous, and responsible than in the past; and it is to be feared that